

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 12th November 2024 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish, Cllr P Yallop, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr L Gunn, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr K Williams, Borough Councillor Thomas Barclay

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

1. To accept any apologies – Cllr B Houchen, County Councillor Moriarty, Borough Councillor Nash

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

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Councillor Barclay had nothing to report at this point in the meeting.

4. Public Participation

- John Gadsby attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new Chair of Buttercups Pre School. Some recent matters which had been brought to the attention of the Clerk by the Pre School Manager were discussed including, droppings found in the outside store, the condition of the toilet cistern and seats and some mould near the air brick in the front hall. The PC reassured John that these things are in hand. There have been no mice found in the traps set in the store, the plumber had visited the Hall and looked at the toilets and made some adjustments and Rick would look at the air brick. Cllr K Fuller suggested that John has a look round the VMP with the Clerk after the meeting to discuss any matters further and to get an idea of the condition of the Hall and Store.
- A resident raised the matter of potholes in the village, the Clerk is continuing to report them as they are brought to her attention. Cllr Barclay suggested that if more than one person reports the potholes, this may be an effective way of getting them repaired quicker. Cllr Palmer will send some photos to the Clerk of the damage mentioned on the Twisty Twiney. An alternative to reporting online is to phone the Norfolk County Council helpline and select the required option - **0344 800 8020**
- Ken Matthews from the PCC reported on the following:
Thanked the PC for its annual contribution to the cost of grounds maintenance.
Work is still progressing with the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant application, the steering group is working well and a project completion date is set for October 2027.
Thanks to Cllr Nash for his help with the bracket for the owl box pole.
An Open Gardens event is planned for 21st June 2025 and Ken asked if permission could be granted for a few classic cars to be displayed on the Green. Cllr J Fuller said he was in agreement.
- The resident also said he had reported some bonfires in the village recently and the process and information which is required by the Borough Council seemed long and some information seemingly irrelevant. However, the outcome was satisfactory.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2024

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 8th October 24 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting

Nothing to report for this meeting.

7. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign - Cllr Braybrook presented the following

NEW ROAD CAMPSITE OCT 24

85th Percentile Speed 32.8 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles 17559

Max Speed 75 MPH on 23/10/2024 20:05:00

Total Vehicles 2065

Cllr Braybrook said it was concerning a top speed on 75mph has been recorded. There was some discussion about the effectiveness of the sign the PC has, if drivers take any notice and the fact that there are no consequences for speeding. The readings taken from the speed watch group were sent to the police and letters generated that were sent to drivers. However, it has been difficult to recruit volunteers to form a new team and not enough people have come forward. There are more sophisticated cameras available which have number plate recognition, Cllr Braybrook will look into these and if reports can be sent from these to the Road Safety Team for any cautionary letters to be sent. Further discussion at next meeting.

8. To report on VMP management matters

- Matters discussed in Item 4 with John Gadsby.
- Cllr Morrish has fixed the mechanism in the skylight.

9. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

- A litter pick was carried out on 26th October, collecting 15 bags - there has been a fast build up of more rubbish and another one planned for the new year.
Thanks to the RRT for clearing the pathway near the clay pits.

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

Quiz night - 22nd November. Seven tables have been confirmed. Cllr Gunn has refreshments planned.

11. To accept the PC's Biodiversity Policy

No updates for this meeting. A reminder that the policy should be used to monitor planning applications.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

Potholes reported in Item 4.

Common Lane has been swept and thanks to Cllr Braybrook for tidying the grass edges.

Cllr Williams asked who owns the hedge outside the Tennis Club, this is the Towlers who usually cut this back each year in January/February.

13. Planning

a) Applications Considered –

24/01846/F – Woodside, 37 New Road, North Runcton, Kings Lynn, PE33 0QS

It was felt that the revised plans show improvement with a less imposing building. The PC has no comment on this application

24/01903/F – Erection of single-storey rear extension, front porch, and extension of hipped roof (to replace existing flat roof), rendering external walls, and replacing external windows / doors.] Newlands 23 The Green North Runcton King's Lynn Norfolk PE33 0RB

A new application with a scaled-down extension proposal. Seems to be more in keeping with the setting than the current permitted scheme. No comment.

24/00555/F – North Runcton Land Behind 32 Winch Road, PE33 0ND – The erection of a cottage and garage on a former brown field site –

The PC discussed the history of this site, its location and access in relation to the A10. It was decided to send a letter of support restating some comments made in a previous letter.

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

Cllr Morrish has updated the FAQ's document after the last stakeholders meeting regarding the WWHAR. These will be discussed with Karl Pattinson at the next stakeholders meeting on 18th November and can then be published on the PC website.

15. Correspondence

- 1 - A letter of thanks from The Middleton & District Branch of the Royal British Legion to the North

Runcton Parish Council, thanking in particular Cllr K Williams who attended the remembrance service on behalf of NRPC.

2 - The PCC thanked Cllr K Fuller for cleaning the war memorial prior to the service.

16. Finance

To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st Oct – 31st Oct 2024

	Opening Bal 01/10/24 £	Less Payments £	Add income £	Closing Bal 31/10/24 £
NRPC Account	47,490.23	328.60	0.00	47,161.63
VMP Account	3,816.88	462.13	348.46	3,703.21
				50,864.84

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>				
05/11/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Oct – 5 th Nov 2024	187.85	0.00
12/11/24	R Curtis	LGS Pay Agreement back pay	65.52	0.00
20/10/24	Mr Brights	Cleaning Oct	214.20	0.00
			467.57	
<u>From NRPC Account</u>				
05/11/24	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Sept – 5 th Oct 2024	714.78	0.00
12/11/24	R Curtis	Expenses	61.51	0.00
12/11/24	R Curtis	LGS Pay Agreement back pay	283.65	0.00
			1,059.94	

17. Public Participation

A resident reported that the hedge at 22 Cedar Grove has been cut back. The Clerk will now pursue NCC further re the state of the pavement and ask that the moss is removed.

No action has been taken at the Lodge to reduce their hedge overgrowing the path and highway at Rectory Lane, Cllr K Fuller asked that the Clerk sends a follow up letter.

18. Items for future agenda – review the accounts for precept discussions

19. Dates of next meetings – 10th December 2024, 14th January 2025

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed 10th December 2024