

## ROUDHAM & LARLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Roudham & Larling Parish Council on Thursday, 17 March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridgham & Roudham Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.

Present Councillors Brendan Larwood (Chairman), James Chapman, Sarah Gosling, Brian Inglis, Louise Martin, Dudley Stammers.  
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for absence offered by Councillor Nelstrop.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
  - 4.1 District Councillor Ellen Jolly spoke briefly about the recently Devolution announcement, although stressed that this was not yet a 'done deal', and that many areas were very unclear. She then spoke about the Camp Farm application (agenda item 8.2), saying that a number of people were asking for this to be 'called in' by the Secretary of State, and that Breckland planners had extended the date during which this would be possible to the end of March. As she had received no instructions from Parish Councils, she had submitted a request for a call in, but only in her personal capacity, citing the special landscape area and government guidelines regarding the cumulative created by the number of similar plants in the area and the effect of the near monoculture this will produce on the policy of diversification.
  - 4.2 The problems caused by vehicles parking half on the verge and half in the road outside SHB on Roudham Road was raised, and the Clerk was asked to write again, thanking the company for their cooperation in this matter last year, and asking if they would remind their staff to be mindful of other estate users who might be trying to exit an the adjacent estate road.
  - 4.3 Fly tips near Roudham Hall and at the A11 slip road of Illington Road were mentioned, but the Clerk was able to advise that he had reported these already.
  - 4.4 Complaints were made about rubbish being burned in Roudham Park Industrial Estate once again. The Clerk said he would advise the Environment Agency.
  - 4.5 The possibility of a litter pick covering both villages was also raised. The Clerk said he would arrange this. **Post meeting note:** The necessary kit has been booked for 7 - 8.30 p.m., Wednesday, 4 May, starting at the Larling notice board or St George's Distillery.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18 February 2016 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 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. Possibly as a result of this, the Highways has now been out and patched a large number of potholes. The Clerk stressed that it was important that any new pothole is reported to NCC via <https://online.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/> the moment it starts to form.

- 6.3 [8] **Water running off Camp Farm fields.** District Councillor Ellen Jolly had reported that she had met with Mr Paul 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. A bund has now been constructed, and Mr Rackham has said he would close the field entrance, which should improve matters.
- 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. NOTE: 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. It was confirmed that records were being kept.
- 6.5 [6.2] **Illington Road Reflector posts.** NCC Highways had not admitted that posts had been 'replaced' in the wrong place, but has now re-ordered the work, including replacing the other damaged posts in the row. This should be carried out from 1 April, and a photo has been attached to the order to make sure they are working in the right place this time. The Council's previous request for posts on the slip-road had been refused, but was pleased that these had now been provided by mistake.

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

- 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.
- 7.7 Barclays Bank Plc: *A change to the way we pay interest on your Active Saver account.*



8 **Planning.**

- 8.1 **ENF/44/16/PAR: Sandwich bar, Roudham Road Industrial Estate.** Unauthorised Change of Use. Notice of planning enforcement complaint was **received**. 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. The Clerk was asked to check with Breckland Council's Environmental Health department that all necessary licenses had been obtained for this business.
- 8.2 **3PL/2015/1262/F: Camp Farm, Roudham Road, Roudham.** Install anaerobic digestion plant. 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 was **confirmed**, and it was **noted** that the Committee approved the application by 6 votes to 5. The Chairman thanked Councillor Jolly for her efforts.
- 9 **HGV Route Hierarchy on the B1111.** The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with George Nobbs, Leader of Norfolk County Council, which Elizabeth Truss MP had also attended. The NCC Environment, Development and Transport Committee has now instructed the officers to investigate and bring back to committee a paper with options and recommendations with a view to improve the situation re. HGVs on the B1111, notably through Harling. County Councillor Steve Askew has warned against over enthusiasm, saying that there is a long way to go, and a lot of consultation to take place before it is even confirmed that there might be a change to the status quo, however he did say that the decision was good news, and that it was pleasing that it was a unanimous decision by the Committee members. The Chairman said he had responded positively to a suggestion that the chairmen of Harling, Bridgham and this Council should meet informally occasionally to discuss common issues.
- 10 **Finance. Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 29 February 2016 was **received**.
- 11 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.
- 12 **Next meeting.** The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 21 April 2016**, at 7.30 p.m. in **Bridgham & Roudham Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Bridgham.**

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19 May 2016

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 21 April 2016  
Thursday, 19 May 2016\*  
Thursday, 23 June 2016  
Thursday, 21 July 2016

Thursday, 18 August 2016  
Thursday, 22 September 2016  
Thursday, 20 October 2016  
Thursday, 17 November 2016

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

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

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