

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 9th April 2024 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish, Cllr P Yallop, Cllr L Gunn, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr B Houchen

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

1. To accept any apologies – Cllr K Williams

2. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda – Cllr Yallop – Planning application 24/00552/O – Land E of Gamekeepers Cottage, Middleton.

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr Nash expressed concern over the Borough Council's enforcement of planning conditions especially on new developments. Cllr Gunn asked what happens if the PC sees that conditions are not being met especially with the large scale new developments locally. Cllr Nash said he was not sure of the procedure. There are upcoming annual meetings for the election of the leader at the Borough. And Cllr Nash is involved in a matter with the Local Government Ombudsman which could lead to proceedings at the High Court.

4. Public Participation

It was reported that the derelict house on Old Hall Drive has been sold and is currently being renovated.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2024

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 12th March 24 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting

There were no matters to report.

7. To consider biodiversity and action planning within the Parish

There is a NALC webinar on biodiversity taking place on 24th April. It was agreed that a meeting of the working party will be arranged after that.

8. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

During March the camera was in place on Rectory Lane. 13,450 vehicles were recorded with a top speed of 60 mph. Around 7% of vehicles travelled over the limit and the average speed was 38 mph.

9. To report on VMP management matters

- There has been an expression of interest from a Pentecostal group to use the VMP on a Sunday morning. Councillors agreed to take this long term booking.
- There was a small issue with the PV panels last week when the supply tripped, this has now been sorted.

10. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

A litter pick was carried out on 7th April, some new people joined the group – so thanks to everyone who volunteered.

11. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2024

There are 7 tables booked for the quiz night on 12th April.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

The pot holes are getting worse on the Twisty Twiney, Clerk has reported and awaiting NCC response.

13. Planning

a) Applications Considered –

13/01615/OM - Outline application: change of use from agricultural/undeveloped land to a new development of housing and associated facilities; comprising a mix of up to 1110 residential units (Class C3); primary school (Class F1), local centre (Class E, F2); public open space, landscaping and highway access on the A47 and A10. at Land West of Constitution Hill Constitution Hill North Runcton Norfolk PE33 0QP

After consideration of this application the PC agreed to object. There has been little new information given on the planning portal since the last comment made by the PC and concerns still remain over traffic impact, drainage, sustainability issues.

24/00554/CM - Development of Land For New Single Lane Access Road East of Constitution Hill And West Winch Road West Winch Norfolk

The above application was reviewed and discussed. Each part of the landscape plan was looked at in detail and there were comments noted about inconsistent lighting schemes on roundabouts. There is major concern surrounding the Sheeps Course Wood area and how this will be impacted by the new road. There are also ongoing issues with the Hopes Charity Land.

24/00552/O - Land E of The Gamekeepers Cottage Lynn Road Middleton Norfolk – No comment

24/00555/F – Erection of Cottage and Garage behind 32 Winch Road

The PC agreed to support this application. Since the previous refusal for this scheme in 2019 the applicant has undertaken works to improve the access to the A10 and the proposed dwelling looks to be of good quality. It is accepted that the current Local Plan policy does not specifically support new development in this location, but other schemes considered more problematic in terms of access, traffic generation and their appearance in the setting, have been approved.

b) Comments made to BCKLWN - None

c) Decisions from the Borough Council

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

The examination of the Local Plan continues Tuesday 16th April. Cllr Morrish noted that after this is complete the North Runcton and West Winch Neighbourhood Plan will need review in the next 2 years.

15. Correspondence

The Cricket Club have contacted the PC to request financial assistance for some project work. Clerk to forward the grants policy and ask them to make a formal application as per the adopted process.

16. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st to 31st March 2024

	Opening Balance 01/03/24	Less Exp	Add Income	Closing Balance 31/03/24
NRPC Account	44,293.79	800.07	166.48	43,660.20
VMP Account	7,175.16	2,405.88	60.00	4,829.28
				48,489.48

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice	VAT element - non recoverable
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			£	£
VMP				
05/04/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – Apr 24	187.85	0.00
12/03/24	Mr Brights	Cleaning – Mar 24	94.74	0.00
			382.59	
NRPC				
05/04/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – Apr 24	714.78	0.00
31/03/24	BCKLWN	Dog Bin Emptying 23/24	570.96	0.00
06/04/24.	NALC	Annual Subs 24/25	198.58	0.00
02/4/24	NALC	Website hosting 24/25	70.00	
			1,554.32	

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

- The road sign on the A47 near Constitution Hill to denote a layby ahead is still in place, despite the layby now being closed. Clerk to request it to be taken down.
- The light in the phone box was discussed. Approximate cost for a new light fitting to be installed by an electrician is around £150. Consideration was given as to whether it was cost effective to spend this. Clerk to look into the term of the electricity supply when the PC adopted the phone box and seek advice from an electrician before proceeding further.
- It was noted that the expiry dates on some of the defib equipment at the Cricket Club are getting close, Clerk to ask RRT to look at this.
- It was noted that a brick boundary wall at 36 Cedar Grove is being built and appears to be over the height permissible without planning permission. Clerk to contact the Borough Council.

18. Items for future agenda –

To review a first draft of the biodiversity policy

19. Dates of next meetings - 14th May and 21st May Annual Residents Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed 14th May 2024