

Woodbastwick Parish Council

Incorporating Ranworth and Panxworth

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th May 2012 in Woodbastwick Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Sue Hitchcock (Chairman)

Barbara Garrett

Nicola Cohen

Maggie Manton

Roy Champion

No residents were present.

1. Election of chairman:

Sue Hitchcock was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Kit Cator was elected as Vice-Chairman.

2. Apologies:

Kit Cator

Mike Deveson

PCSO Bob Hall

James Carswell (District and County Councillor)

3. Declarations of Interest:

None.

4. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting dated 14th March 2012 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Sue Hitchcock, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 Mike Deveson has said he will work on the Panxworth noticeboard by the next meeting.

5.2 Norfolk County Council has advised that the request for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit through Panxworth is on the list to be considered in 2013/14. NCC has said that the 30 m.p.h. speed limit through Plumstead was instead of the new roundabout that was planned for the junction at the Brickkilns.

5.3 Only one new village nameplate can be installed for Panxworth, on the road to Panxworth from Plumstead. NCC will also relocate the turning warning signage to nearer to the junction to add impact.

5.3 The overhanging trees near to the public toilets in Ranworth have been reported to NCC.

5.4 NCC said that tar and chip repairs are carried out routinely and that it is a blurred line where the road ends and the verges begin.

- 5.5 Scotts corner at Panxworth – NCC will review the junction to see if some hatching can be added to the road surface.
- 5.6 BDC will attend the July meeting to explain the proposal for a conservation order area in Ranworth. Local residents will be informed.
- 5.7 The Fairhaven Trust has confirmed that two of the hedge plantings along the bridleway in Ranworth have been replaced and that the dead deer has been removed.
- 5.8 No one has yet subscribed to the Parish Council website.
- 5.9 NCC will be reminded that some additional SLOW markings were requested in Ranworth, together with “Road Narrows” signage.
- 5.10 NCC has not yet confirmed the price of a brown tourist sign for the junction of Ranworth Road with The Street in South Walsham.
- 5.11 Sue Hitchcock reported that there had been a delay to the work proposed to help the otters at Norton Hill.

6. Correspondence:

- 6.1 After some discussion it was agreed to give charitable donations as follows; East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices £100 (s.137), Citizens Advice Bureaux £100, Norfolk Lowland Search & Rescue £100 (s.137), Victim Support £50 (s.137) and Norfolk Accident Rescue Service £50 (s.137).
- 6.2 NCC has sent a copy of its Mineral and Waste Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Documents. There are no waste sites or minerals extraction sites proposed for the local area.
- 6.3 BDC sent details of some exhibitions about the proposed Northern Distributor Road. The Government has allocated £86.5m towards the road.
- 6.4 Anglian Water sent confirmation of the hosepipe ban, which started on 5th April 2012.
- 6.5 Councillors are invited to the Joint NALC & SLCC conference on 3rd July and an event on Broads, Rivers and Seascape on 8th June.
- 6.6 The Broads Authority has sent its draft local list of heritage assets in the BA executive area. None is listed for Ranworth
- 6.7 The Broads Authority Annual Meeting will be on 18th May at 7.00 p.m.

7. Accounts and Annual Return:

The clerk presented the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012. These were approved. The councillors then reviewed sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return and these

were also approved. Sue Hitchcock was authorised to sign the Accounts and Annual Return on behalf of the Council.

8. Financial Matters:

| | £ |
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| Balance b/f at 14th March 2012 | 183.24 |
| Receipts: | |
| Precept for year | 3,000.00 |
| HMRC – VAT refund | 43.78 |
| Cheques for Payment: | |
| HMRC – PAYE & NIC – May | 25.00 |
| P James –clerk’s fee and exps | 281.76 |
| Nfk Rural Community Council – subs | 15.00 |
| Norfolk ALC – subs | 102.76 |
| Acle PC – share of exps | 21.94 |
| Woodbastwick Village Hall - hire of room | 15.00 |
| EACH s.137 donation | 100.00 |
| CAB donation | 100.00 |
| Norfolk Lowland Search & Rescue s.137 donation | 100.00 |
| Victim Support s.137 donation | 50.00 |
| Norfolk Accident Rescue Service s.137 donation | <u>50.00</u> |
| Balance c/f at 14th July 2012 | 2,365.56 |
| Savings Account (int rec’d £2.82) | <u>5,619.65</u> |
| Total Monies | <u>£7,985.21</u> |

The above invoices were approved for payment.

9. Footpath in Panxworth:

Two more evidence forms have been submitted to NCC. A BBC Countryfile researcher contacted the clerk to ask for more information on the process and was given the contact details of the chairman.

10. Fairhaven Garden Trust:

Notification was received about some tree surgery work to be done on an oak at the far end of the bridleway.

11. Highways Matters:

Nothing further to add.

12. Planning:

Between meetings, an application was received for Mr & Mrs Thaine, Malthouse Cottage, Broad Road, Ranworth - the resubmission of BA/2012/0019/FUL for proposed extensions to dwelling and erection of shed (BA/2012/0102/FUL). The councillors had no objections to the plans. The Broads Authority has since given full approval to the plans.

13. Environmental Matters – Ranworth Staithe:

13.1 It was reported that the members of the Broads Authority have agreed that it was not a practical or financially viable option to employ a ranger specifically for Ranworth Staithe. Members also agreed that it was not appropriate to set a precedent and bring in a charge for moorings, suggesting instead that suitable training could be provided by the BA so that the Norfolk Wildlife Trust staff could undertake the list of tasks they had agreed with more confidence.

The councillors noted that further correspondence had been sent to the Authority listing problems over the Easter weekend.

Roy Champion offered to draft a letter to send to MP Keith Simpson to ask him to raise the issue with the Broads Authority on the Council's behalf.

13.2 The BA also sent notice that the trail involving a raft on Ranworth Broad was commencing.

13.3 There was support for a lifebelt at the staithe.

14. Annual Parish Meeting:

There were no matters arising from the earlier meeting.

15. Public Forum:

No members of the public were present.

16. Any Other Business:

16.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th July 2012 at Ranworth Village Hall.

16.2 Patricia Steven has resigned as parish tree warden. It was agreed to consider a replacement from the parishes.

16.3 Roy Champion reported that a hand-painted "public bridleway" sign had been added to a post in Common Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 11th July 2012

