

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 11th June 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 3 members of the public and Cllr Jim Moriarty

1. **To accept any apologies** – Cllr K Williams, Cllr S Palmer
2. **Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda** – none
3. **County and Borough Councillors Matters**
Cllr Moriarty reported on the West Winch housing access road, there is some investigation at the moment around a medieval moat found and comments being looked at made by the forestry commission.
4. **Public Participation** -None
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2024**
The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.
6. **Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 14th May 24 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting**
Cllr Moriarty assisted with enquires to Highways England to find out if brown heritage/tourist signs could be put up on the A47 for all Saints Church. Unfortunately visitor numbers to the Church are not high enough to be considered, the threshold is at least 8,000 per month and 40,000 per year.
7. **To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign**
New Road – May 2024
5% of vehicles = 600 vehicles exceeded the speed limit. With the highest speed being 70mph recorded at 12.30pm. Cllr Braybrook has looked at the data and there is not a pattern forming of the time of day at which vehicles are speeding.
8. **To report on VMP management matters** - Nothing to report.
9. **North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update**
Nothing to report at this meeting.
10. **Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2024**
Painting the phone box in the summer – project to be co-ordinated by Cllr K Fuller and Cllr Palmer.
11. **To accept the PC's Biodiversity Policy**
Cllr Gunn presented the policy and it was unanimously agreed to accept it.
The first tasks for 24/25 are;
 - Survey of Sheeps Course Wood so as to help monitor biodiversity over time
 - Give out plants/seed
 - Plant bluebells, cowslips, anything else that likes wet ground on common in Rectory Lane (Steve has contacted Peter Lemon and he is happy that we do this in the autumn with daffodil planting).
 - Planning comments specifically on the road

The following was also agreed:

- Parish Council events to include biodiversity aspect, for regular meetings that will be a standing item on PC agenda and update on the biodiversity aspects of planning matters.

- For any other events, such as the annual residents' meeting, that include having a relevant speaker and giving away plants.
- We will try to arrange more winter talks, possible subjects are bees, hedgehogs, NWT, photographer from West Winch who takes pictures on WW common. We have contacts already for these.
- We will try to get more leaflets out at appropriate times of year giving suggestions for gardeners such as no mow May.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

Cllr Braybrook has reported the standing water on Common Lane to NCC Highways.

Clerk to follow up on the state of Cedar Road paths

Clerk to send a letter to the owners of The Lodge to ask them to cut back their hedge as it is encroaching on the roadway.

Clerk to follow up on getting the cycle path on the A10 between Rectory Lane and Chequers Lane cleared of brambles.

13. Planning

a) Applications Considered –

24/00960/F – Retrospective Approval for Boundary Wall Fronting Cedar Grove at The Cedars, 36 Cedar Grove, North Runcton PE33 0QZ

The PC agreed to object to this application as being an exceptionally large structure for a residential cul-de-sac and not in keeping with the immediate surroundings.

24/00970/F – New Render to external elevations to 36 Cedar Grove, at The Cedars, 36 Cedar Grove North Runcton PE33 0QZ

The PC is not clear as to why they have been consulted and has no comment.

b) Comments made to BCKLWN - None

c) Decisions from the Borough Council

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

Vehicle movements will be impacted through the Common when the West Winch Growth Area is developed. Cattle grids would be a useful and it was agreed Cllr Morrish write a letter to propose this to the developers.

15. Correspondence

Verbal correspondence from a resident regarding the cutting schedule of our new grounds contractor. Cllr Morrish will set out a clear brief so there are no ambiguities on when and where to cut.

16. Finance

a) To agree the responses to Section 1 of the annual external audit form

The Clerk read these and all were agreed.

b) To approve the accounting statements in Section 2 of the annual external audit form

The balance as at the end of March 2024 was £48,212.

c) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st to 31st May 2024

	Opening Balance 01/05/24	Less Exp	Add Income	Closing Balance 31/05/24
NRPC Account	57,520.31	1,028.31	886.34	57,378.34
VMP Account	8,175.90	1,695.34	127.50	6,608.06
				63,986.40

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice £	VAT element - non recoverable £
VMP				
05/06/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th May- 5 th June 2024	187.85	0.00
05/06/24	R Curtis	Expenses	16.70	0.00
31/05/24	Mr Brights	9 th May – 5 th June 24	214.50	0.00
			419.05	
NRPC				
05/06/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th May-5 th June 24	714.74	0.00
05/06/24	R Curtis	Expenses	52.20	0.00
14/05/24	W Border	Internal Audit	60.00	0.00
01/05/24	D Wye	Grass Cutting	120.00	0.00
13/05/24	K Fuller	UPP Compensation	100.00	0.00
08/06/24	WNLTC	Grant Payment	2,000.00	0.00
01/06/24	Clear Councils	Annual Insurance Policy	988.08	0.00
			4,035.02	

17. Public Participation – all members of the public welcome – 5 minute session –
The work being done to the Cricket Club pavilion has started.

18. Items for future agenda –

19. Dates of next meetings – 9th July 2024, no meeting in August by tradition

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed 9th July 2024