

NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 14th July 2015 7.45pm

Present: Cllr Rick Morrish (Chair), Cllr Kerry Fuller (vice chair) Cllr Ann Towler, Cllr Paul Yallop, Cllr Jeremy Fuller

10 members of the public were also present

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Barry Houchen, Cllr Amanda Dobbing, Cllr Gill Sergeant

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

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

Bor. Cllr Peter Gidney reported that the Borough Council had been busy with its involvement in the Festival and Festival Too events in the town. The inspection of the Borough Council's Local Plan has been adjourned, probably until late September.

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

- There has been a car parked for long periods of time on the corner of 5 Common Lane which could be a road safety issue as it blocks the view of the road for drivers. Chairman to speak to the owner.
- There is the continuing problem of people not shutting the Common gates when cattle are out, the ultimate answer for the safety of the cattle would be cattle grids – however they would be expensive and the Parish Council does not have the funds to support this.
- Concerns were raised by several Parishioners regarding the proposed redevelopment of the old Runcton Hall Stables by the new owners, the Seventh Day Adventists. Despite social media publicity from the group, there has not been a new planning application submitted to support their intentions. Both the Chairman and the Borough Councillor were sympathetic to their worries and assured the meeting that the situation will be monitored and any applications which may be received will be looked at and comments made to reflect the views of the residents.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2015

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

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

- **Dangerous manhole cover New Road/Cedar Grove** - Works have been ordered.
- **Condition of pavements is Cedar Grove** – Highways will complete a safety check and work is programmed for resurfacing next year.
- **Ruts in Road along from Hardwick Narrow junction from Hardwick Roundabout** – Responsibility of the Highways Agency, NCC to forward to them.
- **Damage to road at Beveridge Way** – Work instructed to patch area and resurface.

7. Quotes for resurfacing School Road

The Chairman and Clerk have contacted 7 companies in total, one has made a site visit but no quotes have been received. There was discussion as to whether it is prudent to spend the money on resurfacing the road when there is pending redevelopment of the old Riding Stables and also Church Farm. However, it has been flagged in a risk assessment that the potholes require attention. Council agreed to delegate the decision to the Chairman and Clerk to decide on a quotation; however this may not happen over the summer recess.

8. Highways Issues

- There has been a decreased amount of heavy traffic through the village since the sign displaying no right turn 7.5 tonne restriction has been re-instated on the A47.
- Clerk to arrange a site visit with CGM to confirm grass areas which they are contracted to cut.

9. Planning

Certificate of lawfulness: Construction of biological waste water treatment plant, which will be used to clean site effluent to recycle water and produce biogas for electricity at Penguin Foods (UK) Ltd, 4 Scania Way, Hardwick Industrial Estate, King's Lynn **Comment – No Observations**

Clerk to enquire about plans for PV system on the Penguin site.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Update

The consultation process has begun which lasts until September. There are 2 drop in sessions, 1st August at the Village Meeting Place and 2nd August at the William Burt Centre. Leaflets will be delivered to all residents in the North Runcton and West Winch Parish, inviting them to attend and comment on the Plan. Letters and reports have been sent to statutory stakeholders and LDF officers are preparing a response. Fran Leamon is collating all responses.

11. Correspondence

Norfolk County Council – Availability of funding for local highways improvements

The County Council has allocated £300,000 on a 50/50 basis to fund schemes put forward by Town and Parish Councils to deliver projects that are priorities for local communities within the remit of highways improvements. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of a TROD, however, the Parish Council does not have the funds to cover 50% of the cost. Deadline for applications is 15th December 2015.

Caroline Jeffery, NCC – Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan document

In response to the letter sent by the Clerk, it was confirmed that there are no sites allocated for silica sand extraction in the parishes of North Runcton and West Winch over the plan period to 2026.

12. Finance

- a) The Clerk presented an income and expenditure summary for the first quarter accounts to 30th June 2015. £9,112 has been received as income against a budget of £9,342. £3,331.31 has been spent against a budget of £9,342.
- b) The Council agreed to make the following payments;

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From VMP Account

Mr Brights	Cleaning 25 th May – 19 th June 2015	124.80
R Morrish	Hasps and Locks	28.55
Rachel Curtis	Toilet Rolls	4.00
Kevin Day	Work to VMP front entrance area	120.23
		321.73

From NRPC Account

CGM Landscapes	Maintenance for June	67.27
Mrs R Curtis	10 th June – 14 th July Clerk Salary	331.22
Mrs R Curtis	Postage and Stationery and Expenses	9.07
		407.58

13. Items for next meeting agenda

- Action Points from Residents Meeting
- Work to complete VMP front entrance area
- Update on re-development by SDA

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 8th September 2015

(Future meeting dates – 13th October, 10th November, 8th December)

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed

8th September 2015