

MINUTES OF TIMBERLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 05 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TIMBERLAND

Present:

Cllr	J Speirs	Chairman
Cllr	A Tolley	Vice-Chairman
Cllr	H Clarke	
Cllr	K Elvidge	
Cllr	D Holmes	
Cllr	L Lerpiniere	
Cllr	J Spiers	
Mrs	S Bedford	Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr	F Ambridge	District Councillor
Cllr	P Bradwell	County Councillor

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Mrs Keywood and 6 other residents raised objections to the planning application for 7 dwellings to be erected on land opposite her residence in Church Lane. The Chairman informed the residents that the Parish Council were aware of this proposed development and would be discussing this application as part of this Meeting and that they were all welcome to stay but would not be able to take part after public questions were finished. He informed the Meeting that the original outline planning permission had been objected to by the Parish Council but was granted by NKDC. There was discussion which raised concerns about parking and access to the Church and Churchyard, the (already documented) drainage within the area, the obscuring of the view of the church which is a listed building. Cllr Ambridge advised that the residents could make a presentation to the Planning Committee but would only be given 3 minutes in which to speak so they should go prepared so that they would not lose the opportunity to raise all their concerns, and he also reminded all present that any objections had to be to the actual plans that had been submitted. There being no further questions, the Parish Council Meeting was started.

1. REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman welcomed all Parish Councillors and wished all a happy new year.

2. APOLOGIES

2. No Apologies received.

3. DECLARATIONS

3. No declarations were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 29 September 2008, were then taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr K Elvidge
Seconded: Cllr L Lerpiniere

5. MATTERS ARISING

5. Cluster Meeting. As the agenda for next Mtg has already been circulated to all the Chairman informed the meeting that he would be attending. **Item Ongoing**
6. Road Surfaces. The Chairman informed the meeting that as Highways Department had inspected before the last meeting there was still no notification of when any further maintenance would be carried out. It was also again noted that there was standing surface water at the end of Church Lane exacerbated by the recent severe weather conditions and the Chairman reiterated that the Highways Department were fully aware of the situation. It was also requested that the grit bins be replenished and Cllr Bradwell would contact her relevant department for the situation to be resolved as a priority so that the general public can avail themselves of the grit for public paths if necessary. **Item Closed**
7. Insurance Scheme Quote. The Clerk has purchased a laptop, printer and filing cabinet and these will be added to the Asset Register and a full quote will be requested before next PC Mtg and presented under Financial. **Item Ongoing**
8. Energy Conservation Meeting. The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had again hastened the NKDC Team dealing with Fuel Poverty Presentations for a likely visit to the village.
- a. Decision: The Clerk to hastened NKDC again for update **Item Ongoing**
9. Parish Plan. The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had compiled a draft questionnaire based on returns received from Cllrs. It was agreed that this would be circulated for all to comment on or amend as necessary.
- a. The Clerk to circulate draft copy to all Cllrs. **Item Ongoing**
10. Office Equipment. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had purchased a laptop, printer and filing cabinet which were now parish assets and had duly been added to the Parish Asset Register. The cost of the equipment was £425.70 for the laptop, MS Office package and printer (inc copier and scanner). **Item Closed.**
11. Nuisance dogs. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had emailed PC Daniels and as yet heard nothing.
- a. Decision: The Clerk to email PC Daniels for an update **Item Ongoing.**
12. Standards Committee Investigation. The Clerk informed the Meeting that resolution of this situation was still yet to be completed. **Item Ongoing**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

13. In line with NALC recommendations discussion took place on the setting of the litter picker wages and the hourly rate of £5.73 back dated to 01 Dec 08 was agreed. There would also be a bonus of £10 paid for Jan 09. Also, as agreed during the Dec 07 PC Meeting for this financial year, the following donations are to be awarded and cheques to be signed:

a.	Village Hall Donation	£400.00
b.	Churchyard Maintenance Donation	£300.00

14. The Clerk informed the Meeting that she had purchased the office equipment which had now been added to the asset register. The following wages cheques were to be signed including office equipment purchased:

a.	Clerk's wages 01 – 19 Dec 08 & 05 – 30 Jan 09	£219.80
b.	Litter Picker Wages 01 Dec 08 – 30 Jan 09	£61.57
c.	Laptop, printer and MS Office software package payment to Mrs Bedford	£425.70

7. PLANNING

Applications received:

15. Following applications received since last Meeting:

- a. Erection of first floor extension over garage to front – 12 Foster Close. Application received 01 Nov 08 and no objection letter returned 14 Nov – Permission granted as at 15 December 2008.
- b. Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension to house. New windows to north and east elevation and new front door to east elevation and internal alterations to ground and 2nd floor layout. Alterations and extensions to outbuildings – Top Farm, Thorpe Tilney LN4 3SL. Received by Clerk 03 Dec and no comments submitted by email 18 Dec 08 – Outcome awaited.
- c. Erection of 7 dwellings and garages – land at Church Lane Timberland. Application received 22 Dec 08 and there followed lengthy discussion reiterating all that was raised during public question time.
- d. Cllr Tolley stated that he wished to have on record that he was against any development of the site on grounds that the buildings would be overbearing on the bungalows opposite. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council object to the 3 large properties of the development and Cllr Holmes added concerns about the size of the houses at the front of the development obstructing the view of the Church as this feature had already been acknowledged by the rejection of planning on land opposite 37 Church Lane. This objection was then supported by all present that this should form the basis for the Parish Council to object to this planning application as NKDC had stated:

that the proposed development would, by virtue of its size, scale and height and its backland and elevated position in comparison to properties on the High Street frontage, represent an inappropriate and dominating form of development out of character with the established pattern of development in the area contrary to Policies C1 and C18 of the adopted North Kesteven Local Plan 2007 and would fail to enhance the quality, character and amenity value of the area thereby conflicting with advice contained in Planning Policy Statement 1 (Delivering Sustainable Development).....'
- e. Decision: The Clerk to draft a letter using the above objections and stating concerns about access to the Church and drainage problems and that the Parish Council will be sending representation to the Planning Committee Meeting and it would be appreciated if someone from the Planning Department would contact the Chairman before the date of the Meeting.

Applications Rejected.

16. Erection of dwelling on land adjacent to 37 Church Lane. Application received 11 Nov and circulated to Cllrs. Letter of concerns emailed to Planning 26 Nov 08. Permission refused as at 24 December 2008.

8. LITTER PICKER

17. Unanimously agreed by all as at paragraph 13. **Item Closed**

9. AOB (including correspondence received)

18. NKDC Housing Strategy Consultation circulated to all 06 Dec 08. No comments received. **Item Closed**

19. Climate Change Strategy circulated to all and comments required by 28 Jan 09. No comments received. **Item Closed**

20. NK Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2018 circulated to all. No comments received. **Item Closed**

21. Schools admissions Consultation circulated to all and comments by 28 Feb 09. No comments received. **Item Closed**

22. Local Crime and Community Sentence letter offering free presentation within Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain more information and dates of availability to come and give a presentation.

a. Decision: Clerk to contact Rachel Martel, Communications Manager, National Probation Service, Lincolnshire. **Item Ongoing.**

23. Letter received offering free access to the Rural Services Network. It was proposed by Cllr Tolley that first year's free membership should be taken up by the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Holmes.

a. The Clerk would apply for the year's free subscription. **Item Ongoing.**

24. The Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy letter informing PC of draft document on web and asking for comment received and will be circulated to all for comment. **Item Ongoing.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25. The date of the next meeting will be 16 February 2009 and will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed

Position

Date