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A letter was written to Parworth Developments just before Christmas asking for the address of the EDF office that is responsible for clearing the old substation away from the Staithe Street car park. Subsequently it was found that the grit bin was trapped inside the safety fencing and NNDC despatched a thirty ton lorry with a crane that extracted it for us. The order has now been published for the no-waiting area providing a bus stop in Mill Road (near the junction of Park Road). A drop-in session at The Maltings would be held by Natural England to explain the new Marine Protection Areas on Wednesday 6 January. The annual Police Budget Meeting would take place on the evening of 21 January in Wymondham – Councillors are invited. There will be a Coastal Pathfinder meeting at the NNDC offices in Cromer on the evening of 7 January. RC and KL are planning to attend. The planning enquiry into the closure of Malthouse Yard will be held on 11 May. It will be held in Blakeney because the Maltings is not available. Papers had arrived on the afternoon of the meeting for the consultation into the new Norfolk transport plan. These had been distributed to Members. A complaint had been received to the effect that the public toilets were closed on some of the days over the holiday period. KL was investigating, but had already established that they should have been open, if not cleaned, every day.

Communications – GA called for articles for the next newsletter. MG, AF, and CM (possibly) agreed to submit something.

(Traffic & Parking) – The plastic banner at the end of Northfield Lane advertising the Chinese Takeaway is a bit unsightly.

Allotments – despite the offer to listen to complaints/suggestions made at the last meeting, MW had received nothing.

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- 12) To decide whether anything can be/needs to be done with regard to flood sirens
 Despite AF and MG attending a meeting at County Hall in the previous month the situation is still not clear. Although Parishes have been offered the sirens (and Wells TC has said that it would like them) they have been told that they will each have to seek legal advice if they wish to set them off without the express permission of “silver command”. It is currently believed by many that this permission would not be granted under any circumstances (remembering Walcott in 2007). Because it now looks as if the final decisions will be delayed from the original January 31st deadline, it was resolved to look at the situation again next month.
- 13) To discuss the question – should WTC increase the precept to improve snow clearance in the town?
 KL had placed this item on the agenda following a large number of complaints to the effect that footpaths were treacherous because they were not being treated. Although County Highways have a responsibility for snow clearance on footpaths as well as roads, during heavy snowfall they are unable to move away from clearing major routes, particularly if they need treating several times a day. KL believed that we could provide a service locally clearing the footpaths. It was resolved that he and MG would look at the costs and logistics of doing this (including prioritising routes) and report back to the Council at a future date.
- 14) To discuss a letter from a resident of Jolly Sailor Yard regarding an extension of double yellow lines
 Since several Councillors seemed unsure of the exact location that was involved here, it was agreed to delay the discussion until next month, to allow them to individually visit the site.
- 15) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement
 A report had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting. The following had been paid during the month:
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| Brightview Internet | Broadband | 14.61 |
| Keith Leesmith | Clerk’s Salary Deposit | 1000.00 |
| The following were agreed for payment: | | |
| Veolia | Cemetery waste collection | 44.06 |
| M E Ayres & Sons | Allotment hedge cutting | 164.45 |
| Keith Leesmith | Salary (net of deposit) and expenses | 396.48 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | Monthly contribution | 427.99 |
| MHB Services Ltd | Street Lighting Maintenance | 279.89 |
| E-on Energy | Street Lighting electricity | 451.72 |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE 3 rd quarter | 1472.52 |
| Jimmy Tottle | Bollards | 220.00 |
| Anthony Ford | Allotment taps check & repair | 42.00 |
| Wells Lighting Fund | donation (last month) | 300.00 |
| Rodney Crafer | travel to North Walsham re Pear Mapping | 27.20 |
| David Warnes | allotment tap repair | 6.40 |
| Allen Fray | travel to County Hall re flood sirens | 34.00 |
| Viking Direct | stationery | 181.11 |
| Terry Corbishley | Litter Picking | 177.10 |
- 16) To confirm Date of Next Meeting
 Confirmed as Monday 1 February 2010

The meeting closed at 2130