

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Monday 14 June 2010 at Great Plumstead Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Mr E J C Wiley (Chairman)  
Mrs K Bartram  
Mrs D Bensley  
Mr R Claxton  
Mr J Dixon  
Mr G. Edwards  
Mr. B. Hamilton  
Mrs M Palmer  
Mr A Skipper  
Mr A Townly

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** The Chairman allowed public participation.

**010610 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -** Councillor Vincent.

**020610 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2010.** These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**030610 MATTERS ARISING.** It was confirmed that a decision had been taken to place only relevant Parish matters onto the Council website in order to avoid hosting problems. However links to other Parish organisations could be arranged. Councillor Palmer reported that she had contacted the Highways Department regarding the poor state of the road at the junction of Water Lane and Church Road in Gt Plumstead and that this should be dealt with in the next month. The Chairman requested that, if possible, could the Parish Council have a copy of the PCC accounts before their January Finance meeting, in order to budget a fair grant application for the upkeep of the cemeteries and the Newsletter, when setting the Parish precept. It was anticipated that the Bus Shelter at Thorpe End would be completed by the end of the month.

**040610 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no declarations of interest.

**050610 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS** The Chairman reported that he had received a further letter from Mrs Bell detailing her complaints on the proposed positioning of a play area on Padgate Green. This letter was passed to Councillor Bartram.

**060610 CORRESPONDENCE & ADMINISTRATION** The Council was advised of the potential availability of skips for the parish residents. It was agreed that the Clerk should check the availability for the Parish and advise accordingly. A letter of thanks for the grant made to the Parochial Church Council had been received from Mrs Gotts.

**070610 INCOME & EXPENDITURE** The Clerk reported the following items of **INCOME** Bank of Ireland interest 3p, Broadland District Council £487.52 Glass Recycling. **EXPENDITURE** was unanimously approved - NORSE Commercial £2,644.12 grass cutting (half-year) J. Cator 1984 £75 rent land Sandhole Lane, M. Gotts £200 audit (retrospective)

The Clerk read the Internal Audit Report which was unanimously approved. The quote from The Garden Guardian for the Grounds Maintenance for the Parish was detailed by the Clerk - £830 +VAT for grass cutting and £1,500 +VAT for hedge cutting. This was unanimously approved.

Issues arising following the Audit report include the updating of the asset register and Councillor Bartram agreed to review this list. It was suggested that assets should have a number to aid identification and that risk assessments should be carried out at sensible intervals and by qualified assessors if appropriate. It was also accepted that the annual meeting of the Finance Committee should be minuted.

## **080610 PLANNING APPLIATIONS**

### **No Objections**

**20100442** Old Courtyard/Clocktower, Hospital Road, Little Plumstead – conversion to 5 dwellings

### **Objections**

**20100581** 3 Emma's Way, Little Plumstead – single storey rear extension

**20100666** Adj. 54 Sandhole Lane, Little Plumstead- Dwelling & garage

Approval notices had been received for Little Plumstead CE VA Primary School and for 3 Emma's Way, Little Plumstead.

**090610 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.** County Councillor Mackie was unable to attend and the Chairman presented his report –

### **1. Highways Matters**

- Following the last meeting I wrote to highways officials reporting the issues which had been raised at the meeting, in particular the hedge cutting, the path in Great Plumstead and car park at the Little Plumstead Village Hall. In regards to the footpath, Steve White has asked Jon Winnett to look into the feasibility of getting the hedge cut between the Salhouse Road and the detached footway/cycleway. He plans to arrange for a flail mower to cut the side and top of the hedge by reaching over the footway from the adjacent fields, he has spoken to a contractor who assures him that this is possible, this will be done at the end of August to avoid any nesting or berries. Jon was going to contact the land owner so to ask permission to access the fields.
- **Brick Kilns Junction** - The scheme brief for the Brick Kilns junction has been issued to Project Team Manager (North), whose Team will progress it for detailed design/consultation and as far as I am aware it is in the 2010/11 programme for construction. Things are still moving forward. As for the recent incident, Officers have made initial enquires with the Police to establish the facts. I will of course share that with the Parish Council, if appropriate to do so, given there may be personal details. I welcome the efforts by the Parish Council to research this on going trouble spot, and I fully support action being taken and continue to do all I can to make that happen. Ultimately it is the driver who takes the risks, and the County Council has already reduced the speed limit on that stretch of the road, introduced new signage and road

markings. However, I will continue to push for the design work to be taken forward ASAP.

- I understand from residents that highways works have been undertaken at the former Little Plumstead Hospital development. This has come as good news to local residents. The county council has helped coordinate this work with the administrators, following the collapse of the developer.

## **2. Little Plumstead Primary School - Update**

I am absolutely delighted to finally be able to say that planning permission has been granted for new £5m primary school at Little Plumstead, after all the obstacles placed in the path of this major local project. The Diocese and County Council has received confirmation on securing the DCSF (Now DfE) grant. Work will soon be underway to create a new £5m primary school in Little Plumstead, after planning permission was granted for the new building. Norfolk County Council has worked alongside the Diocese of Norwich and the school to develop plans for the new 210-place building, which will replace the existing Little Plumstead Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. Builders Mansell will begin on site in the next few weeks, with the new school due to open in September 2011. The County Council has invested an additional £1.7m in the school building and £1.7m to develop infrastructure around the school, following the collapse of property developers Cofton Ltd.

