

# ROUDHAM & LARLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Roudham & Larling Parish Council on Thursday, 22 September 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bridgham and Roudham David O'Neale Memorial Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.

Present Councillors Sarah Gosling (Vice-Chairman), Brian Inglis, Louise Martin, Andrew Nelstrop, Dudley Stammers.  
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was resolved to accept the reasons given for absence by Councillors Larwood and Chapman.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
  - 4.1 Norfolk County Councillor Steve Askew advised the meeting that his Council's Environment, Development and Transport Committee had agreed to impose a weight restriction of 18 tonnes between the A11 and the A1066 at Garboldisham (except for access) for a trial period of 6 months. According to their calculations this should reduce the HGV traffic through East Harling by 42% (100 vehicles a day). His Council would need to put up signage, advise the SatNav companies, and ask the police to carry out some checks. The results of this ban will be monitored to see how successful a measure it is. Councillor Askew was asked about the Sandwich Bar in Roudham Road, and the danger being caused by vehicles parking to use it. He asked for details to be sent directly to him, and said he would have a word with the officers who deal with the application.
  - 4.2 There were complaints about the speed of vehicles (and especially lorries) on Roudham Road and on the B1111 thought Harling Road, and the Clerk was asked to write to the police to see if they could carry out some form of enforcement occasionally to encourage drivers to observe the limit. The Clerk will also report that the speed limit signs at the west end of Roudham Road were obscured by the hedges,
  - 4.3 It was reported that the verge outside the SHB appeared to be much wetter than expected, and that a damaged water main was suspected. The Clerk said he would ask Anglian Water to look into the matter.
  - 4.4 Concern was expressed about the hedge at Breck Lodge, which is obscuring the view as drivers exit from Roudham Road onto the B1111. The Clerk was instructed to write to the property owner to ask if they would deal with this.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 21 July 2016 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [16 Minutes of 19 May 2016] **Transparency Fund.** The Council's application for the second year's funding has been successful and the grant of £428.60 received.
  - 6.2 [6.2] **ENF/44/16/PAR: Sandwich bar, Roudham Road Industrial Estate.** The Clerk has reported this issue to District Councillor Ellen Jolly, who has referred it to Mike Brennan at Breckland Planning and also asked County Councillor Steve Askew if Highways could become involved. It would appear that the continued pressure worked, as an application has now been submitted (see item 8.3).
  - 6.3 [6.1] **Blocked gullies on B1111 south of level crossing, Church Hill grips and A11/B1111 underpass pump.** Norfolk County Council Highways say that there are



continuing issues with Network Rail about the proximity to the level crossing, but they have arranged for additional hand clearance works to take place. They say that the other two issues “have been resolved”. The Clerk also reported that District Councillor Ellen Jolly had contacted Mr Rackham about the flooding issues at Roudham, and received his assurance that he would continue to do his best with regard to maintaining the bund he had constructed.

- 6.4 [6.3] **Roudham Village Sign.** The Clerk pointed out that the bench by the Village Sign was not included on the Council’s Asset register. He was told that this was purchased by the committee which organised the erection of this sign, and so was included in the valuation for this. The Clerk said he would add it to the Register. Councillor Stammers offered to obtain a few additional beech saplings to fill in the gaps in the hedge, and Councillor Gosling said she would get and plant some daffodil bulbs.
- 6.5 [8.1, Meeting on 16 June 2016] **ENF/192/16/PAR: Land to the west side of Roudham Industrial Estate.** Breckland Planning Enforcement says this matter should be resolved shortly. They say the static caravan within the compound of Valley Traction Services is used as accommodation for a night watchman when goods of high value are being stored on site. This they think is acceptable with no further action required. The second static caravan on the adjacent industrial estate is being used as temporary accommodation by the owner of the unit whilst renovation works are being conducted to his home property. This, they say, is an issue that needs resolving, but due to the short 2-3 month period the caravan is expected to be on the land they have decided to just monitor the site. The Council asked the Clerk to point out that the first mobile home is being occupied full time by a family, and not occasionally by a night watchman.

