

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 14th February 2023 - 7.45pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis, 11 members of the public

1. To accept any apologies – Cllr Williams

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

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr Moriarty had sent a report which has been distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Gidney reported that there are overall budget constraints at the Borough which will impact upon spending in all areas. The Local Plan Review has been adjourned and will recommence in the Autumn of 2023.

4. Public Participation –

- The residents of 3 Common Lane reported that cars are being parking on the village green outside their property which belong to their neighbour. This is damaging the grass. ACTION: Cllr Morrish will contact Peter Lemon regarding this.
- A resident said that planning permission will be sought for development behind Maxview, The Green. The PC is awaiting notification documents from the Borough regarding this.
- A resident asked about the speedwatch group and if it will be started up again. It is felt that speeding within the village is getting worse. ACTION: PC would like to ensure enough volunteers before booking training. Clerk will then contact the Police to arrange. Any other residents that wish to volunteer please contact clerk.
- A resident asked what action had been taken re the disparity between Buttercups fees and those paid by other groups. The Clerk said this had been discussed in the October meeting and would email a copy of the minutes and the Village Meeting Place policy to the resident.
- There was some discussion about the new road markings on the junction of New Road onto the A47, primarily the hatching off of the acceleration lane which residents and Councillors feel would make the junction more dangerous. Cllr Morrish encouraged residents to contact the PC with their concerns to collate and pass to the Highways Authority.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2023

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 10th January 2023 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting

7. To hear any reports from the SAM 2 sign

Cllr Braybrook reported the fastest speed recorded for this report was 65mph. He has reported this to the Police asking that they come to the village with a speed gun, but this has not been successful.

8. To report on VMP management matters

- The PC and Buttercups thanked Cllr Palmer for the replacement projector

To consider quotes for VMP redecoration

Three quotations were considered which varied greatly in price. A fourth contractor is due to visit the Hall on 15th Feb. Subject to the quote from the 4th contractor it was agreed to go with the lowest price contractor if he can provide a breakdown of the work elements. The window of opportunity for the work to be done will be the Easter holidays – 3rd – 14th April.

9. North Runcton and Hardwick Common Volunteers Update

- Trying to co-ordinate a small working group to plant some oak saplings in Sheeps Course Wood.
- A successful litter pick has been carried out in various locations around the village.

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

- Cllr Braybrook has met with the Assistant Director at NCC Highways alongside Peter Lemon and Cllr J Fuller to discuss the matter further. The proposal presented to NCC as outlined in January 2023 minutes was not met with a favourable response. If a cattle grid were to be installed, it would have to be done so by the Highways Authority with a cost to the PC of around £120,000. Highways are not receptive to any alternative plans. Therefore as the scheme is now cost prohibitive for the PC, no further action will be taken to progress the idea further.

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

- King's Coronation 7th May 2023 – It was suggested that the PC could hold an event in the evening of 7th May. Ideas included a hog roast/pizza. Cllr K Fuller agreed to get a quote for this and discuss further at the next meeting.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

There are bad potholes on Rectory Lane – Clerk to report.

There are several potholes on Greenyard Way – the Clerk believes work has been programmed in to fill these.

13. Planning

a) Applications Considered

22/01973/F - 50 Common Lane, Construction of Car Port and Shed – the PC discussed this and agreed the following response – ‘the set back of 2m and the dual pitch roof with shingles are an improvement on the original proposal – but in general that the building will still diminish this setting. The PC did not agree to support or object to the scheme.’

b) Comments

c) Decisions from the Borough Council

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

There is a stakeholder update at the KLIC on Thursday 2nd March 23.

15. Correspondence –

Despite modifications carried out by Cllr Braybrook to the front of the cupboard which holds the tables in the main hall, the Art Group are still finding it difficult to lift to gain access and move the tables. There was also an incident recently where the tables had been stacked inside the cupboard the wrong way round which meant they were unsafe to get out. There were some suggestions to put the front of the storage cupboard on castors for ease of movement, but no conclusive idea was agreed to be taken forward. It was agreed for Cllr Palmer will create some instructions on how to store the tables safely.

16. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances - 1st – 31st January 2023

	Opening Balance 01/01/23	Less Chqs	Less DD's	Add income	Closing Balance 31/01/23
	£	£	£	£	£
NRPC Account	44,310.38	895.68	2.40	0.00	43,412.30
VMP Account	18,741.01	411.43	281.11	1,757.00	19,805.47
					63,317.77

The following amounts were approved for payment;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice £	VAT element - non recoverable £
<u>VMP Account</u>				
05/02/23	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Jan – 5 th Feb 23	171.73	0.00
05/02/23	R Curtis	Expenses	10.97	0.00
28/01/23	TJE Joinery	New Yard Gate	1,030.00	0.00
13/01/23	Mr Brights	Cleaning Dec 22	146.06	0.00
13/02/23	Mr Brights	Cleaning Jan 23	194.74	0.00
10/02/23	Steward Safety	Annual Fire Equipment Inspection	117.48	0.00
	Supplies		1,670.98	
<u>NRPC</u>				
05/02/23	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Jan – 5 th Feb 23	655.68	0.00
31/07/22	CGM	July Grounds Maintenance	67.86	0.00
14/02/23	NWPC	Clerks Chair – 50% split cost	147.50	0.00
			871.04	

9.05pm Bor Cllr Jim Moriarty joined the meeting at this point.

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

Cllr Moriarty said that large scale litter picks are to be done along stretches of the A47 during overnight closures. This was welcomed as it was agreed that the litter has built up significantly in recent months.

18. Items for future agenda – Kings Coronation Event, Lighter Tables and new Chairs for the VMP

19. Date of next meeting – 14th March, 17th April 2023

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed 14th March 2023