

Parish Liaison Meetings

Minutes

Monday, 15 September 2014 at 19:00

PRESENT:

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

Mrs J Beck (Director of Customer Services), Mr R Hodds (Cabinet Secretary), Mr G Buck (Group Manager Environment), Mr D Minns (Group Manager Planning), Mr S Mutton (Head of Policy GYB Services), Mr P Shucksmith (Senior Environmental Ranger), Mrs L Crook (Waste and Recycling Communications Officer) and Ms J Martin (Waste and Recycling Communications Officer).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Walker.

Councillors Andrews, Annison and Grey also attended.

Representatives from the Parish Councils of Bradwell, Winterton on Sea, Stokesby, Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby, Repps with Bastwick, Martham, Caister on Sea, Somerton and Belton with Browston also attended.

A representative from the Norfolk Association of local Councils attended.

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 March 2014 were agreed.

2 MATTERS ARISING

There was no matters arising.

3 RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Members considered a presentation from the Waste and Recycling Officers with regard to the changes around recycling and refuse. In discussing the presentation, the Parish Council Representatives raised issues relating to the collection of rubbish from plastic trays, and on the issue of green waste being flytipped.

The Parish Council Representatives were advised that if they had any issues

regarding recycling and refuse then they should contact the Waste and Recycling Officers direct.

4 CHALLENGES AND TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

The Director of Customer Services reported on the challenges that the Borough Council is facing and explained the financial deficit facing the Council over the next few years, and she reported on the vision of the Council for the future. The Parish Council were also advised of the work currently being undertaken through the Council's Transformation Programme. The Director agreed that she would supply further details to all Parish Councils.

5 ISSUES RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILS

5a Martham Parish Council

Martham Parish Council had raised the issue of the possible introduction of a byelaw to cover the borough of Great Yarmouth to prevent anyone from driving on, or parking on a green or common without permission of the land owner.

The Cabinet Secretary reported that Parish Councils would need to identify the problem within their parish areas in order that full details could be included in any agreed byelaw application. The implementation of a byelaw would require the approval of full Council, and he reported that there would be a requirement to liaise with the Home Office/DEFRA on the terms of any byelaw and that it would be likely to take approximately 12/18 months to implement. The costs involved would relate to notices that would need to be placed in the local press.

Parish Councils would therefore be contacted requesting them to identify the areas of concern within their parishes in order that the initial stages of the byelaw process could be implemented.

5b Bradwell Parish Council

Bradwell Parish Council raised the following issues:-

- Parish Precepts/Council Tax Support Grants 2015/16
- Concurrent Function Grants 2015/16
- Section 106 Agreements in respect of Parish areas:-
 - i) Progress in utilising historic Section 106 monies still held.
 - ii) Progress of negotiating agreements in respect of large housing developments, an extent to which Parish Councils may be involved in such negotiations.

With regard to the issues relating to Parish Precepts/Council Tax Support Grants and Concurrent Function Grants, the leader reported that a report on these issues would be considered by Cabinet at its meeting in October. He reported however that he anticipated no changes to the current arrangements in 2015/16.

In connection with Section 106 Agreements, the Cabinet Member (Transformation & Regeneration) reported that there were still some outstanding Section 106 monies to be expended. He reported on the restricted use of the funds and he asked Parish Councils to formulate schemes where such funds could be used. In connection with the large housing developments negotiations, the Group Manager (Planning)

explained to the Parish Members how this process was governed through the provisions of the Borough-Wide Local Plan.

5c Somerton Parish Council

Somerton Parish Council raised the issue of the loss of the waste collection service from Somerton Parish Staithe following the re-classification of the waste from domestic to commercial.

The Senior Environmental Ranger reported that talks were taking place with the Broads Authority for the disposal of waste from this site. He also reported that there was a proposal to highlight all the disposal sites in the borough and to map these areas. It was also proposed that better signage would be put in place.

5d Caister on Sea Parish Council

Caister on Sea Parish Council asked that with regard to the 180 houses proposed to be built at the north end of Caister will these have a Caister address.

The Group Manager (Planning) reported that 1/3 of the site was in the Caister Parish whilst 2/3 of the site was in the Ormesby St Margaret Parish.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Liaison Meeting will be held on the 16 March 2015.

The meeting ended at: 20:05