

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 11th October 2022 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr R Morrish (Chair), Cllr P Yallop, Cllr K Williams, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr K Fuller, Cllr L Gunn, Cllr S Palmer.

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis, Bor Cllr Nash, Bor Cllr Gidney, County Cllr J Moriarty and 8 members of the public

1. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the death of Queen Elizabeth.

2. **To accept any apologies** – Cllr B Houchen

3. **Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda** - None

4. **County and Borough Councillors Matters**

- Cllr Moriarty said he had recently attended a Police Crime and Commissioner meeting and the message he had to bring back to Parish Councils is to engage with the beat manager working in your area and engage with the SNAP meetings. Cllr Williams had volunteered to represent the PC at these meetings. (Clerk will forward all future Police related NALC emails to Cllr Williams).

The construction of the relief road in the West Winch Growth area is an ongoing issue and was discussed again at a recent County Council meeting. There is still concern that there will be multiple access points for various construction sites when building starts onto the A10, and this will have a huge impact until the new road building begins.

- Cllr Nash reported of ongoing difficulties he has had at the Borough Council in terms of data and subject access requests, also a whistleblowing complaint, he continues to work on finding resolutions to these issues.

He is taking up the issue with the Borough Council that both West Winch and North Runcton PC's should have been consulted at the start of the Town Deal Fund process, and this has been picked up by auditors. Work on this is ongoing.

The Borough Council are holding roadshows offering advice on how to help people to manage their energy bills with money saving ideas.

- Bor Cllr Gidney reported that the Town Deal Board have some ideas for the South Quay area (Riverfront) of the town. The consultation has been available online.
- There has been a change in Building Regulations which makes the process more complex for construction.

5. **Public Participation –**

An update from the PCC – the Harvest Supper will take place on 12th October. The churchyard tidy up was very successful recently. Thanks to Peter Fuller for repairing the church wall. £235 was raised at the recent Macmillan coffee morning. Expertise is being bought in to submit a lottery heritage grant application.

Mr Childs reluctantly reported that after 25 years of weeding and clearing Old Hall Walk he feels he can no longer carry on. The PC thanked him for carrying out this work. He also reported that areas of grass outside properties along Cedar Grove are not being maintained – **ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Morrish to meet with Mr Childs to look at Old Hall Walk and Cedar Grove. PC already own half of Old Hall Walk and will look into purchasing the other half.**

6. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July 2022**

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

7. **Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 19th July and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting**

- The PC is still looking for speedwatch volunteers.

- The Clerk reported that Spire Solicitors set out 5 options that the PC could take in terms of taking some responsibility for the 'coffin way' at the side of the Church. To proceed with most options the Land Registry require proof of ownership – which is what we are trying to establish! It has been established that it is not a designated public right of way (NCC), but it is clearly a prescriptive right of way (established by long usage). The real issue is who should be responsible for management with consideration of the trees and their contribution to local amenity. The PC discussed the next step to take and it was agreed that asking for a 30 minute call with the solicitor may be more productive than more emails ACTION: Clerk to contact Spire to set this up.
- ACTION: Clerk to circulate NALC updates to all Cllrs to consider relevant items for North Runcton.

8. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

Cllr Braybrook presented his report for Rectory Lane where in the latest period 60% of cars were exceeding 30mph, 10% over 45mph and a top speed of 75mph was recorded. Cllr Moriarty suggested that this data should be fed back to the Police. ACTION: Cllr Braybrook to present the data he has gathered to the clerk. Clerk to also obtain previous data gathered from former Cllr Steven. Confirm what format the Police will need the data in.

9. To report on VMP management matters

- The window in the lobby is cracked, Cllr Morrish has ordered a new one and awaiting installation.
- The back gate is in need of repair – Cllr Morrish to look at this.
- Medulla Yoga have made several complaints regarding the cleanliness of the floor at the start of their sessions. The Clerk has made hirers aware of the importance of clearing up after using the Hall so that it is clean for the next person.
- Correspondence was received from the Art Club regarding the weight of the table storage enclosure in the main hall, as their members are finding it difficult to move the opening and get the tables out. ACTION: Cllr Braybrook and Cllr K Fuller will look into this and report back to PC on proposed solution
- Cllr Morrish is awaiting response from UK Power networks regarding export capacity for the PV Panel project – further discussion required when an update is received.

10. To Agree the hire Policy for the VMP

The draft policy was reviewed and agreed to be adopted following a minor amendment.

11. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

There is a clear-up day and litter picking to take place in October and November. Work to be scheduled for Hardwick Common in the new year and Cllr Palmer said that there are some new volunteers coming forward which is encouraging. Details are posted on NRHCV Facebook site.

