

# ROUDHAM & LARLING PARISH COUNCIL

10 March 2016

**Members of the public are invited** to attend a Meeting of Roudham & Larling Parish Council to be held in Bridgham & Roudham Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham, on Thursday, 17 March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.



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## Agenda

1. **To consider accepting** the reasons for any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda. Members are no longer required to declare personal or prejudicial interests but are to declare any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Interests that are not currently included in the Register of Interests. Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct they are not to participate in the whole of an agenda item in which they have an Interest. In the interests of transparency, Members may also wish to declare any other interests they have in relation to an agenda item, in support of the seven Nolan Principles, namely Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.
3. **To consider** any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to participate in and vote on an agenda item in spite of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
4. **Public Participation Session.** The Council's Standing Orders allow members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This session should not exceed 20 minutes, and members of the public are requested to keep their comments brief. Please note that the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law at this meeting unless the item is already included on the published agenda. It can, though, place the matter on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.
5. **To confirm** and **sign** the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18 February 2016.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
  - 6.1. [6.2 Minutes of 22 October 2016] **Renaming of Bridgham & Roudham Village Hall.** Bridgham Parish Council has now asked if this Council would be happy if the name of the Hall was changed to *Bridgham and Roudham David O'Neale Memorial Village Hall*, adding "Village" to what was said previously. The Clerk has assured them this would be acceptable.
  - 6.2. [4.1] **Roudham Road potholes.** The resident whose tyres had been damaged by pot-holes sent NCC the evidence that the problem had after all been reported to them by the Clerk last December, even though no remedial work had taken place. In response NCC claimed that they had no liability for the damage as the report appeared to relate to potholes other than the one the resident said he had driven into. County Councillor Steve Askew has tried to get his Council to accept liability, but it is hiding behind the excuse that the specific pothole involved had not been individually reported, and therefore they were unaware that there were any problems on the road. The Clerk has now made a group report covering no less than 17 potholes between the B1111 and Roudham Hall.

- 6.3. [8] **Water running off Camp Farm fields.** District Councillor Ellen Jolly has apparently met with Mr Rackham who is taking immediate steps to try and improve the situation. This is partly to do with agricultural practices (i.e. not ploughing headlands immediately after harvest) which make the problem worse when there is heavy rainfall. It is also likely that underground drainage has broken down over the years, so that there are ditches that seemingly 'go nowhere'. Mr Rackham has said that he is happy to work with suggestions from Highways to try and address these problems.
- 6.4. [11] **Lorry parking on Roudham Road.** The clerk spoke with Simon Lee, General Manager at Foulgers, who apparently was party to the earlier meeting with Barry Germany and District Councillor Ellen Jolly. He was adamant that there was no reason for any HGV with business with his company to park up on Roudham Road. He promised to reinforce this message to his staff and to write again to companies that visit his sites stressing once more that they should under no circumstances park on the road for any reason. The Clerk said that the Council would ask local residents to record the date and time of arrival and departure of any lorry causing a problem on the road, together with its registration number and any identifying markings, so that there was definite evidence of the size of the actual (as opposed to the perception of the) problem.
7. **To receive** Correspondence (available at the meeting).
  - 7.1. County Officer, Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Letter re. Election to Executive Committee.*
  - 7.2. Tower Mint Limited: *HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils.*
  - 7.3. *Clerks & Councils Direct - March 2016.*
  - 7.4. Norfolk County Council: *The Norfolk County Council Local List for Validation of Planning Applications Consultation Draft 2016: Invitation to make Representations.*
  - 7.5. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement - 30 January - 29 February 2016.*
  - 7.6. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement - 1 January - 29 February 2016.*
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and to decide on comments to be made where necessary.
  - 8.1. **ENF/44/16/PAR: Sandwich bar, Roudham Road Industrial Estate.** Unauthorised Change of Use. Notice of planning enforcement complaint. The Clerk has now been able to refer Breckland to application 3PL/2008/0151/F, which gave temporary permission, but required the site to be reinstated by 31 March 2010. The Breckland Enforcement Manager has said that a planning view is being taken on the acceptability of the 'resurrected' use, after which they will take the appropriate action.
  - 8.2. **3PL/2015/1262/F: Camp Farm, Roudham Road, Roudham.** Install anaerobic digestion plant. **To confirm** the Clerk's action in asking District Councillor Ellen Jolly to attend the Breckland Planning Committee meeting on 7 March and to speak against the application on behalf of the Council, and to note that the Committee approved the application by 6 votes to 5. Councillor Jolly has questioned the apparent absence of planning consent for the large concrete pads on the site.
9. **To receive** a report on the various meetings held at County Hall concerning the possibility of making changes to the HGV route hierarchy.
10. **Finance.**
  - 10.1. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
11. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
12. **To confirm** the date of the next scheduled Meeting as Thursday, 21 April 2016, at 7.30 p.m. in Bridgham & Roudham Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.

**Future pencilled in Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 21 April 2016	Thursday, 18 August 2016	Thursday, 15 December 2016
Thursday, 19 May 2016*	Thursday, 22 September 2016	Thursday, 19 January 2017
Thursday, 23 June 2016	Thursday, 20 October 2016	Thursday, 23 February 2017
Thursday, 21 July 2016	Thursday, 17 November 2016	Thursday, 17 March 2017

\*Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Meetings will only be called if there is business to discuss which cannot wait until the following scheduled meeting date.