

# MICKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes of Mickfield Parish Council Meeting held at Mickfield Village Centre on 12 March 2018

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

**Also present:** Mrs A Thompson (Clerk)

### Meeting Opened 19.31

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Rainer

**Declarations of Pecuniary:** None

**Non-Pecuniary interests:** None

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

No declarations of interests were expressed in any specific Agenda item.

**Meeting Closed to the Public 19.33**

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Mickfield Parish Council held on 22 January 2018.**

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**

<b>Summary of Action Points for the Next Meeting</b>		
<b>16.10.17 - 02</b>	Write to Anglian Church Trust re Roll of Honour	AT
<b>11.12.17 - 01</b>	Ascertain costings for posts & tape and pedestrian gate for the Village Centre	MH c/fwd
<b>22.01.18 - 01</b>	Write to Stoke Ash PCC re the compost heap in the cemetery	Complete
<b>22.01.18 - 02</b>	Write to Cty Cllr Stringer re the state of the roads in Mickfield	AT
<b>22.01.18 - 03</b>	Write to Mid Suffolk District Council re parking for 4, 5 & 6 Montgomery Cottages	Complete

**16.10.17 - 02** The Clerk has received a response from Mark Wright advising that to date no purchaser has been found for the Church which is continuing to be used for worship. He indicated that the matter of the Roll of Honour would be discussed at the next meeting of the Trustees to be held later in the month but mentioned that the same had only been kept in the Village Centre when the Church fell into a derelict state, being transferred back to the Church in 2005 otherwise the same has been a focal point for village remembrance every November. The Clerk will now revert to Mark Wright

advising that it is imperative that the matter of the Roll of Honour is resolved prior to any exchange of contracts for a sale of the Church.

**22.01.18 – 02** Whilst the Clerk did email Cty Cllr Stringer about the state of the roads in the village following the last meeting, Councillors repeated concerns at the poor state of the roads and noted that the 'Stop' sign at the crossroads on Stonham Road needs to be replaced. The Clerk will write once again to Cty Cllr Stringer on both issues.

### **Meeting Opened to the Public 19.55**

#### **5. Reports**

##### **5.1 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Stringer was not present at the meeting and did not provide a report.

##### **5.2 District Councillor's Report**

District Councillor G Horn was not present at the meeting and did not provide a report.

### **Meeting Closed to the Public 19.56**

#### **6. Planning**

**6.1 Planning Applications:** None

**6.2 Listed Planning Applications:** None

**6.3 Listed Building Consents:** None

**6.4 Planning Decisions: 17.06033:** Consent for the erection of a single storey side/rear extension (changes to previously agreed scheme planning reference 3504.16) at Fields Farm Wetheringsett Road Mickfield has been granted

**6.5 Other Planning Issues:** None

#### **7. Clerk's Report**

##### **7.1 Financial Update**

##### **Bank Balances:**

Treasurer's Cheque Account: £2,615.44

Business Instant Access Account: £6,043.58

##### **7.2 Payments to be made:**

<b>Date Rcvd</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purchase/Service</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>VAT/IPT</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>	<b>Agreed/ Declined</b>	<b>Chq No. (&amp; ref)</b>
22.01.18	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks salary & expenses	92.28		92.28	Agreed	000600 (17/18 - 24)
22.01.18	HMRC	PAYE	18.54		18.54	Agreed	000601 (17/18 - 25)
			<b>£110.82</b>		<b>£110.82</b>		

## **8. Correspondence**

**8.1** The Clerk has received an email from Suffolk Highways with a community self-help survey. Suffolk Highways is looking to develop a scheme allowing local community groups, including Parish Councils, to undertake works which Suffolk Highways does not have the budget to undertake such as grass cutting, cleaning and replacing signs. Councillors agreed that they should respond confirming that the Parish Council was not prepared to undertake any such works, and indeed would like an indication from Suffolk Highways as to exactly what their plans for management of the roads are.

**8.2** A villager has approached the Parish Council with concerns about the safety of the crossroads in the centre of the village, particularly visibility for motorists turning right towards Debenham from Stonham Road which is restricted. He has written to Suffolk Highways voicing his concerns suggesting that perhaps a curved mirror could be placed at the junction. Councillors did not feel that Suffolk Highways would agree to this but agreed to include these concerns in the letter which the Clerk will write in respect of the state of the roads generally.

## **9. AOB & Meeting opened to the public 20.10**

**9.1** Following the recent cold weather Cllr Turner suggested that the Parish Council should consider having an emergency plan in place for villagers should there be power outages or other problems, particularly for the elderly. This will be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

## **Meeting closed to public 20.14**

**10.** Next meeting date is **Monday 9 April 2018** at 7.30 pm

## **MEETING CLOSED 20.15**

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