Minutes of North Perrott Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2013 held at the Hoskyns Memorial Hall

Present
Jonathan Hoskyns (Chairman), Joanne Cox (Vice-Chair) Enid Hawes, Nigel Pike

In Attendance
Sarah Murphy (Parish Clerk), Ric Pallister, Cathy Bakewell

1. **Apologies for absence.**
   Apologies were received from Cllr. Arthur Burton and were accepted.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   The Chairman declared his interest in the planning applications to be reported back on.

3. **Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 14th January 2013**
   The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Matters of report arising from the previous minutes.**
   There has been some progress regarding the Jubilee photos, but they have not yet been distributed. Anwen Hoskyns will be following this up.

5. **District and County Councillors’ reports (by invitation)**
   
   **Councillor Ric Pallister** gave the meeting a report from the District Council as follows:
   
   **Budget:** Despite cuts in funding from Central Government the District Council has not felt the need to raise Council Tax levels for this year thanks to the new homes bonus which continues to bring local funds into the Council. There will be no service cuts as far as the public is concerned and the Council predicts financial stability until 2016/17. Preparations for budget planning in 2016 are beginning.

   **Environmental:** the County Council, District Council, Water Board and Environment Agency will be meeting to devise a plan for coping with flood problems across the County. The purpose is to assess what they can do and how, as well as to assess what individuals and households can do for themselves. Cllr. Nigel Pike questioned Cllr. Pallister about local drainage and was told that the Environment Agency now holds the statutory duty, not the District Council. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council has some finance available specifically for keeping the pond clear and that it is in the process of mapping the local drainage system.

   **Councillor Cathy Bakewell** joined the meeting at 8.10pm and gave her report as follows:

   **Highways:** Although there have been cuts to the budget, £5 million has been set aside to repair the recent weather damage to roads. In response to a question from Councillor Nigel Pike Councillor Bakewell confirmed that the jetter (for clearing drains) would be operating in North Perrott very soon. Chairman requested that Council be given notice of the precise date it is due and for Cllr. Nigel Pike to liaise with the operator when it arrives. Regarding Pipplepen Lane, Cllr. Bakewell has been in contact with the adjacent landowner and confirmed that the Railway Authority pumped the drain before Christmas, but that the flooding was back to previous levels within a week. This problem is ongoing and Cllr. Bakewell confirmed she will continue to pursue.

6. **Planning Applications**
   
   6.1 There are no new applications
   6.2 Latest decisions
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The following applications were mentioned as discussed in an extraordinary meeting (02/03/13) and reported back to Planning that there were no objections from the Council.

**Application No: 13/00483/FUL**
**Type of application:** Full Application
**Proposal:** Alterations to include the erection of a single storey extension, porch and attached car port/store to dwellinghouse and conversion of existing garage to ancillary living accommodation. (GR 346453/110221)

**Application No: 13/00667/S73A**
**Type of application:** Section 73A determination
**Proposal:** Application to vary condition No. 02 (approved plans) of planning permission 12/03892/FUL. (GR 346409/110101)

7. **Affordable Housing**
The Chairman read a letter (attached) received from Jonathan Morris who chaired the recent first meeting of the Steering Group. The Chairman also read a letter (attached) received from Mr. Jason Bradley which had also been circulated to 25 homes on Back Lane. The Chairman outlined his own counter-statements to the points made in the letter, his over-arching concern being that Mr. Bradley had misunderstood the nature of the housing which is being investigated, namely that it is affordable housing and not social housing. Cllr. Pallister summarised the purpose of affordable housing.

[Cllr. Pallister left the meeting at 8.35pm]

8. **Highways**
This was dealt with in Cllr. Bakewell’s report (see above)

9. **Neighbourhood watch**
Cllr. Enid Hawes requested that the Chairman add a resident to his circulation list and it was reported that a quad bike had been stolen recently from Eastfield farm.

10. **Speed Watch**
Nothing to report. There is still a vacancy for another member.

11. **Finance**
11.1 **Budget and 2013 precept**
This has now all been processed
11.2 **Bank Reconciliation**
The bank reconciliation was circulated in advance and was approved by Cllrs.
11.3 **Clerks Salary & Expenses**
The Clerk’s salary for February was approved. The Clerk claimed mileage expenses for two training courses attended on 19th and 26th February. The Clerk also asked Council to supply a printer in order to effect Council business. A suitable printer had been suggested at a cost of £73.67. RESOLVED to authorise Clerk to purchase a printer on behalf of the Council.

**Village Green Maintenance**
Cllrs agreed to pay Mr. Ian Perring £123.50 for his work in maintaining the village green. – RESOLVED.

**NALC membership**
The Council membership is due for renewal. RESOLVED to renew the membership at a cost of £58.90

12. **Dog bins**
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Clerk gave feedback regarding dog bins and the Chairman asked Cllr. Jo Cox to follow up on the matter with the Enforcement Officers.

13. Correspondence
   Clerk to circulate copies of Councillor and Chair Training as received.
   Response letter from CAB thanking the Council for its recent donation.
   Letter from St. Margaret’s Hospice detailing its services to be displayed on the noticeboard.

14. Other Business
   Cllr. Enid Hawes made a formal request on behalf of the Village Hall Committee for a councillor to attend the upcoming meeting as official representative of the Parish Council. Chairman to ask Cllr. Arthur Burton if he would oblige.

Meeting Closed 9.20pm. Next Parish Meeting Monday 6th May 2013