12. To discuss the purchase of additional dog bins for Hardwick common and Illington Lane

At the July meeting the purchase and installation of 2 bins was discussed, one at Illington Lane which Cllr Williams looked into and another at Hardwick Common which Cllr Houchen looked at. Their feedback was discussed at the meeting and Cllrs felt that a bin at Illington Lane was not required due to the position in relation to other bins. However, the existing bin on the Hardwick Common near Beveridge Way is well used and often overflowing and Cllrs agreed to place a new bin at the other end of the Common. Members of the 'Rapid Relief Team' were present at the meeting and they kindly agreed to donate a bin which the PC thanked them for.

13. To consider quotes for changing the VMP website

This item will be deferred to later in the year when Cllr Palmer has done some more work/research.

14. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2022

- It was agreed to organise a VMP Quiz Night for January – Friday 13th.

15. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

The Parish Council considered some proposals to changes in the A47 speed limits as part of a safety improvement scheme between King's Lynn and Pentney.

The PC was broadly supportive, but considered that frequently changing speed limits along the same route can be confusing to drivers and cause anxious behaviour. The question was raised as to whether the 30mph speed limit through Middleton will be enforced with cameras.

The PC had also received proposals for a new bus stop for the A47. (See below).

16. Planning

a) 22/01293/F – Replacement place of worship at Jacaranda, 65 New Road

The applicants attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding the application. The resident from the neighbouring property said that she felt the new position of the building would overshadow her home with the pitch and height of the roof. It was suggested that the new building could be positioned differently on the site which the applicant accepted and said they would look at the plans and application again.

22/0162/F – 25 The Green, extension to bungalow – the PC has no comment to make on this application

22/01771/F – 7 Common Lane, new garden wall – Cllrs thought the wall seemed high and materials selection, detailing and planting in front to soften the impact would be important.

18/01966/RM | Reserved Matters: Lidl Supermarket - Morston Point Land North East of Scania Way Hardwick Industrial Estate

18/01967/RM | Reserved Matters: Erection of food establishment/drive thru takeaway | Morston Point Land North East of Scania Way Hardwick Industrial Estate

Further comments submitted on these applications

b) Decisions received from BCKLWN – none

22/01022/F – North Runcion Kings Lynn Caravan and Camping Park – Solar PV Panels on the roof of 4 holiday lodges – Application Permitted.

c) Comments

A47 Bust Stop Accessibility Review – this was discussed and many points of concern were raised in terms of pedestrian safety – clerk to submit comments.

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

Stakeholder meeting on 14th Oct - Clerk and Cllr Morrish to attend and Cllr Palmer via Zoom.

18. Correspondence –

Concern about mounds of soil tipped along the service road/old A47 next to the Toll House and Kings Lynn campsite.

19. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st July 31st August 2022

	Opening Balance 01/07/22	Less March Chqs	Less DD's	Add income	Closing Balance 31/08/22
	£	£	£	£	£
NRPC Account	49,072.49	1,312.71	4.80	0.00	47,754.98
VMP Account	20,034.52	562.20	514.58	3,072.00	22,029.74
					69,784.72

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount	VAT element -
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on Invoice non recoverable

£ £

Aug - From VMP Account

05/08/22	R Curtis	Salary 6 th July – 5 th Aug 22	158.73	0.00
			158.73	0.00

Sept

05/09/22	R Curtis	Salary 6 th Aug – 5 th Sept	158.73	0.00
26/058/22	Mr Brights	Cleaning Aug 22	194.74	0.00
			353.47	

Oct

05/10/22	R Curtis	Salary 6 th Sept – 5 th Oct 22	158.73	0.00
05/10/22	R Curtis	Expenses	24.96	0.00
23/09/22	Mr Brights	Cleaning Sept 22	194.74	0.00
01/09/22	AMR	Maintenance	111.00	0.00
			489.43	

Aug - From NRPC Account

19/07/22	R Morrish	Expenses Residents Meeting	11.99	0.00
05/08/22	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th July – 5 th Aug 22	608.01	0.00
			620.00	

Sept.

05/09/22	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Aug – 5 th July 22	608.01	0.00
31/08/22	CGM	Cutting – Aug 22	67.86	0.00
10/06/22	CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	0.00
31/08/22	NRPCC	Contribution to Grass Cutting – Church	325.00	0.00
			1,036.87	

Oct

05/10/22	R Curtis	Salary 6 th Sept – 5 th Oct	608.01	0.00
30/09/22	CGM	Cutting – Sept 22	33.92	0.00
			641.93	

20. Public Participation – all members of the public welcome – 5 minute session - None

21. Items for future agenda –

PV Panels for the VMP update, Common Gate update, Quiz Night - January

22. Date of next meeting – 8th November 22

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signed 8th November 2022