## 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:

- 7.1 Silson Communications: *BWSC East Anglia Limited - Snetterton renewable Energy Plant.*
- 7.2 Norfolk County Council: *Hazardous Waste Amnesty Days 2016.*
- 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement - 1 July - 31 August 2016.*
- 7.4 CPRE Norfolk: *URGENT - Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Consultation.* The Clerk pointed out that apparently only 1% of residents responded to the recent consultation, and 53% of these were against. However, the principal Councils involved were planning to put their proposals for implementing this (including a Mayor of Norfolk & Suffolk) to the Government. They are apparently not intending to make the same mistake that David Cameron did with the EU, and allow the people to vote on the matter. CPRE Norfolk suggests that everybody should Email the MP dealing with this at [andrew.percy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:andrew.percy.mp@parliament.uk) and make their view clear. The Council voiced its objection and asked the Clerk to make its view clear to the Government.
- 7.5 *Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2016.*
- 7.6 Gavin Barwell MP, Minister for Housing and Planning: *Neighbourhood Planning Bill.*
- 7.7 Helen Chester: *2026 Public Rights of Way work.*
- 7.8 Amey: *Work to repair the A11 at Brettenham Heath National Nature Reserve - Southbound Carriageway closed from 20:00hrs Friday, 30 September to 06:00hrs Monday, 1 October.*
- 7.9 Breckland Council: *Breckland Local Plan Preferred Sites and Settlement Boundaries Consultation 17 September - 31 October 2016.* The Clerk distributed a note directing members to the most relevant sections of this document, and said he would add it to the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.



## 8 Planning.

- 8.1 **3PL/2016/0700/F: Anvil Park Stud, Sallow Lane, Larling.** Application for Relocation of existing Riding Area/Menage and Floodlighting. It was **noted** that the Clerk has objected under his delegated authority expressing concerns about flooding, water contamination, light contamination and noise. It was reported that this development was completed and in use, even though permission has not been given. The Clerk was asked to write expressing the Council's dissatisfaction.
- 8.2 **3PL/2016/0809/HOU: 3 Council Houses, Harling Road, Roudham.** Erection of rear conservatory. Planning Permission dated 2 August 2016 was **received**.
- 8.3 **3PL/2016/0535/F: Catering Kiosk, Unit 10, Roudham Road, Harling Road.** Application for Reopening of catering kiosk, new fence with door surrounding kiosk. It was **resolved** that the Council objected on the grounds that the plans presented to this Council were inconsistent with regard to the exact location, and that this retrospective application would create an unacceptable risk to other road users.

- 9 **Harling Road Airfield.** A request from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust that they be permitted to erect a plaque in memory of Harling Road Airfield at a location to be determined was **received**. It was **agreed** that the Council would be willing to assume responsibility for its future insurance and maintenance, but that it was difficult to find a location where the public would have unhindered access, as the verge of the road was hardly suitable in view of the vehicles which pass by and park there. It was suggested that perhaps it would be better to attach the plaque to the base of the Roudham Village Sign. The Clerk will contact the Trust to suggest this.

- 10 **CPRE Norfolk Campaign.** A letter from CPRE Norfolk headed *Join us in opposing damaging new housing targets* was **received**, and it was **agreed** to give support to the campaign to ensure that no new sites are allocated for house building in revised local plans to 2036 until all existing allocations in current core strategies have been developed. The Clerk will sign and return the pledge letter to CPRE.

- 11 **External Audit.** The Clerk reported that the External Auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been returned. This included comments which were inaccurate and misleading, so the Clerk had complained. It was **agreed** that the report should be returned to Mazars for amendment.

## 12 Finance. Monthly

- 12.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100338 and 100339 for £523.45 (salary for 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2016: £464.95; Mileage Allowance Payment for 9 June 2016 to 2 September 2016: £58.50) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s 112(2)*)
- 12.2 **Clerk's reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100340 for £6.10 (Postage & telephones) to the Clerk be signed, as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 9 June 2016 to 2 September 2016). (*Local Government Act 1972 s 111*)
- 12.3 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100341 for £12.50 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, being this parish's share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Autumn Conference on 10 November 2016. (*Local Government Act 1972 s 111*)
- 12.4 **Section 137.** In accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was **resolved** that cheque number 100342 for £50.00 to the Royal British Legion be signed as a donation, which in the opinion of the Council is

in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 137*)

12.5 **Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 August 2016 was **received**.

13 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Breckland Local Plan Preferred Sites and Settlement Boundaries Consultation.

14 **Next meeting.** The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 20 October 2016**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Bridgham and Roudham David O'Neale Memorial Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.

  
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**Brendan Larwood, Chairman**

20 October 2016

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 20 October 2016	Thursday, 19 January 2017
Thursday, 17 November 2016	Thursday, 23 February 2017
Thursday, 15 December 2016	Thursday, 17 March 2017

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