

Parish Liaison Meetings

Minutes

Monday, 16 March 2015 at 19:00

Present:

Councillor T Wainwright (in the Chair), Councillors Linden, Pratt, B Walker and Williamson.

Mrs J Beck (Director of Customer Services), Mrs K Watt and Mrs K Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

Representatives from the Parish Councils of Bradwell, Hopton, Hemsby, Ormesby St Margaret, Martham, Somerton, Winterton and Caister also attended.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jeal.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2014 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS GRANTS

The Director of Customer Services gave a powerpoint presentation stating that this forms part of a review of all Council expenditure and medium financial strategy. Concurrent Function Grant Support Currently pays to cover maintenance of burial grounds, parks and open spaces, beach cleaning and bus shelters. When a parish council is required to pay for goods and services within the Parish using Parish Precepts. Concurrent Function Grant is used to offset charges through Council Tax that effectively means you don't pay twice. Confirmation of double taxation policy (only assets within parish ownership eligible, parish expenditure where there is no borough council expenditure would not be eligible, review of current

expenditure. Revised forms were handed out at the end of the presentation and should be returned no later than 17th April 2015.

6 ISSUES RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILS

7 Somerton Parish Council

Somerton Parish Council asked for an update on the proposed byelaw for dogs on leads on playing fields and recreation grounds.

It was reported that Environmental Services were currently working with the Police on Public Space Protection Orders to identify which areas in the Borough should be covered by these orders. When these have been identified Environmental Services would then undertake a Consultation Exercise with all Parish Councils.

8 Caister-on-Sea Parish Council

- What are Kings Lynn and Muckfleet Drainage Boards doing about people filling dykes and cuts in with garden and general rubbish or deliberately blocking the dykes to extend the area of their garden/property causing flooding?

It was reported that Henry Cator had been contacted and he had asked Tony Goodmin the District Engineer for the Eastern Area to look into this.

- Why GYBC did not inform Caister Parish Council of their knowledge that the sand dunes at Haven Holiday Centre were being flattened?

Councillor Wainwright read out a press release that had been issued to the Mercury stating that the work at Caister is privately-funded work being undertaken on private land by a private company which didn't require planning permission.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Hopton Parish Council asked if Flying Drones were covered under the local bylaws and it was reported that this was currently being investigated by NPLaw.

(ii) Bradwell Parish Council raised concern that the Council Tax bills had been sent out showing that there was a 3.3% increase and the Parish Council had not increase their precept. Caister also stated that theirs were showing 6.1% increase and it was agreed that the Director of Customer Services would look into this and let the Parish Councils know the response.

(iii) Bradwell Parish Council asked about the A12 Link Road and Sainsbury's pulling out and what the real story about this was. Councillor Wainwright stated that the Council was bound by a confidentiality agreement and that the site was currently being marketed.

The meeting ended at: 19:40