

***Somerton Parish Council – Minutes of Meeting***  
*Held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009,, at the Village Hall, at 19.00 hours*

**Present:** R. Starling (Chairman); T. Jones (Vice Chairman ); B. Barker; D. Van de Bulk;  
C. Clutterham; M. Humphries and N. Grayling (Clerk)

S. Weymouth (GYBC Councillor);

J. Clift co-opted at this Meeting.

**1 Apologies:** There were no apologies.

**2 Co-Option of Parish Councillor:** J. Clift had submitted herself for co-option. Her co-option having been approved, she duly completed and signed her 'declaration of acceptance of office as a Parish Councillor' and was given a 'Register of Members' Interests ' document to complete as soon as convenient within the specified period..

Proposed: B. Barker seconded: M. Humphries - unanimous..

**3 Declarations of Interest:** J. Clift had submitted a bid for the former Staithe seat/bench. B. Barker and C. Clutterham declared an interest, as Trustees of the Somerton Staithe & Boat Dyke Trust.

**4 Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting (AGM & Annual Parish Meeting) held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, had been circulated to all concerned and were declared to be a true and accurate record.

**proposed:** T. Jones      **seconded:** B. Barker      -      unanimous.

The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**5 Matters Arising:** Following J. Shrimplin's comments about the NCC and GYBC's investments with the collapsed Icelandic Bank J. Shrimplin undertook to let us know as to the details. It was therefore resolved to await J. Shrimplin's response, and to follow this up with a letter to the Head of Finance at GYBC.

**6 Attendance** The PCSOs had attended the Coffee Morning, earlier in the day.

**7 Public Discussion:** There were no Members of the Public present. Our Borough Councillor had no special matters to report.

**8 Disposal of former Staithe Seat/Bench:**

- a. One envelope had been received with an offer for the seat/bench, and the envelope envelope was duly opened, revealing an offer of not exceeding £ 75-00 from J. Clift. J. Clift stood by her offer, which was gratefully accepted.
- b. It was proposed that J. Clift should issue a cheque in favour of the Parish Council, who, in response, would issue a cheque for £ 75-00 to the Somerton Staithe and

Boat

Dyke Trust.

**proposed:** T. Jones      **seconded:** D. Van de B      -      a majority decision.

- 9 North-East Norfolk Coastal Parishes Group:**
- a. **Update on Meeting held at Sea Palling on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2009:-**  
combined with
- b. **Shoreline Management Plan:-**

R. Starling explained the history of the Group, in that local Parish Councils had joined together following the concerns with proposals, in a draft Natural England Report on the future of the local Coastline and “Climate Change” adaptation scenarios.

The Group met at Sea Palling on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, R. Starling, T. Jones and B. Barker attended. A proposal on the Group’s objectives had been received from Ken Barnes of Hickling, and was read to the Meeting, viz:-

**“The Primary Objectives of the North-East Norfolk Coastal Parishes Group are to campaign for:- The maintenance of the current defences and for new and improved defences to enable the protection of coastal and in-land Communities on the present boundaries for as long as possible.**

**“Recognition that, in the event that it is no longer practical to hold the existing line, that any resulting loss of property or land be fully and properly compensated.”**

This proposal was accepted by the Members (proposed, seconded and unanimously accepted). It was further agreed to support a presentation by a Dutch Government Representative, and/or Malcolm Kirby of Happisburgh, at the next Group Meeting in September, rather than one from the Tyndell Centre. Members also agreed that there must be full and open participation in the Shoreline Management Plan process, which was being prepared by North Norfolk District Council, together with the Environment Agency, Natural England, GYBC and the Broads Authority.

R. Starling informed that he, together with the Group’s Chairman, Michael Walker, would be meeting with the Environment Agency soon and that he would press for an urgent update of the Horsey/Winterton part of the SMP.

B. Barker circulated a paper to the Meeting this evening, listing his concerns with the situation, including the funding of the Group by the Parish Council.

R. Starling

reminded the Meeting that approval to fund the Group with a £ 35-00 donation had already been arranged, however, we were awaiting details of the Group’s Bank account. R. Starling added that an audit trail could be established with Cheques for expenses, etc., only approved at future meetings of the Group, and that accounts could be audited similar to Parish Council accounts.

It was agreed to refer to B. Barker’s paper at the next SPC Meeting.

- 10 NCC** Reference was made to the projected cost of the Third River Crossing Bridge being in the.
- Transport** region of £ 80 million, and for a tunnel, in the region of £ 180 million.

**Strategy:**

SPC strongly supports a Surge Barrier being incorporated within a Bridge structure.

**11 Correspondence:** Various minutes from NCC and GYBC Meetings, sales brochures and other items were noted. The Chairman reminded everyone that all correspondence was available prior to the Meeting from 18.30 to 18.50 hours.

