

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 13th December 2022 - 7.45pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis, 8 members of the public

1. To accept any apologies – Cllr K Fuller, Bor Cllrs Gidney and County Cllr J Moriarty

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

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr Moriarty had sent a report which had been distributed to all Councillors. Cllr Morrish read the headlines –

- The County Council are likely to promote a new mayoral system similar to the one which has been adopted in Suffolk.
- There is cost of living support available by way of vouchers and the County creating Warm Spaces where people can go and have a hot drink – many of these will be available in local libraries.
- County are reviewing school transport provision. It was noted that children are waiting for the bus on Rectory Lane, North Runcton, which is unsafe as there is no footpath.
- There is a new recycling credits scheme to promote items being taken out of household waste.

4. Public Participation –

- A resident asked if the PC had been made aware of National Highways intention to fell the large trees on Constitution Hill. Cllr Morrish said the PC had not, but will send a strongly worded letter asking for reasoning behind the action. ACTION: Send letter to National Highways.
- School Road is being resurfaced from the VMP to the south end. A resident asked about the piece of grass on the corner of the VMP and if this could be covered over. The PC would consider this and look at the VMP deeds, but initial thoughts are that it would be preferable for the tarmac not to come right up to the wall of the VMP.
- An area of land behind Max View on the Green is possibly being considered for development. It was brought to the attention of the PC that if the land in front is common land then there could be implications in terms of access.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th November 2022

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 8th November 2022 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting

- Ownership of Old Hall Walk cannot be established and will therefore be absorbed into the assets of the Parish in terms of maintenance to ensure it is safe to access. CGM will be asked to quote for putting down weed killer during the growing season. ACTION: Review needed by the steering group.
- Members of the PC will try and speak to Tony who helps to look after the churchyard to discuss maintaining the 'coffin way'. ACTION: Review needed by the steering group.

7. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

Data reported by Cllr Braybrook shows that speeding in Rectory Lane is bad, with the top speed being recorded as 70mph. ACTION: Clerk to chase Lee Stevens to get historical data.

8. To report on VMP management matters

- Nothing further to report as yet on the PV panels project, still waiting to hear back from UK Power.
- Cllr Morrish continues to chase the work being done to the back gate.
- The heater in the lobby needs to be looked at.

- Possible re-decoration to be done at Easter. Quotes needed to be considered.
- Lilian Fisher donated 50 place settings of white crockery to the PC for the VMP. A vote of thanks was noted and Cllr Gunn suggested the PC should get a card and flowers as a thank you – Cllrs Agreed, Cllr Gunn to organise.

9. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

- The village litter pick session was a great success with a good number of volunteers coming forward to help.
- There are some oak trees needing to be transplanted in the new year.

10. To hear an update on a potential upgrade to the Common Gate

- The PC received a letter from a parishioner who lives within the gated area of the common asking that the PC considers alternatives to the metal gate which requires a person to get out of their car to open and close manually. This idea has been looked at by Cllr Braybrook for several months and he gave this update. - a possible gate arrangement could be one similar to those found at entrances and exits of car parks, a type of barrier gate with a button to press to operate. This would cost in the region of £6k and an electricity supply would be needed at a cost of around £1k to install. There was discussion as to the potential of who would own this and maintain it and ensure it does not go wrong. The PC would not want to take on this role, neither would the Lord of the Manor or the Common Reeve. Then the idea of a cattle grid was suggested and discussed. It was felt that this would be a better idea as the grid could be put on Common Land and therefore not affect the highway and offer an alternative way of passing the road without opening the gate. However there could be a potential noise to neighbouring properties. It was suggested that a cattle grid could go on the opening of the Twisty Twinney instead of Common Lane. It is estimated that around 40/50 people live within the gated area of the common. ACTION: A plan will ne worked up between Cllr Braybrook, Cllr J Fuller, Peter Lemmon and Cllr Morrish. NCC Highways would have to be made aware of the plan to get their views before the PC makes a decision to proceed with this project or not. It is thought that this plan would cost around £7,000 and CIL monies could be applied for to assist with funding.

11. To consider quotes for changing the VMP website

Cllr Palmer ran though a map of ideas included in the minutes. Further discussion required a the next meeting.

12. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2022/23

- VMP Quiz Night Friday 13th January cost £8.50 per person in teams of 6, Cllr Braybrook to be quiz master.

13. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

West Winch housing Access Road Pre Application Consultation was held on 10th December. The number of people attending was high, the majority residents of North Runcton, but some came from West Winch. Councillors and the Clerk attended the session on a rota basis all day to hear what residents said. Many were against the plans with concerns over noise reduction, flooding and timescale of the build in relation to the housing being completed.

Cllr Morrish recently attended the Local Plan examination at the Borough, where the examiners did not look favourably on some aspects of the document.

There are bad potholes near the Sainburys roundabout , Clerk to report.

14. Planning

a) 22/01973/F – Construction of car paort and storage shed at 50 Common Lane

Comments made that the building could be of a better quality and set back from the road in line with the rest of the dwellings in the area.

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

The footprint of the building has been relocated to the front of the site. The 2 residents at the meeting had different view of whether the new position if better than the original. It was considered that if the required building and parking could not be acceptably located on the site with

sensitivity to the residential setting, then it might be concluded that the site is not suitable for the proposed development. Neighbours felt that if the applicant was still set on the proposal at this site, then the most acceptable solution would be replacement of the existing building on the same footprint.

- b) Decisions received from BCKLWN – none
- c) Comments - none

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

A Heritage Impact assessment has been carried out for West Winch which Historic England have raised some short comings.

When updating the Neighbourhood Plan in 2026, consideration should be given to heritage assets and included with photos etc.

16. Correspondence –

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17. Finance

- a) The Clerk presented the PC income and expenditure to the end of November in preparation for setting the precept in January. £7,347 has been spent to date compared to a budget of £16,458. The Clerk concluded that the finances are healthy and it would be up to Cllrs next meeting to decide if the precept would be increased.
- b) **To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st – 30th November 2022 CHECK THESE FIGURES!!!**

	Opening Balance 01/11/22	Less Chqs	Less DD's	Add income	Closing Balance 30/11/22
	£	£	£	£	£
NRPC Account	47,754.98	675.87	4.80	0.00	47,074.31
VMP Account	22,029.74	353.47	245.53	0.00	21,430.74
					68,505.05

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice	VAT element - non recoverable
			£	£
<u>VMP Account</u>				
05/12/22	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Nov – 5 th Dec 22	275.73	0.00
05/12/22	R Curtis	Expenses	34.49	0.00
18/11/22	Mr Brights	Cleaning Nov 22	194.74	0.00
30/11/22	West Norfolk	Replacement pane in lobby	123.47	0.00
	Glass		628.43	
<u>NRPC</u>				
05/12/22	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Nov – 5 th Dec 22	1,037.01	
05/12/22	R Curtis	Expenses	83.33	
			1,120.34	

18. Public Participation – all members of the public welcome – 5 minute session

A resident mentioned men working on the telegraph poles in Cedar Grove and Old Hall Drive – Clerk to contact James Ingram at Upp to ask if this is work that his team have done. A resident said he had been told that installing poles was the only option at present, as no ducting to be found.

Dangerous parking on the corner of the VMP – Clerk to email all hirers to re-inforce the parking arrangements and to park safely.

19. Items for future agenda –

Common Gate update, Precept, Website

20. Date of next meeting – 10th January 2022

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed 10th January 2022