

Councillors Present: Cllr A Watson, Cllr A Kerry, Cllr S Douglas, Cllr C Kennell,
Cllr D McLeod and Cllr M Dye

3 members of the public were also present

1. Welcome and to accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr P Collins and Dist Cllr E Gould and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

Cllrs Kerry and Douglas declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 7 and 11.
Cllr Dye declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 11.
Cllr McLeod declared a personal interest in items 4 and 10.

3. To confirm minutes of Meeting of Parish Council held on 4th February 2008

Cllr Dye proposed they be accepted. Cllr McLeod seconded this proposal. Carried by the Council. So the Chairman signed them as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. To discuss any matters from 4th February minutes (not on the agenda).

Mr Neil McLeod has reported that he will repaint the sign on Dereham Low Road and add R.B. Watts onto the sign. The ditches have been cleared. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to him.

The Chairman said he had hand delivered the letter to Mr Lew Pearson.

The stop cock down by the Peddars Way bungalows has been repaired.

5. To receive reports from District Councillor

Dist. Cllr Gould was not present.

Cllr Kerry proposed the meeting be adjourned for Public Participation and this was seconded by Cllr Douglas. Carried by the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Dye proposed the meeting be resumed and this was seconded by Cllr McLeod. Carried by the Council.

6. To discuss a) RoSPA report and Breckland Report and b) Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework (Minerals Site Allocations and Waste Site Allocations)

a) As the Breckland Report differed from the RoSPA report regarding the removal of play equipment, the Clerk will write to Breckland, informing them of the error, and will ask how the situation can be rectified.

b) The Clerk will respond to Norfolk County Council giving the views of the Parish Council. She will inform NCC that the Parish Council is against the proposals due to increase in traffic, road infrastructure is not suitable, most of the residents of Longham knew nothing of these proposals, the gravel site will become a nightmare for people as they do not have back gardens. Also it will cause a blight on property prices and is another nail in the coffin of the village. There has not been time to call a public meeting.

7. To discuss Correspondence

Reply from EDF – asking for addresses, dates and power cut times. The Clerk will respond to the letter.

Longham Village Hall – asking for a Parish Councillor to serve in its committee. Cllr Kennell proposed Cllr Watson, proposal seconded by Cllr McLeod. Carried by the Council.

8. To discuss any Planning Issues

There were no planning issues to discuss.

9. To discuss Seat

The query regarding the seat repair had been investigated and the seat is now repaired.

10. To discuss Highways Matters – flooding in Pub car park

Cllr Dye had had contact with Mr Jason Glasspoole, Norfolk County Council's Highways Engineer, who informed her that Breckland's Drainage Officer would be coming to Longham. He also said that someone from Norfolk County Council would be coming to clean out the drains.

11. To authorize any necessary financial payments

£6.90 for key cutting to be reimbursed to the Clerk.

Cllr Kerry proposed £300.00 is given to the Church, seconded by Cllr McLeod.

Cllr Dye proposed £200.00 is given to the Village Hall, seconded by Cllr McLeod.

Cllr Kennell proposed a donation of £25.00 is given to the C.A.B. and East Anglian Air Ambulance, seconded by Cllr Kerry. The Councillors agreed these payments.

12. To receive items for next agenda

Tree at the Bus Shelter (The Clerk will bring along correspondence from White Oaks)

13 To confirm date and time of next meeting

This was set for Monday 7th April at 8.00 p.m. As the Chairman will be away, it will have to be chaired by either the Vice Chairman if present, or another Parish Councillor.

There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

Date

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The ditches along the Litcham Road are badly blocked and Highways need to be asked to clear them. It seems they are cleared in other areas but not Longham. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask them to clear the ditches from Ostrich House, Hoe Road to the T junction and also Wendling Road. Also the debris needs to be cleared away from Honeypot Wood to the Wendling Road junction with Longham.

The pine tree outside the post office is causing pedestrians a problem as the public have to walk into the road to avoid getting scratched. The Clerk will write to Mr Pearson about this problem.