

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 11th March 2025 - 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, Cllr B Houchen County Councillor Moriarty, Bor Cllr Barclay

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis and 6 members of the public

1. **To accept any apologies** – Bor Cllr Simon Nash
2. **Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda** – none

3. **County and Borough Councillors Matters**

Cllr Barclay gave an update on devolution talks taking place at Borough level. This process is quite fast moving with many meetings happening. It is too early for any conclusions or proposals to be agreed. There is a consultation period now open which runs till mid April. There is an increase in fees and charges which will come into effect from 1st April.

Cllr Moriarty confirmed there will be no County Councillor elections in May 2025 due to devolution, these will be postponed until May 2026 and could happen at the same time as those for the elected mayor. Cllr Gunn asked about boundaries and if there will be a Kings Lynn Town Council. There is work to be done by the boundary commission, but too early to say what a map might look like. There could be a possible shadow authority in place by 2027.

Negotiation on the Section 106 agreement for the Hopkins Homes development is still ongoing. A recent meeting was closed to the public due to commercial confidence. The WW Relief Road is still going through the planning process.

4. **Public Participation**

- There is a piece of asbestos board on Rectory Lane and a tyre on a post near where the recent litter pick rubbish was collected – Cllr Braybrook will report.
- The no dog fouling notices have been removed from Old Hall Walk. The Clerk will let Mr Childs have some more and he will kindly put them up again.

The PCC steering group gave a short presentation to update the PC on the progress on the National Lottery Grant for the Church. Work is progressing and the consultation stage is in process. Mailshots are going out asap to gain community engagement and feedback. There will be a Community Day held at the VMP on 5th April including a coffee morning, children's craft session and then a talk from an ex-pilot. The PCC are keen to promote the project being for the North Runcton Community as well as benefitting the Church and gain support from as many community groups as possible. The PC was asked if there is a board available in the VMP to put leaflets and information on, Councillors agreed that the PCC can use whatever space is free and look at this outside the meeting. Councillors agreed to give as much support to the project as they can and promote and advertise the Church is not just as place of worship, but also a community facility.

5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2025**

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. **Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 11th February 2025 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting.**

The Clerk is in the final stages of opening a savings account at Redwood Bank to deposit £30,000 with an interest rate of 4.2%. The account has a notice period for withdrawal of 95 days.

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

NEW ROAD CAMPSITE MARCH 25

Report From 11/02/2025 16:00:00 through 01/03/2025 07:59:59

Max Speed 75 MPH on 22/02/2025 16:10:00

Total Vehicles 14,320

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Count Over Limit	98	105	125	104	131	79	51
% over limit	5.6	4.6	5.0	3.9	4.9	6.1	4.5
Avg Speeder	38.3	38.1	38.7	38.1	38.6	39.1	37.7

8. To report on VMP management matters

- Cllr Morrish will mend the latch on the back door.
- The PV panels have produced 7,250 kwh of electricity in 11 months, this indicates that the panels will produced at least half of the VMP's electricity in a year.

9. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

- The litter pick which took place on 15th February was a success collecting around 20 sacks of rubbish.
- Cllr Palmer and Cllr Gunn plan to split some of the clumps of snowdrops in the coming weeks.

10. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2025

- Quiz night – Friday 21st March 2025 7 tables booked so far.
- VE Day celebrations – Cllr K Fuller and Cllr Braybrook will look at organising an event for Monday 5th May with an agreed budget of £500. More to be discussed next meeting.

11. To discuss work relating to the PC's Biodiversity Policy

The group met in February and the notes of the meeting are as follows:

Notes of Biodiversity Group Meeting 26th February 2025

- Survey of Sheeps Course Wood so as to help monitor biodiversity over time. Using sample 10m x 10m squares we will take photos through the seasons to observe changes. We will also attempt to identify the species present.
- Planting on common land in Rectory Lane. Add more snowdrops, bluebells, cowslips, primroses, aconites and anything else that flowers in spring and likes wet ground. Tidy the conifers to provide more space.
- The church yard. Norfolk Wildlife Trust is reviewing wildlife on the site and will make recommendations. We will wait for them to conclude their work before doing anything.
- Common pond – we support reducing the reeds etc in the hope of encouraging flora and fauna. Hope Jeremy will be able to get permission to do this later in the year.
- Annual residents' meeting. We will grow seeds (wild flowers and bee friendly) in newspaper pots to give away/sell.
- Winter talks, possible subjects are bees, hedgehogs, NWT, photographer from West Winch who takes pictures on WW common. We have contacts already for these. By autumn we could have someone to talk about the churchyard findings. Possibility of getting someone to talk about the ecology of the road.
- Leaflets Keep it simple, one topic at a time such as bonfires, no mow May, alternatives to weeding, maintaining gravel.
- Deadheading daffodils – conservation volunteers.
- Open gardens event in June – give out leaflets.

Councillors supported the suggestions made by the group.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

The Clerk is meeting the Highways officer in the village on Monday to discuss the positions of the village gateway signs and also Cedar Grove.

13. Planning

24/01846/DISC_A – Discharge of conditions at Woodside, 37 New Road – the PC had no comment

25/00248/F - Caravan at Church Farm retention of existing mobile home for use as a dwelling house – the PC had no comment

b) Decisions from the Borough Council

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

There are approximately 30 documents on the NCC website relating to the WWGA road, Cllr Morrish to look at these and draft a response. Cllr Morrish aims to attend a WWPC meeting to begin discussions about the revision of the neighbourhood plan.

15. Correspondence – BCKLWN – Briefing on Devolution to take place on 17th March 2025 either at the Town Hall or virtually – Clerk to distribute email link

16. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st Feb – 28th Feb 2025

	Opening Bal 01/02/25 £	Less Payments £	Add income £	Closing Bal 28/02/25 £
NRPC Account	45,529.75	748.81	70.00	44,851.33
VMP Account	8,175.49	1,124.06	724.00	7,775.43
				52,626.76

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>				
05/03/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Feb – 5 th Mar 25	205.29	0.00
07/02/25	Steward Safety	Annual Check	130.58	0.00
	Supplies			
10/03/25	AMR	Service and repair units in VMP	149.94	0.00
11/03/25	AMR	Annual Service agreement for 25/26	171.30	0.00
			657.11	
<u>From NRPC Account</u>				
05/02/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Feb – 5 th Mar 2025	747.81	0.00
			747.81	

17. Public Participation – None

18. Items for future agenda – VE Day

19. Dates of next meetings – 8th April 2025, 13th May 2025, Annual Residents Meeting 20th May 25

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed 8th April 2025