

MICKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Mickfield Parish Council Meeting held at Mickfield Village Centre on 3 September 2018

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

Also present: Mrs A Thompson (Clerk) D Cllr G Horn, Mr B Lee and Cty Cllr Stringer

Meeting Opened 19.30

1. Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of Pecuniary: None

Non-Pecuniary interests: None

2. Meeting Opened to the Public 19.31

Interest in planning applications 18.03497 & 18.03498 were expressed.

Meeting Closed to the Public 19.32

3. Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of Mickfield Parish Council held on 9 July 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

Summary of Action Points for the Next Meeting		
22.01.18 - 02	Write to Highways re the state of the roads in Mickfield	AT c/fwd
09.07.18 - 01	Ask Mr J Feeney-Howells about contractor to install defibrillator	AT

22.01.18 - 02 Cty Cllr Stringer confirmed that he had asked the Highways engineer to inspect the junction and will chase his report.

09.07.18 - 01 Mr Q Rogers has provided a quotation for installation of the defibrillator box in the sum of £128.00 which Councillors accepted. The Clerk will confirm this to Mr Rogers and ask for a date when he can install the box.

Meeting Opened to the Public 19.40

5. Reports

5.1 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Stringer was present at the meeting and delivered his report a copy of which is attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Report

District Councillor G Horn was present at the meeting and delivered his report.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- **DC.18.003839:** Application for the conversion of stable/outbuilding into an annexe at Elm House Farm Debenham Road Mickfield. Councillors voted 4:1 to **support** this application.
- **DC.18.03497:** Application for the conversion of 5 no agricultural buildings to 5 no buildings at Greenwood Farm Wetheringsett Road Mickfield. Councillors voted 5:0 to **oppose** the application on the grounds that the application site is outside the settlement boundary; the access is inadequate to cope with the considerable increase in traffic movements that 5 new units will generate; the junction with Wetheringsett Road has restricted views and will make the same a danger to all road users and the significant negative impact on the adjoining farmhouse, a Grade II listed building. Councillors were concerned that the reports from the Heritage and Conservation officers were unavailable and asked D Cllr Horn that the application be referred to Committee for decision.

6.2 Listed Planning Applications:

- **DC.18.03498:** Application for the conversion of 5 no agricultural buildings to 5 no buildings at Greenwood Farm Wetheringsett Road Mickfield. Councillors voted to **oppose** the application on the grounds set out above.

6.3 Listed Building Consents: None

6.4 Planning Decisions:

- **18.02479:** Refusal of application for the erection of 2 no semi-detached 3 bedroom houses with single garages and creation of new vehicular access on land on Stonham Road Mickfield.

6.5 Other Planning Issues: None

Meeting Closed to the Public 21.30

7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Financial Update

Bank Balances:

Treasurer's Cheque Account: £3,013.56
 Business Instant Access Account: £6,044.35

7.2 Payments to be made:

Date Rcvd	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount (£)	VAT/IPT	Total (£)	Agreed/ Declined	Chq No. (& ref)
03.09.18	Alpha Rural Services Limited	Grasscutting M4 & M5 and installation of pedestrian gate	729.91	145.98	875.89	Agreed	000615 (18/19 - 14)
03.09.18	Mrs A J Thompson	Clerks salary & expenses	90.91		90.91	Agreed	000616 (18/19 - 15)
03.09.18	HMRC	PAYE	19.77		19.77	Agreed	000614 (18/19 - 16)
			£840.59	£145.98	£986.57		

7.3 The Clerk has been contacted by British Telecommunications plc who are seeking the consent of the Parish Council to install 5m duct and cable and associated equipment, 1 dslam cabinet and 1 jointbox along the access to the Village Centre connecting the same to the broadband cabinet. Councillors agreed to the request and the Chairman signed the wayleave agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

7.4 Suffolk Highways have undertaken a review of its grit bins/heaps for highway use which highlighted significant concerns about the effectiveness of grit heaps which can damage the environment due to the leaching of salt into the verges and the underlying groundwater and watercourses. This leaching reduces the effectiveness of the remaining material. This being the case, Suffolk County Council will no longer support grit heaps. Mickfield has 2 grit heaps and Councillors decided that it was not necessary to acquire 2 grit bins to replace the heaps as the grit needs to be spread by volunteer residents and when the weather is bad gritting lorries pass through the village.

7.5 The Clerk confirmed that the annual RoSPA inspection will be carried out during the month of September.

8. AOB & Meeting opened to the public 21.52

None

Meeting closed to public 21.53

9. Next meeting date is **Monday 15 October 2018** at 7.30 pm

MEETING CLOSED 21.54

Summary of Action Points from the Last Meeting		
22.01.18 - 02	Write to Highways re the state of the roads in Mickfield	AT c/fwd