

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 10th September 2024 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish (arrived at 8.30pm), Cllr P Yallop, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr B Houchen, Cllr L Gunn, Cllr K Williams

County Councillor Moriarty

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

The Parish Council acknowledged the sad passing of 2 residents of the village. Cllr K Fuller gave the condolences of fellow Councillors to Cllr J Fuller for the passing of his father John Fuller, an active farmer in the village for many years. Condolences to the family of Tony Stewart - an active member of the village who volunteered his time to clear the pathway at the back of the church for many years.

1. To accept any apologies – Cllr S Palmer

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

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Residents across Norfolk are being reminded of the importance of buying lithium-ion batteries for a range of everyday devices only from reputable and safe retailers, to ensure they meet UK safety standards and aren't a fire risk after a recent fire in a Norfolk Property.

From November this year, customers visiting NCC recycling centres will need to book a slot before they arrive. There is information recently published about this on the NCC website to explain how this will work.

Cllr Moriarty read out an email from a NCC officer regarding vehicles using Illington Lane in recent days to access the fields to carry out investigation works relating to the West Winch Access Road. NCC have stated that disruption will be kept to a minimum and many vehicles which are able to navigate via another route, will do so. The PC has been made aware of the situation from a resident and is following the situation closely.

4. Public Participation - Two residents of Illington Lane attended the meeting to discuss the issue of the vehicles as stated above. The residents have been in touch with the same NCC Officer and expressed their concerns and also those of the alignment of the new road plans to Illington Lane and the loss of trees. These have been brought up formally by comments made on the application and the resident will have the opportunity to comment further in the coming weeks.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2024

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 9th July 24 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting

7. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

Cllr Braybrook reported some maximum speeds in the village of 50mph on Rectory Lane and 65mph on New Road.

8. To report on VMP management matters

- A new part has been sent by Velux for the window opening. However, a scaffold tower is needed to reach the roof area. Cllr Morrish and Cllr Palmer are currently trying to find someone who can help with this.

- Buttercups have reported seeing animal droppings. Cllr Morrish has laid 2 traps, but suspects the droppings are from bats.

9. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

- An August tidy up took place at Sheeps Course Wood, some bird boxes had fallen out of trees which need putting back up. Cllr Gunn said there is now some life on the ground including foxgloves since the canopy was cleared a while ago.
- A litter pick is due to take place on 26th October.
- It was suggested that the volunteers could help with churchyard maintenance – work that Tony Steward used to undertake. Cllr Palmer to liaise with Ken Matthews.

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

22nd November was suggested for the Quiz later in the year, this will be confirmed.

11. To accept the PC's Biodiversity Policy

No updates for this meeting.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

- The pathway between Rectory Lane bus shelter and Coronation Ave is overgrown with weeds and brambles. This falls within the boundary of West Winch.
- The hedges are still overgrown at the Lodge – ACTION: Clerk to send another letter to the residents. Cllr K Fuller suggested that it would be a good idea to put a message out to residents to keep their hedges cut back via the newsletter.

Cllr Morrish joined the meeting at 8.30pm.

13. Planning

a) Applications Considered –

13/01103/FM - Construction of 32 holiday log cabins and clubhouse/swimming pool/gym for holiday use including managers accommodation in no. 39 The Green and change of use from racing/livery yard to general livestock and ancillary storage ancillary to holiday business – re-application

Cllr Morrish had sent a draft letter to comment on the above which has been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to send the letter without any amendments.

b) Comments made to BCKLWN - None

c) Decisions from the Borough Council

- 24/01124/F - The Old School House, The Green, PE33 0RB - Replacement of existing Luton van box-body with garden shed – Application Permitted

- 13/01615/OM Land West of Constitution Hill Constitution Hill North Runcton PE33 0QP
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- Application Permitted

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

- The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be updated, Cllr Morrish said the group will wait until the upcoming changes to the NPPF have happened and the Borough Council has the Local Plan in place and then it will be revisited and reflect new legislation and other matters relevant to it.
- The Central Government plan to increase house building may mean BCKLWN have to revise upwards their existing house building targets. There are discussions regarding a train station to be located in the West Winch/Saddlebow area.

15. Correspondence -

Correspondence to Cllr K Fuller

- Residents have been concerned at the number and frequency of drones flying over peoples gardens recently. This has been reported and the police have confiscated some equipment.
- There is some confusion over the hedges at the back of some properties along Common Lane. A resident reported they have been told they cannot cut them back, but Cllr Gunn commented that much of the hedge in this area belongs to the residents and it is their responsibility to cut it back.
- There have been several complaints in the village about people having bonfires and in particular burning green waste. This has been particularly unpleasant during the warmer weather. PC to update 'bonfire etiquette' on the website.

16. Finance

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

	Opening Balance 01/07/24	Less Exp	Add Income	Closing Balance 31/08/24
NRPC Account	53,810.42	2,209.51	0.00	51,600.91
VMP Account	6,262.94	1,051.27	1,116.60	6,328.27
				57,929.18

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice £	VAT element - non recoverable £
VMP				
05/08/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th July - 5 th Aug 2024	188.85	0.00
22/08/24	OJS Electrical	VMP Work	132.00	0.00
05/09/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th Aug - 5 th Sept 2024	187.85	0.00
23/08/24	Mr Brights	Cleaning Aug	214.20	0.00
			722.90	
NRPC				
05/08/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th July-5 th July 24	714.78	0.00
05/08/24	R Curtis	Expenses	40.83	0.00
22/08/24	R Morrish	Gazebo	179.99	0.00
31/05/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 6 th Aug-5 th Sept 24	714.78	0.00
01/08/24	D Wye	Grass Cutting - July	120.00	0.00
10/09/24	PKF Littlejohn	23/24 Audit	252.00	
10/09/24	NR Cricket Club	Grant Donation from PC	2,500.00	
			4,522.38	

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

- PCC Dates for the diary
Coffee Morning – 5th October
Harvest Supper – 9th October

Churchyard Tidy Up – 12th October

- Cllr Moriarty advised that the Borough are holding a planning update session for PC's the Clerk will attend on 19th Sept.

18. Items for future agenda – finalise Quiz night date and arrangements.

19. Dates of next meetings – No meeting in August by tradition, 8th October 2024, 12th November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed 10th September 2024