

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 14th May 2024 - 7.45pm

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

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

1. To Elect the Chair and Vice Chair

Cllr K Fuller put herself forward for the position of Chair, a proposal was made by Cllr Morrish and seconded by Cllr J Fuller. Cllr Morrish put himself forward for the position of Vice Chair, a proposal was made by John Braybrook and seconded by Cllr Houchen. Councillors unanimously agreed the appointment of Cllr K Fuller and Cllr Morrish.

2. To accept any apologies – Cllr K Williams, Cllr L Gunn, Cllr S Palmer

3. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda – none

4. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr Moriarty discussed comments made so far on the application for the Housing Access Road. Some statutory consultees including the Conservation Officer and Environmental Health department at the Borough have yet to respond. The PC was urged to contact Cllr Moriarty with their concerns about flooding and he can raise these specific questions with officers.

5. Public Participation

Ken Mathews gave an update on the fundraising efforts for the work on the Church. Heritage Fund has awarded a development phase grant of £45,185 to fund a series of investigation works, community consultations and activity development sessions. It is planned for the Church to be open as many days of the year as possible, Ken has put a plea out to residents that as much help as possible is needed to man the Church.

The PCC has suggested that brown tourist signs on the A47 would be a good idea to give direction to All Saints Church to attract as many visitors as possible. Cllr Moriarty supports the idea and all Councillors present at the meeting supported the idea also.

The West Winch sign has still not been found which came off the post facing down Rectory Lane.

ACTION: Clerk to report

6. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th April 2024

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

7. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 9th April 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.

8. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

5% of vehicles were over the speed limit outside the caravan site for the month of April. Buttercups have expressed concern about the speed of traffic in the village, ACTION: Cllr Braybrook to draft some wording for Buttercups to include in their newsletter to parents.

9. To report on VMP management matters

- The speaker within the projector in the Hall does not work. ACTION: Clerk to ask Cllr Palmer to take a look.
- The cistern in the toilet has been fixed.
- Several weeks of generating export electricity have been lost as the panels were not working without the PC being informed. The contractors were called and the problem appears to have been rectified.

10. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

Nothing to report.

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

Autumn quiz. Residents meeting.

12. Consideration of a n application for grant funding

An application has been received by the cricket club for £2,500 to go towards the cost of refurbishment work to their changing room. Councillors had considered the application prior to the meeting and it met all the criteria in the PC's policy. Although the deadline for applications for this round of funding is 20th May it was agreed to consider this at tonight's meeting as it falls late in the month. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support the application and award the Cricket Club £2,500 unless another application is received before the 20th May. CLERKS NOTE: No further applications were received, therefore the cricket club were awarded a grant for £2,500.

13. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

Hardwick roundabout – there are some potholes on the A10 approach towards the roundabout in the right hand lane. Clerk to report.

Bus Shelter A10 – in need of some clearing, Clerk to report to Rangers. Roof is leaking so needs to be looked at.

14. Planning

a) Applications Considered –

24/00810/F – New Porch, extension, alterations and rebuilding grange – 3 Hall Drive PE33 0QW

Contractors have damaged the pavement ACTION: Clerk to report to NCC.

No comment, but PC concerned about the state of the site with rubbish being dumped in the front garden.

b) Comments made to BCKLWN - None

c) Decisions from the Borough Council

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

Cllr Morrish noted that the North Runcton and West Winch Neighbourhood Plan will need review in the next 2 years. However, 2 members of West Winch PC who were on the group have now resigned.

16. Correspondence

None received.

17. Finance

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

Some adjustments have been made to the figures as stated in April 24, due to some year end adjustments made after internal audit.

	Opening Balance 01/03/24	Less Exp	Add Income	Closing Balance 31/03/24
NRPC Account	42,090.23	1,557.92	16,988.00	57,520.31
VMP Account	6,120.93	739.55	2,794.52	8,175.90
				65,696.21

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice	VAT element - non recoverable
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			£	£
VMP				
08/03/24	WEAAR	Asbestos Survey	930.00	0.00
05/05/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th Apr- 5 th May 2024	187.85	0.00
			1,117.85	

NRPC				
05/05/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th Apr-5 th May 24	714.78	0.00
05/05/24	R Curtis	Expenses – Ink and Sundries	58.16	0.00
01/04/24	D Wye	Grass Cutting	60.00	0.00
			832.90	

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

- Cedar Grove Paths – these are in a bad state as moss is covering the majority of the surface making it unable to be used as a pedestrian path. Clerk to speak to Highways
 Mrs Clough house Hedge – this hedge needs to be cut down as it is overgrowing the pathway. ACTION: clerk to send a letter.

19. Items for future agenda –

To review a first draft of the biodiversity policy
 To agree the accounts for 23/24

20. Dates of next meetings – 21st May Annual Residents Meeting, 11th June 2024

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed 11th June 2024