

# NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 7.45pm

**Present:** Cllr Richard Morrish (Chairman), Cllr Ann Towler (Vice-Chair), Cllr Richard Markham, Cllr Kerry Fuller, Cllr Paul Yallop, Cllr Barry Houchen, Cllr Jeremy Fuller, Cllr Gill Sergeant, Bor. Cllr June Leamon

10 members of the public were also present

**1. Apologies for absence**

Bor. Cllr. Paul Foster

**2. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in items on the Agenda**

Item 8. Cllr Jeremy Fuller

**3. County and Borough Councillors Matters, PCSO's Report**

Bor. Cllr Leamon reported the following;

- There is a temporary change to the bus services southbound from King's Lynn affecting the North Runcton area. The pick up and drop off points in King's Lynn have moved to Portland Street and concern was raised for the elderly using this new area due to movement of traffic and access to the site. Cllr Leamon will raise these concerns with the Borough Council.
- English Tourism Week is taking place in King's Lynn from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. There are many free events taking place at the Custom House and maritime walks – see the Borough Council website for more details.
- Cllr Yallop asked if Cllr Leamon was aware of the TROD scheme of informal pathways created to allow better pedestrian access along areas of road that are not 'walker friendly'. She informed the meeting that TROD construction is match funded by Norfolk County Council 50/50 with the PC. Cllr Yallop reported that Middleton Parish Council have approached businesses in the local area to contribute to the TROD – which will run from North Runcton to Fair Green and therefore benefit residents in North Runcton as well as Middleton.

**4. Public Participation – all members of the public welcome – 15 minute session**

- Concerns were raised by Parishioners over the state of the Village, in particular soil heaps and the recent felling of several large oak trees on the common, and general tidiness of verges etc. Cllr Morrish suggested that this may be an agenda item of the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

**5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

**6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February meeting and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this meeting**

- **Manhole Cover on Constitution Hill**  
This has now been repaired successfully.
- **Fly Tipping**  
This has been removed from the Twisty Twinney by the Borough Council. Cllr Morrish reported some fly tipping near the Clay Pits – Clerk to inform Borough Council.
- **Phone Box on New Road**  
Light bulb still not working, Clerk to follow up with BT.
- **Caravan near Wood Cottage**  
Clerk to report again to Borough Council.
- **Councillor Vacancy**  
Still a vacant position, however this is now for the North Runcton Ward as the 3 positions in the Hardwick Ward will be filled by Cllr Morrish, Cllr J Fuller and Cllr Houchen.

**7. Parish Council Elections – 7th May 2015**

The Clerk spoke of the nomination process and timetable and asked if Councillors could hand in their nomination papers at the end of the meeting.

## **8. Progress Regarding the following proposed redevelopments**

### **Runcton Hall Stables**

Work to agree an easement along School Lane with the Seventh Day Adventist Church continues. The Parish Council has appointed a Surveyor and advice has been given. The Parish Council will seek guidance from their solicitors on some issues raised which would then allow the prospective purchaser and Parish Council to agree an easement.

### **Church Farm**

Following the public exhibition in January, the Parish Council has sent a letter to the Pegasus group with comments including;

- Concerns raised over increased traffic
- Existing plans for the site would not be in keeping with the Borough Councils vision for the Village
- Given Hopkins Homes plans for 1,600 houses, North Runcton is not in need of any new homes
- However, the PC would wish to continue liaison with the developer team

## **9. Church information to be advertised on the website**

The Parish Council discussed the offer of pastoral care house calls to be made from Rev Riaz to be advertised on the Parish Website. The Council agreed that this would be acceptable and also to post information on the notice boards if requested.

## **10. The Annual Parish Meeting**

The Council discussed various ideas for the format of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May. Councillors felt that a more social evening style with refreshments available would encourage more parishioners to attend and engage the community. The public were asked to send any ideas for agenda items to the Clerk or Chairman.

## **11. Highways**

### **Missing ironwork at 3 Common Lane**

Clerk has reported to Highways

### **Damage to carriageway on Hardwick Narrows junction off the Hardwick roundabout**

Clerk has reported to Highways

### **Toad Signs**

Cllr Morrish reported the process he has followed to try and get signs for Common Lane to alert drivers of toads crossing the road. This matter is still ongoing.

### **Telegraph Pole**

Pole on Common Lane near the Tennis Courts is leaning severely. Clerk to report to Open Reach.

## **12. Planning**

### **a) Applications to consider**

15/00299/A – Esso Petroleum Co. 2 externally illuminated signs and 3 non illuminated signs

As the signs are above the petrol pumps only, the Parish Council has no objection

### **b) Decisions Received from BCKLWN**

14/01809/F – East Anglia House, 3 Bay Garage and Store – Application Permitted

### **c) Comments made to BCKLWN**

Hopkins Homes - Extension granted on the outline application for another 4 months

Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-Submission Document - Comments were submitted

CIL Letter – Comments submitted to the Borough Council asking for more clarification on this matter

## **13. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Morrish gave an update – The independent examiner has looked at the draft Neighbourhood Plan, and comments have been received. LDF planning officers will help write policies and more work is to be done to produce another draft in Spring 2015 at which point it will be open to public consultation. Of the £7,000 *Locality* grant offered to assist the NP process, £6,700 was spent (ie the remaining £300 was not received). However Locality have been awarded another £32million to assist communities and North Runcton and West Winch will be eligible to apply again for more funding.

#### 14. Correspondence

##### **The Planning Inspectorate – Palm Paper – Procedure and Timetable**

An application by Palm Paper for an Order Granting Development Consent for a 80m high power turbine is ongoing. The representations and application documents are on display at King's Lynn and Gaywood Libraries and the Borough Council offices, for more information contact the Clerk.

##### **Dead of Easement for School Lane – Mr and Mrs Turner**

An easement has been agreed and drawn up by Spire Solicitors, to be signed by 2 Parish Councillors and witnessed by the Clerk at the end of this meeting.

#### 15. Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the year end budget monitoring report which showed that the Parish Council had overspent by £20 overall against the budgeted figure.
- b) The Council agreed to make the following payments;

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##### **From VMP Account**

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| Mr Brights | Cleaning 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 | 124.80       |
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##### **From NRPC Account**

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| Mrs R Curtis | 11 <sup>th</sup> February – 10 <sup>th</sup> March Clerk Salary | 320.30       |
| Mrs R Curtis | Postage                                                         | 8.68         |
| Mrs R Curtis | Payment from Reserves for shortfall in hours worked             | 350.00       |
|              |                                                                 | <hr/> 678.98 |

#### 16. Items for next meeting agenda

None

The Chairman asked if the public had any comments about what they'd heard at the meeting. No comments

#### 17. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

(Future meeting dates – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015; Annual Parish Meeting in May – date to be confirmed, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015; Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed .....

14<sup>th</sup> April 2015