date rec'd	subject
	<b>'Clerks &amp; Councils' – Direct.</b>
	AVIVA – Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance.
	Received invoice re: above.
	GYBC – Directory.
	'Norfolk Link' magazine.
	GYBC Minutes of Council and Committees.
	NPTP – NCC – Initial Training for Clerks & Councillors + Invitation to Meal with Speakers.
	'Glasdon' products for Local Councils.
30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2009.	NRCC – e-mail regarding membership
7 <sup>th</sup> May, 2009.	E-mail from Brian Barker re: benches.
	Richard Starling to Brian Barker – e-mail relating to Brian's earlier e-mail.
	NCC – letter + Timetable re: new bus service.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Norfolk Assoc. of Local Councils – e-mail relating to Boundary Committee.
9 <sup>th</sup>	SPC e-mail to Judy Clift – re: EDF rental
11 <sup>th</sup>	RSS Playgrounds – letter + brochure.
	GYBC – letter from P.Graves (Planning) re: 7, Collis Lane.
13 <sup>th</sup>	GYBC – Agenda for Development Control Committee.
20 <sup>th</sup>	SPC letter to Raz Woolcott re: Permissive Path around Horsey Road side of Chapel Field.
	SPC letter to Fenella Potter (NCC Planning & Transportation) re: speeding.
21 <sup>st</sup>	GYBC – Standards Committee.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	GYBC – letter re: June 4 <sup>th</sup> elections.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Norwich International Airport – letter re: controlled air space.
	Came & Company – Brokers for Norwich Union – letter re: insurance.
26 <sup>th</sup>	GYBC – Agenda for Standards Committee.
	NCC – improved bus services.
	NNDC – local development framework.
27 <sup>th</sup>	e-mail from NAofLC re: request for Internal Auditors.
30 <sup>th</sup>	SPC letter to Norwich Union re: Insurance Cover.
	Norwich Union – change of name to 'AVIVA'.
1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2009.	The Forum – letter re: available facilities.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Came & Co. – Brokers for Norwich Union – letter re: Insurance for 2009-2010.
	GYBC – Development Control Committee Minutes.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Agenda for GYBC Development Control Committee.
11 <sup>th</sup>	NCC – letter re: 'Manage your Finances'
	Norfolk Assoc. of Local Councils – AGM – 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
	NALC – 'Afternoon Tea at Weeting Village Hall' – 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2009.
	John Innes – Discovery Day – 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
	'Vitalise' – letter re: funding request.
	School Governor Poster.
12 <sup>th</sup>	NCC – Planning & Transportation – 'Freedom of Information' reply.
13 <sup>th</sup>	'AECOM' – letter + copies of Newsletter relating to the 'Kelling to Lowestoft Ness Shoreline Management Plan.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter re: 'Kelling to Lowestoft Ness Shoreline Management Plan'.
	NNDC – letter re: Planning Policy + disc !
17 <sup>th</sup>	e-mail from NCC re: GY & Gorleston Transportation Strategy.

- 18<sup>th</sup> “ GYBC – Agenda for Development Control Training Session.  
 “ e-mail from Richard Starling re: foregoing.  
 20<sup>th</sup> “ GYBC – Agenda for Council.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> “ e-mail re: ‘Fritton House’.  
 “ NCC e-mail re: Highways Inspection.  
 24<sup>th</sup> “ SPC letter to ‘Norwich Union’ re: undertaking for 3-yr term.

*11 Correspondence: (cont’d)*

<b>date rec’d</b>	<b>subject</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2009.	SPC letter to Allianz Insurers explaining that we are now insured elsewhere.
“	NCC – letter re: ‘Permissive Footpath’
26 <sup>th</sup> “	Norfolk Assoc. of Local Councils – Summer Conference – agenda + booking form
1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2009.	Broads Authority – letter re: ‘Planning Parish Forum’ – 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
“	Norfolk Assoc. of Local Councils – e-mail re: ‘Local Government Review’

SPC response, arising out of the foregoing:-

- In connection with the NCC – letter re: ‘Permissive Footpath’, M. Humphries undertook to approach the Thains, for an update on their reaction.
- B. Barker and M. Humphries raised the matter of the signs on the West side of Horsey Road, opposite School House being obscured by plant growth. It was also remarked that, emerging from Cottage Road into the junction opposite the Public House, that it was difficult to see approaching traffic before emerging – this was also partly hampered by the plant growth. T. Jones had, in the past, trimmed this bank of Chapel field and undertook to carry this out again.
- R. Starling reminded the Meeting that the ‘West Somerton’ sign at the entrance to the Village on the Martham Road had been defaced. It read ‘please drive lowly’ ! T. Jones undertook to raise this with NCC Highways.
- Members of the Council undertook to attend a forthcoming Meeting of the Broads Forum.
- The Clerk was instructed to contact the AA, the RAC and the various Satellite Navigation Organisations regarding erroneous route instructions, directing traffic down Sandy Lane and along Cottage Road, travelling from Martham to Winterton.

**13 Accounts:** Approval was given for the issue of the following cheques:-

***Cheques issued at this Meeting:-***

N. Grayling – Clerk’s Salary	cheque 100544	£ 131-00
N. Grayling – Clerk’s Expenses	cheque 100545	33-00
R. Bird – Grass Cutting	cheque 100546	356-00
NCAPTC subscription	cheque 100547	89-64

***Cheque to be issued shortly:-***

Somerton Staithe & Boat Dyke Trust	cheque 100548	75-00
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(in connection with the foregoing, this was to be issued on receipt of cheque from J.Clift, for former Staithe seat/bench)

<b><i>Bank Balances:</i></b>	Community a/c	£ 750-18	
	Business Premium a/c	<u>783-19</u>	
	Total – per Bank Balances	<u>1,533-37</u>	total after receipt of cheque from J. Clift and foregoing payments

**proposed:** T. Jones      **seconded:** D. De Bulk - unanimous

**14 ‘Village Maintenance’ and items for next Agenda :** Paper submitted by B. Barker in connection with Sea Palling Meeting.

**15 Date of next Meeting:** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009.

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The Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the meeting at 20.53 hours

Signed .....*Richard Starling*.....Chairman

Date .....2<sup>nd</sup> September.....2009.