

MICKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Mickfield Village Hall on 5 March 2012

Present: Cllr Bridges, Cllr Green, Cllr Heyhoe (Vice Chairman), and Cllr Lynk (Chairman)

Also present : Mrs A Thompson (Clerk), Mr A Stringer, Mr C Tilbury, Mr & Mrs M Bright

Meeting Opened 19.30

1. **Apologies for absence :** Cllr King, Cllr Spinner and Cllr Turner

Declarations of interest: None

2. **Meeting Opened to the Public 19.32**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

Meeting Closed to the Public 19.33

3. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Mickfield Parish Council held on 16 January 2012.**

The minutes were agreed as a true & accurate record of the meeting & duly signed by the Chairman.

4. **Action Points/matters arising from those minutes**

Summary of Action Points from the Last Meeting		
17.10.11 01	Contact Andy Carter regarding information for a statutory declaration in support of an application to the Land Registry to register title to Parish Council land	MH/AT c/f
05.12.11 03	Discuss Summer barbeque 2012 and Queen's Diamond Jubilee	Complete
05.12.11 04	Discuss the proposed Community Orchard	Complete
05.12.11 05	Discuss the Grass Cutting tender for 2012	DL/AT c/f
16.01.12 01	Write to MSDC re dog mess near Elm Farm	Complete

05.12.11 – 03 Following the contact made with the Church and Silver Leaf, it is apparent that Silver Leaf are content to join in any function the Parish Council wish to provide without being too proactive in the organisation thereof. The Church are to perform a play on the Saturday afternoon of the Jubilee weekend and there is a suggestion that a second performance may be required on the Sunday. After much discussion it was felt that it would be better not to attempt to provide a village function in 2012, but to concentrate thoughts and ideas for next year and to circulate a questionnaire to all villagers to canvass opinion as to what they would like.

05.12.11 – 04 Having decided not to hold a village function for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and given that a decision needs to be made about the bike area, it was agreed that it might be a good idea to flatten the bike area, replacing it with a 'Jubilee Area' which could include a tree in memory of Margaret Marbus, a former Parish Councillor, donated by the Parish Council together with a bench for which the Parish Council are holding £500.00. Cllr Green will speak to a possible contractor to obtain costings. **Action point 05.03.12 - 01**

05.12.11 – 05 The invoice for grass cutting in 2011 was £992.46, which is almost 33% of the precept and it was felt, unsustainable. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the MPC.M02.12

contractors to confirm that for the forthcoming season the Parish Council would like the playing field and play area to be cut, but that an alternative contractor should be sourced to cut the meadow which cost £652.80 last year. Cllr Lynk thought there was someone in Debenham who could provide this service. Whilst on this topic, the question was raised as to whether the contractors who cleared the meadow had not returned to spray it for a second time or not. Cllr Spinner will be asked to follow this up. **Action point 05.03.12 - 02**

16.01.12 – 01 The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Mid Suffolk District Council concerning the dog bin, and confirmed that no reply had been received.

Meeting Opened to the Public 20.00

5. Reports

5.1 Police Report

No representative from the Police was present at the meeting and the Clerk will circulate their report which was received too late for the same to be printed in time for the meeting. A copy of that report is attached to these Minutes.

5.2 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and read his report to the meeting, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

5.3 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Tilbury was present at the meeting and read his report to the meeting, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Meeting Closed to the Public 20.15

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

0581/12 - Two storey rear extension. First floor extension over existing garage. Convert existing garage to living accommodation. New chimney to west elevation. Demolish existing chimneys. New roof over main house. Two storey link extension. New window arrangements at The Field House Wetheringsett Road Mickfield. This application was supported

0209/12 - Installation of a 3no. wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.5m diameter blades) at Grove Farm, Debenham Road, Stonham Aspal. Mr and Mrs Bright were present at the meeting to voice their concerns about this application, albeit the same in in the neighbouring parish of Stonham Aspal. It was felt that the Parish Council had no planning ground on which to object to the application.

Generally, it was agreed that in future all planning applications would be published in the Mickfield Messenger and on the village website to ensure that notice of the same was disseminated to as many people as possible.

6.2 Planning Decisions: None

6.3 Other Planning Issues: None

7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Financial Update

Bank Balances:

Treasurer's Cheque Account: £403.833

Business Instant Access Account: £9,210.24

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount	VAT/IPT	Total	Agreed/	Chq
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			(£)		(£)	Declined	No. (& ref)
05.03.12	Suffolk County Council	Grasscutting	827.05	165.41	992.46	Agreed	000359 (11/12 - 20)
05.03.12	HMRC	PAYE	18.68		18.68	Agreed	000360 (11/12 - 21)
05.03.12	A Thompson	Salary & Exp (Gen Admin)	86.42		86.42	Agreed	000361 (11/12 - 22)
05.03.12	Marie Curie Cancer Care	S137 Donation in memory of Margaret Marbus	50.00		50.00	Agreed	000358 (11/12 - 23)
		Total	982.15	165.41	1,147.56		

8. Correspondence

8.1 Following the recent death of Margaret Marbus it was felt appropriate to make a donation to one of the charities named in the Order of Service for her funeral. It was agreed to make a £50.00 donation to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

9. AOB & Meeting opened to the public 20.40

None

10. Next meeting date was confirmed as Monday 16 April 2012 at 7.30 pm.

MEETING CLOSED 20.45

Summary of Action Points for Next Meeting		
17.10.11 - 01	Contact Andy Carter regarding information for a statutory declaration in support of an application to the Land Registry to register title to Parish Council land	MH/AT c/f
05.12.11 - 05	Discuss the Grass Cutting tender for 2012	DL/AT c/f
05.03.12 - 01	Contractors for creation of the Jubilee Area	CG
05.03.12 - 02	Contact the clearance contractors regarding the second spray of the reclaimed area around the meadow	CS