

North Runcton Parish Council

Minutes of the North Runcton Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Meeting Place

Tuesday 11th January 2022 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R Morrish (Chair), Cllr K Fuller, Cllr P Yallop, Cllr B Houchen, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr L Gunn, Cllr K Williams, Cllr J Fuller

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis - 3 members of the public, Bor Cllr Gidney and County Cllr J Moriarty

1. To accept any apologies - Cllr J Braybrook

2. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda - None

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

County Cllr Jim Moriarty had nothing to report and noted that the Borough is holding a workshop session relating to the WWGA on 17th January at the KLIC. Cllr Morrish to meet with him to walk around the WWGA site beforehand.

Bor Cllr Gidney had sent a report prior to the meeting which Cllr Morrish ran through and brought some matters to the attention of Cllrs including: Covid related grants to business still available (£2500-£25,000) until Feb; a report on air pollution on the A10, which the Borough Council has concluded is at low levels. There is a new climate change officer at the Borough. Work is being carried out in parts of the River Ouse to raise the Middle Level Barrier bank.

Cllr Morrish said he would circulate the report and there were no questions for Cllr Gidney.

4. Public Participation

- The PCC thanked the PC for the use of the Green for the Christmas Eve gathering, which was well attended by about 40 people.
- There is a possibility of some CIL funding available for the Church which is being looked into.
- A resident asked how PC investigations were progressing to find out who owns the Church Walk. The area is not included on any land registry maps, the highways and paths officer at County could not give a clear answer and assumed it is an old 'coffin way', therefore at present, it is not conclusive who owns it. It was noted that a resident has kindly kept it tidy for several years and when he is unable to do this it may become unkept. The resident said that as the trees on the pathway overhang his boundary he has undertaken some cutting back, but would like to have a clear idea as to who owns the pathway and therefore the trees. It was also discussed that the Ramblers Association may be able to apply for it to become a public right of way. ACTION: Cllr Morrish will contact County Council again and see if he can find out any more.
- A resident brought up the matter of the amount of litter on Setch Road and asked if this was within the remit of NRPC as she had volunteered to clear it during lockdown but the Borough Council would not at that time take away the bags of rubbish. It was agreed there is some large waste in the ditches and may need a machine to clear. It was agreed that some litter picking could be done by NRHCV volunteers. ACTION: Cllr Palmer to organise and liaise with the resident.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th December 2021

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 14th December and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting

- Cllr Braybrook and the Clerk attended training by Westcotec in the use of the SAM2 sign and how to obtain reports. Cllr Braybrook has placed it on New Road.
- The Clerk has contacted a Luisa to arrange some whole Council training. A suggested date is 29th March – ACTION – Clerk to confirm with Councillors.

- Cllr Braybrook has met with a contractor to see if it is possible to replace the existing common gate near Foldgate Cottage with an electronic one. Cllrs discussed the pros and cons of this. A benefit would be to residents who are less mobile who could have an electronic device to open and close it and therefore would not have to leave their cars. The cost is around £2,700 which means it is not prohibitively expensive. Maintenance and insurance details are unclear and initially advice would need to be taken from Highways to see if the project is permissible. ACTION: Clerk to send information to Cllr Moriarty to forward to Karl Rands.

7. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

The sign has not been in place long enough to give enough data for a report.

8. To report on VMP management matters

- The back gate is in need of repair – ACTION: Cllr Morrish and Cllr Palmer to repair.
- The heaters are due for service – ACTION – Clerk to organise.
- Cllr Morrish suggested that the Hall could be re-decorated during the Easter holiday as the walls are showing signs of being buffed and scratched.

9. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

Nothing new to report, the group will meet in the New Year to plan projects for 2022.

10. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2022

- Low Carbon Group update – Cllr Morrish has spoken with the new County Officer at NALC regarding the work the group has done so far.
- Queens Jubilee Celebrations – After some discussion it was decided that the PC would not pursue the idea of having a beacon, but concentrate on a tea party on the 5th June. ACTION: Clerk to apply for Borough Council funding when it becomes available.
- CIL funding for flood alleviation works –the PC has secured grant funding. Some of the work envisaged has already been carried out by landowners and the grant doesn't cover retrospective works. Further consideration of suitable works required. Works must have commenced by July 2022.

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11. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

Nothing to discuss.

12. Planning

- Any applications to consider – 21/02494/F | Proposed agricultural livestock building, Church Farm 21 The Green, North Runcton. Clerk not yet received notification. Discuss at Feb meeting.
- Decisions received from BCKLWN – none
- Comments to be made on the WWGA application. A resident has completed some work on the environmental and ecological impact, she will send this to Cllr Morrish. ACTION: Cllr Morrish to circulate draft comments to agree, after the workshop scheduled for 17/01/22.

13. To hear any other planning issues relevant to the Neighbourhood plan

Nothing to report.

14. Correspondence - none

15. Finance

a) To agree the precept for 2022/23

The Clerk presented the income expenditure accounts for 2021/22 with a year end projection of a surplus of £4,388. The projected bank balance for the end of the year is £35,984 this includes remaining funds from the Lord of the Manor donation of £4,022 and money held on behalf of the war memorial fund of £1,906. Although it was considered that the PC is in a good financial position at present, it is expected that inflation will cause contract and service costs to increase.

The Clerk explained that due to a change in the tax base, if the precept remained the same it would mean a decrease in the Band D amount by 20p. After discussion Cllr Morrish proposed that the precept is increased by 2% to £16,655 resulting in a Band D increase of £1.01 for the year, this was

seconded by Cllr Yallop, a vote was taken and it was resolved that the precept should increase by 2% for 2022/23 to £16,655.

b) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st December – 31st December 2021

	Opening Balance 01/12/21 £	Less Nov Chqs £	Less DD's £	Add income £	Closing Balance 30/12/21 £
NRPC Account	39,485.15	1,258.83	2.40	1.00	38,224.92
VMP Account	21,304.42	462.94	51.83	497.50	21,287.15
					59,512.07

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice £	VAT element - non recoverable £
<u>From VMP Account</u>				
05/01/22	R Curtis	Salary 6 th Dec – 5 th Jan 22	152.88	0.00
19/12/21	Mr Brights	Dec 21	194.74	0.00
			347.62	
<u>From NRPC Account</u>				
05/01/22	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Dec – 5 th Jan 21	586.56	0.00
05/01/22	R Curtis	Expenses	10.20	0.00
			596.76	

16. Public Participation – all members of the public welcome – 5 minute session

None

17. Items for future agenda – nothing a present

18. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8th Feb 2021

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed 8th February 2022