



East Rudham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 17 May 2022, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Tony Elburn (Chairman), Malcolm Pearson MBE (Vice Chairman, Rachel Wade, Rosemary Weeks, John Dawson, Trevor Davis, Chris Morely (Borough Councillor) and Michael Chenery (County Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), there was 1 member of the public present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Sue Jones. Apologies accepted.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2021

The minutes will be amended to include a header for the Fuel Charity and to note Car Scheme - No report received. They will then be approved at the next meeting.

To receive reports from:

3. Tony Elburn, Chairman of the Parish Council, on the Council's year

Please see appendix 1.

4. To hear from Michael Chenery (County Councillor)

Report available via our website.

5. To hear from Chris Morley (Borough Councillor)

Cllr Morley is considering standing for election again next year, any support would be greatly received.

Over the past year the most significant thing to note is the lack of consistency at the Planning Team.

The decision for the development of homes on the Hunstanton car park will be scrutinised.

Since Covid a discussion has emanated regarding working practices and opportunity for people to become a candidate for election as a Councillor, taking on board peoples life patterns, and fitting more flexibly around people coming home from school drops or work etc.

There are many members of staff leaving the Planning Department. The Council are struggling to replace them at the moment and there are many temporary staff members which is not giving the consistency they would like.

CITB are recruiting new trainers and widening their portfolio. Cllr Morley still doesn't know the plans for the whole estate but are hoping to hear more soon.

Flooding has been an issue, especially in Creake. There is an enforcement team set up and trying to work together.

QEH is still nowhere near receiving the funding they need and so there are no current plans.

Thanks, given.

6. Receive reports from local organisations

Cllr Pearson reported on the Smeeth Charity. They have lost a lot of the trustees but they are looking at historical documents where it states that the vicar must distribute funds, but there is no vicar at present. So the Committee are looking into how they can progress this. The original plan shows this piece of land was gifted to the village and centuries ago people could take the bracken to burn. We will watch this space to see whether the charity still fits in the current times. Thanks, given.

7. To discuss any other business

The previous Chairman of the Parish Council has uncovered old maps and drawings that were in storage, which include airfields and how they have progressed and been developed, plus historic Jubilee documents etc. Cllr Elburn proposed that he bring them along ahead of the next meeting and display them for members to look at before sending them to the NRO or donating them to Sculthorpe museum. All agreed this would be a good idea. Thanks, given.

It was agreed that the documents could be kept in a fireproof cabinet in the church, with permission. Cllr Wade will ask the PCC and Cllr Pearson will obtain prices for a cabinet. The documents would then be available for the school children to look at too.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.48pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date:

Chairman's Report 2022

During the last year the number of Parish councillors has decreased from the usual nine to seven, due to the resignation of Cllr Pauline Daisley Brown and the sad death of Hedley Mines. Every effort has been made to fill the vacancies but to date with no success.

To summarise some of the Parish Council projects worked on over the last year.

1. The Play Park Scheme to replace aging equipment that was not up to current standards and weakened by corrosion. A decision was made to remove the old equipment and landscape 60% of the area to accommodate new equipment. This was done with the aid of a grant of £5000 from Jacks Lane Wind Farm Fund.

The purchase and installation of the new equipment plus replacement of some Boundary fencing should be done this week. The funding for this is from Kings Lynn Borough Council using the Community Infrastructure Levy. Also small amounts of funding were added by West Rudham Parish Council and The Houghton and Rudham's WI following their Branch closure.

2. Flashing School speed signs for the Village school will be installed in the next few weeks, a project helped by NCC. Parish Partnership Fund on a 50% basis. The 50% payment from the Parish Council was reduced further by a contribution from the Member's fund.

At this point it remains to thank those councillors with specific tasks.

Rosemary who compiles the Parish Newsletter which is well received by all.

Malcolm as rep to the Smeeth Charity and Sue as MUGA rep and coordinator of the Oil buying scheme.

Stonepit wood is cared for by John and Viv Dominy thanks to them for all their hard work.

Thanks also to those non councillors who help keep the Council running. Jodie the Clerk, Liz the Burial Clerk who at the beginning of the year retired and passed the job to Jodie and to John Jones for his maintenance work.