

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 8th April 2025 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr K Williams, Cllr B Houchen

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis and 4 members of the public

1. **To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Yallop and Gunn, County Cllr Moriarty
2. **Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda** – Cllr J Fuller – planning
3. **County and Borough Councillors Matters** - none in attendance at this meeting
4. **Public Participation**
 - At the recent Community Day held by the PCC £456 was raised for the church fund. Many families came which was good to see and the speaker at the community hour was very popular. There has been positive feedback to the plans for the Church project and a good response received from the survey so far.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2025**

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.
6. **Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 11th March 2025 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting.**

Nothing to report.
7. **To discuss positions for village gateway signs**

The Clerk gave feedback from her meeting with the Highways Engineer where possible positions for village gateway signs were considered. Following the meeting where one of the suggested positions was on New Road outside the Campsite, the owner Cllr Yallop informed the PC via email that he felt a sign on the grass verge could pose a safety risk at it would restrict the view of people entering and exiting the campsite. Another suggested position on the Twisty Twiney was not deemed suitable by the Highways Engineer, the verges along the Rectory Lane entrance to the village are too narrow and with the WWGA development the Common Lane entrance will cease to be used by motor vehicles. Therefore the PC concluded that this project cannot progress any further at present.

The Highways Engineer also visited Cedar Grove to look at the condition of the pavement on the corner which was left untreated during the last project to resurface the pavements several years ago. This area will now be included on the planned works schedule for 2025/26.
8. **To consider Biodiversity and action planning within the Parish**
 - The group will be selling plants at the resident meeting.
 - Cllr Palmer has carried out a photograph survey of Sheeps Course Wood at identified locations. This will now be reviewed by Cllr Morrish.
 - The deadheading of the daffodils is a task that is ongoing at the moment.
9. **To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign** - Cllr Braybrook presented the following:

RECTORY LANE LEMONS APR 25 - Report From 11/03/2025 12:00:00 through 04/04/2025
Max Speed 60 MPH on 26/03/2025 17:45:00 - Total Vehicles 11633

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Count Over Limit	112	119	155	136	169	101	90
% over limit	8.1	7.8	7.6	6.6	8.2	7.4	7.5
Avg Speeder	37.9	38.3	38.4	37.9	38.3	38.6	38

10. To report on VMP management matters

- The Buttercups reported sightings of several bees coming from the loft of the VMP. Cllr Morrish and Cllr Palmer investigated and thought not to be an issue.
- There are 2 roof tiles which have come off the roof, Cllr Morrish to contract the contractor to take a look.

11. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

- Splitting of some of the clumps of snowdrops has been completed.

12. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2025

- Quiz night – Friday 21st March 2025 - the event was a success and raised £289.91. Another will be booked for the autumn.
- VE Day celebrations – Cllr K Fuller and Cllr Braybrook are organising an event for Monday 5th May, the original budget of budget of £500 will need to be increased to accommodate the price increase of the hog roast, this was agreed. Cllr Braybrook to try and book a pianist for the event.
- PC support providing refreshments at the VMP for the PCC Open Gardens event on 21st June

13. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues – none to discuss.**14. Planning**

- 25/00447/F – Proposed livestock building at Land At Common Lane, North Runcton
Comment to be made on hedge removal, levels altered and visibility from east and west.
- 25/00497/F – Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, Jaden House, 4 Babingly Place, West Winch- *no comment*

b) Decisions from the Borough Council

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

Cllr Morrish to attend a WWPC meeting to begin discussions about the revision of the neighbourhood plan.

16. Correspondence – verbal correspondence to a Councillor regarding cars parked outside 5 Common Lane on the roadside, making it difficult for cars to pass safely on the corner.

See Item 18

17. Finance**a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st March – 31st March 2025**

	Opening Bal 01/03/25 £	Less Payments £	Add income £	Closing Bal 31/03/25 £
NRPC Account	44,851.33	751.41	166.21	44,266.13
VMP Account	7,775.43	4,919.99	2,321.89	5,177.33
				49,443.46

The following payments will be considered for approval;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice	VAT element - non recoverable
			£	£

From VMP Account

05/04/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Mar – 5 th Apr 25	196.04	0.00
07/03/25	Mr Brights	13 th Feb – 13 th March 25	214.20	0.00
			410.24	

From NRPC Account

05/04/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Mar – 5 th Apr 2025	744.81	0.00
05/04/25	R Curtis	Expenses – Ink and Annual Anti Virus	135.56	0.00
			747.81	

18. Public Participation –

- A resident has kindly replaced the no dog fouling signs on Old Hall Walk.
- A resident has weeded the path at Old Hall Walk. It was noted that the PC had previously agreed that if a herbicide application was required this would be undertaken by the PCs grounds maintenance contractor.
- Day Construction has been asked to tidy the path outside their development site at Hall Drive.
- There has been low water pressure at Hall Drive, residents have reported the issue to Anglian Water.
- It was reported that several residents had raised the matter of recent car parking on the corner of Common Lane and New Road. When the vehicles are present passing traffic has to move to the wrong side of the road on a blind corner. It was felt that the vehicles might violate two aspects of Highway Code ‘Waiting and parking rule 243’ – vis a vis, being less than 10 metres from the junction with School Lane and being on a bend. It was agreed that the matter would be raised with the householder.

19. Items for future agenda – Update on Neighbourhood Plan discussions with West Winch PC**20. Dates of next meetings –** 13th May 2025, Annual Residents Meeting 20th May 25

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed 13th May 2025