The new building will mean the school can cater for an extra 40 pupils. The new school has been designed by architects Feilden and Mawson and will include seven classrooms, a library, hall and outdoor play area. As I said in the press release "This is a much needed new school and it is fantastic that builders are finally able to get on site.

"It has been a real challenge to bring this project to fruition, following the collapse of the property developers, and has taken real determination from the Diocese, Council and school governors and staff. I am pleased to have been able to support this project, alongside the new school at Dussindale, to help ensure there are more school places for these growing communities. This school will provide fabulous facilities for many generations of children in the Little Plumstead area and I can't wait to see the first group of children move into the new building next year."

## **3. Local Government Boundary Review – Update**

- I am delighted to report that the new government has moved swiftly to end the review of local government and end Norwich and Exeter becoming Unitary Councils. This is good news for the County Council, since we can halt expenditure and time being wasted on helping Norwich create a duplicate set of services. It also lifts the uncertainty from Broadland Council, given we expected Norwich to request a Boundary Review soon after the establishment of a Unitary Council.

**100610 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Councillor Vincent was unable to attend the meeting and had advised that there was no report to submit.

**110610 THORPE END – PROVISION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT** Councillor Bartram reported that she had confirmation for the Land Registry that the Parish Council did own Padgate Green. She has spoken to Ms Scott from Environmental Services, Broadland District Council, who will advise on how to deal with issues of anti-social behaviour that might arise. Applications for grants towards the play equipment will now be made and following this letters together with photographs of the proposed equipment will be sent to local residents to canvas opinion. No planning permission is required.

**120610 LITTLE PLUMSTEAD VILLAGE HALL – CAR PARKING** Councillor Edwards advised that he had a further site meeting with a representative of the Highways Department who advised that planning permission would be required together with the appointment of an approved contractor to carry out the work. He will now seek formal planning permission together with quotes for this work which it is estimated will cost in the region of £5,000 to £6,000 using an approved contractor. The Village Hall will be contributing towards the costs as well as replacing the existing hedge.

**130610 CO-OPTION OF LITTLE PLUMSTEAD WARD COUNCILLOR** It was confirmed that as no nominations had been received for this vacancy, then the Parish Council were able to co-opt a new member for the Little Plumstead Ward. Mr Neil Dawson of Nelson Drive, Little Plumstead was nominated to stand by Councillor Palmer and seconded by Councillor Bensley and is willing to stand. The Clerk will check that official procedures are being followed and Mr Dawson was requested to attend the next meeting so that his appointment could be confirmed.

**140610 SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, GREAT PLUMSTEAD** The Chairman proposed an immediate site meeting to view the proposal. Councillors agreed that they should support such a valuable community group and were able to approve the extension of the building pass the current boundary and up to a maximum 0.9 meters on to the playing field, subject to planning permission and conditions as follows. The Scouts organisation would cover any costs and fees incurred by the Council and replace the existing fence either side of the proposed extension, at least up to their current boundaries. They would also agree to cover the cost of moving the slide on the playing field should this prove necessary on safety grounds. Councillor Bartram would investigate the current lease document.

**150610 BRICK KILNS JUNCTION** Councillor Townly reported that he had been in touch with the police and requested details of any reported accidents at this junction over the last 10 years. A report would then be submitted to Councillor Mackie. There had been 2 serious accidents in recent weeks and it was agreed that urgent action was required before loss of life occurred. A sub-committee of Councillors Dixon, Bensley and Townly has been formed to discuss this issues further.

**160610      JOINT CORE STRATEGY** – Councillor Townly reported that he was disappointed not to have attended the last meeting and that there would be a further meeting in September. Despite all local Parish Councils objecting to the plans, Broadland District Council seem determined to press ahead with the proposals. It was agreed that Councillor Townly would prepare a draft letter of objections that would again be sent to Broadland.

**170610      PARISH NEWS ITEMS**

***Brick Kiln's Junction***

Your Parish Council continues to highlight the urgent need for safety improvements at this accident-prone junction.

***Little Plumstead Village Hall***

Plans to facilitate improved parking at Little Plumstead Village Hall were again discussed; these plans are now proceeding to the next stage.

***Great Plumstead Scout Hut***

The Council gave its approval for initial outline plans for the extension of the Scouts Hut. More detailed plans will now be drawn up and planning approval sought.

***Thorpe End Garden Village***

It is expected that the new Bus Shelter (opposite St David's) will be installed late June early July.

***Access Road Copella's***

Your Parish Council has again written to the Freeholder of Copella's requesting he bring the access

Road to a safe and satisfactory condition.

***General***

The Parish Clerk is looking at the possibility for each Ward to have a Skip for general rubbish. The skips will be available for two – three days .More news later.

***Norfolk Village Games***

Active Norfolk and Broadland District Council are asking Villages across the County to assemble teams in various sports for inter Village competitions .Please visit [www.activenorfolk.org/village](http://www.activenorfolk.org/village) games for more information or call Ellen on 01603 697008 .

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**181610      ANY OTHER BUSINESS** Concerns were raised over the regular flooding of certain areas of the Parish following excessive rainfall. It was suggested that the County Council should be informed of such occurrences. The purchase of a scanner, copier and fax machine for the Clerk was approved in order to help speed up distribution of correspondence and save on

paper. Councillor Dixon agreed to help with the selection of such a machine in the region of £120.

Date of next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at Thorpe End Village Hall at 7.30pm.