

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 13th May 2025 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr B Houchen, Cllr P Yallop
County Cllr J Moriarty

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis and 5 members of the public

1. To Elect and Chair and Vice Chair

Cllr J Fuller proposed that Cllr K Fuller take the position of Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Yallop and unanimously agreed. Cllr K Fuller – Chair

Cllr J Fuller proposed that Cllr R Morrish take the position of Vic-Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Houchen and unanimously agreed. Cllr Morrish – Vice Chair

2. To accept any apologies – Cllrs Palmer, Williams and Braybrook.

3. To hear the Resignation of a Parish Councillor

Cllr K Fuller read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Gunn who has left the PC with immediate effect for personal reasons. Councillors are sorry to see Cllr Gunn leave the PC, and she was thanked for her hard work in setting up the Biodiversity Group and organising the Quiz nights and many voluntary tasks undertaken within the Parish.

4. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in Items on the Agenda - None

5. To adopt the General Power of Competence

This was adopted by the PC

6. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr Moriarty said he was disappointed Cllr Gunn was leaving the PC and will be missed.

Devolution talks are ongoing and still the preferred option at the Borough is for a 3 way split, with a West Central and East area. The final decision will be made by central government.

WWGA - The money has been awarded for the Access Road. The Section 106 agreement deadline is looming, it is hoped that the legal documents will be signed off for the housing application to be given the go ahead.

7. Public Participation

The new no dog fouling signs have been removed from the post in Old Hall Walk, only to be replaced by the original ones. This is a mystery, and it is not known who is responsible.

8. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th April 2025

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

9. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 8th April 2025 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting.

Nothing to report.

10. To hear Reports taken from the SAM 2 Signs

In the absence of Cllr Braybrook, the Clerk had emailed his report to Councillors with the following figures.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Count Over Limit	53	82	114	105	99	83	52
% over limit	4.5	3.8	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7
Avg Speeder	38.3	38.8	38.9	38.6	38.2	38.6	38.7

11. To report on VMP Management Matters

Cllr Morrish has cleared the gutters around the store and low lower level area.

12. North Runcton an Hardwick Conservation Volunteers

- A litter pick is being organised.
- The survey of Sheep's Course wood has been started, Cllr Palmer has photographed several areas.
- In line with the PC's Biodiversity policy Cllr Morrish made a proposal on behalf of the PC as Common Rights Holders to request that the use of selective herbicide on the common land is ceased by Cllr J Fuller. As rights holders the PC should have a say in management of the common and use of a selective herbicide reduces biodiversity. This runs contrary to the adopted biodiversity policy – which is now required of public authorities (2021 Environment Act). There is concern that the toad and newt population has significantly decreased in recent years and maintaining biodiversity on the commons had to be balanced with growing grass. Cllr J Fuller responded that he is concerned with safety of stock through eating certain herbaceous plants – hence the spraying. It was noted that some compromise had been met on West Winch Common where only part of the common was sprayed. Therefore Norfolk Wildlife Trust had retained West Winch Common as a County Wildlife Site whereas North Runcton and Setch Common are not. Cllr Morrish suggested that NR and Hardwick volunteers might manually clear species like ragwort if they became a problem after a cessation of spraying.

It was agreed to keep the conversation open, and see if there is a compromise to be reached. The matter will be discussed again in January.

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

- VE Day celebrations – Thanks goes to Cllr K Fuller and Cllr Braybrook for organising a successful event.
- PC support providing refreshments at the VMP for the PCC Open Gardens event on 21st June
- A quiz night will be arranged for late autumn.

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

Correspondence notifying the change of speed limits in the village – 30mph in lengths along New Road.

15. Planning

25/00654/F - Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension, Internal Alterations and new Garage. at Breton 6 New Road North Runcton King's Lynn Norfolk PE33 0RA

- The Councillors were concerned about the proposal for the garage – which is 6.7metres tall and situated in front of the established residential building line along New Road. It would appear to require removal of existing garden and established vegetation. This will create a substantial change to the character of New Road and is not welcomed. We also understand that neighbouring residents are concerned about potential overlooking from rooflights in the proposed 'home office' and the general scale and close proximity of the building. Councillors had no particular comment on the proposed rear extension

Decisions from the Borough Council

17/00191/NMAM_1 - Hay's Wood Retreat Setch Road Blackborough End KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE32 1XU - NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION 17/00191/F: Variation of condition 14 of planning permission 13/01103/FM as highway requirements have changed - Application Permitted

Cllr Morrish had drafted a letter to submit comments for the WWGA Access Road. Councillors were happy with the contents and agreed for it to be sent.

16. 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.

17. Correspondence – A Resident contacted the PC regarding a recent road closure in the village and Councillors agreed that communication was poor from the authorities.

18. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances – Not updated this month due to audit work

The following payments will be considered for approval;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice £	VAT element - non recoverable £
<u>From VMP Account</u>				
05/05/25	R Curtis	Salary 6 th April – 5 th May 2025	196.04	0.00
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<u>From NRPC Account</u>				
05/05/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Apr– 5 th May 2024	744.81	0.00
05/05/25	R Curtis	Expenses - Ink and Sundries	135.56	0.00
13/05/25	J Braybrook	J Braybrook – VE Day printing costs	10.50	0.00
01/06/25	Clear Insurance	Insurance 1/06/25 – 31/05/26	1,198.63	0.00
			2,089.50	

19. Public Participation –

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20. Items for future agenda – Update on Neighbourhood Plan discussions with West Winch PC

21. Dates of next meetings – Residents Meeting, 20th May, 10th June, 8th July

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed 10th June 2025