

EAST RUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020 in the Rudhams Village Hall at 7.15pm

1. Present: Cllr A Elburn (Chair), Cllr M Pearson, Cllr J Dawson, Cllr Mrs R Weeks, Cllr H Mines, Cllr Mrs S Jones, Cllr R Bramley, Cllr Mrs R Wade, Cllr Ms P Daisley-Brown

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Cllr C Morley

In attendance: The Clerk

County Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh

Parishioners: One

2. Declarations of Interest

Chairman declared an interest as husband of the Burial Clerk

Cllr Mrs Wade declared an interest as the owner of businesses in the parish

3. Minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2019 had been circulated. Chairman explained that following the meeting, and consultation with Highways, it had been decided to site the trial set of gates at the East entrance to the village at the 40mph sign.

Cllr Mines then proposed the Minutes were accepted. All in agreement.

Resolved to approve the Minutes.

4. Reports from County Councillor and Borough Councillor

4.1. Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh

Cllr Chenery said he expected there to be changes to the division boundaries. He described the problems that existed at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and said he would be attending a meeting on 27th January. He said the Mental Health Trust was improving, he would be attending a meeting on 23rd January. The length of time patients had to wait at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital was causing concern. He ended his report by saying that NCC were currently working on their budget.

Chairman thanked Cllr Chenery for his report.

5. Updates on recent items

5.1. Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

Cllr Bramley advised that two more bids, from other organisations, had been submitted.

5.2. SAM2 sign

Cllr Mines advised that the SAM2 sign had been moved from the Station Road site to outside the Vet Clinic. Data showed an increase in slow speed traffic, resulting in a lower 85 percentile speed. Cllr Mines suspected this could be farm traffic. The fastest recorded speed was 60mph.

5.3. Overhanging boughs on A148

It was reported that dead wood had fallen on to the road on the south side of the Green, outside The Lodge.

5.4. Parish partnership scheme

Chairman advised that the bid for the parish gates had been submitted and acknowledged.

5.5. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Pearson said he would be meeting with PC Anderton to discuss the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

5.6. Litter problems at bus shelter

Chairman considered the problem had been resolved as litter was no longer being deposited in the garden behind the bus shelter.

5.7. Village green fencing project

Chairman said that metal fencing was the most economic, and conformed with fencing used elsewhere in the village. It was hoped the fencing could be erected by the beginning of spring.

5.8. Village green car park

Chairman said the installation of the bicycle rack was imminent.

5.9. Bus stop at Groveside

Chairman said there had been no further developments.

5.10. Trees in Churchyard

Chairman said he had tried to contact the contractor but to no avail. He intended to arrange a meeting with the contractor to discuss in detail the work to be done.

5.11. Mobile post office

Royal Mail have increased the hours when the mobile post office will be in East Rudham.

6. Planning matters

6.1. Planning applications for consideration

6.1.1. 20/00018/F

Sub-division of cottage back into two separate dwellings and rear single storey extension at Rock Cottage, Broomsthorpe Road

Concerns were expressed that additional vehicles generated by the additional dwelling could cause parking congestion on Broomsthorpe Road.

Resolved to object to the application.

6.2. Planning decisions

6.2.1. 19/01712/F Single storey rear extension, demolition of store and replacement single story link extension at Bumble Cottage, Broomsthorpe Road

Application permitted, 3rd December 2019, delegated decision

6.2.2. 19/01652/F Replace existing conservatory with a garden room extension at The Cottage, School Road

Application permitted, 5th December 2019, delegated decision

6.3. Other planning matters

None

7. Financial matters and authorisation of payments

7.1. Balances at 1st January 2020

Investment Ac	583.70
Business Premium Ac	9.65
Community Ac	16633.10

All cheques presented

Total funds **17226.25**

7.2. Receipts

DC King's Lynn Bid (newsletter advert) 12.00

7.3. Payments

Clerk sought authorisation for the following payments:

DD SSE 5 November 2019 (streetlight power 2 Oct to 1 Nov)

50.65 VAT 2.53 Subtotal 53.18

6.66 VAT 0.33 Subtotal 6.99

DD SSE 4 December 2019 (streetlight power 2 Nov - 2 Dec)

50.65 VAT 2.53 Subtotal 53.18

6.66 VAT 0.33 Subtotal 6.99

DD SSE 6 January 2020 (streetlight power 3 Dec - 2 Jan)

50.65 VAT 2.53 Subtotal 53.18

6.66 VAT 0.33 Subtotal 6.99

101706 K& M Lighting Services Ltd (streetlight maintenance Jan '20)

23.83 VAT 4.77 Total 28.60

101707 I Woods (Clerk's salary Dec '19, Jan '20) 495.50

101708 I Woods (Clerk's expenses Jan '19 - Dec '19) 120.04

101709 J Dominy (Stonepit Wood expenses)

Fuel 11.00 VAT 2.20 Subtotal 13.20

Fuel 5.57 VAT 1.11 Subtotal 6.68

Mower belt 20.00 VAT 4.00 Subtotal 24.00

Fuel 11.18 VAT 2.24 Subtotal 13.42

Fuel 6.07 VAT 1.21 Subtotal 7.28

Fuel 11.08 VAT 2.22 Subtotal 13.30

Total 77.88

101710 BCKLWN (newsletter printing) 83.07

101711 West Rudham PC (Remembrance Day wreath) 17.00

This authorisation was granted, cheques signed by Chairman and Cllr Pearson.

Resolved to approve the payments

7.4. Other financial matters

7.4.1. Precept for 2020/21

Calculations of expected expenditure had been circulated to all members of Council.

Chairman provided explanations of individual items, particularly the clerk's salary. NALC had advised that salaries were expected to rise by 3%, and provision also needed to be made for a pension for the clerk. Other increased expenditures included provision for an increase in streetlight power costs and churchyard maintenance. The Borough Council had offered a Council Tax Support Grant of £70, and Cllr Mrs Weeks proposed that the net precept requirement for 2020/21 be £10909, making a total parish funding requirement of £10979.

All in agreement.

Resolved that the precept for 2020/21 will be £10909.

8. Items from Borough Council

9. Items from County Council

9.1. New Area Manager for Highways west area

An email received from Jason Moorse, new area manager, was presented. The new area manager asked to meet with the Clerk to discuss current Highway matters. All agreed that as the Clerk would be leaving her position shortly it would be prudent for the manager to meet instead with the Chairman. Email of introduction to be forwarded to the Chairman.

10. Items from Norfolk ALC and SLCC

10.1. Weekly newsletters

Forwarded to all members of Council.

11. Items from Police

11.1. Operation Randall report

For the folder.

11.2. Scam alerts

For the website.

11.3. Drop in surgeries

Poster to be displayed.

11.4. Police and Crime Commissioner's budget consultation

11.5. Area Inspector's meeting - 10 Mar (evening), 16 Mar (afternoon)

Cllr Pearson to attend, date and venue to be confirmed.

12. Items regarding Open Spaces

12.1. Weekly inspections of play park

Cllr Pearson had nothing to report, Cllr Mrs Weeks to carry out the inspections until the February meeting.

12.2. Event on the Green

Cllr Mrs Wade sought consent to hold an event on the Green between 8th and 10th May, and to use two parking bays for old military vehicles.

All in agreement.

12.3. Drainage ditches in the parish

Cllr Pearson expressed concern that the blocking of drainage ditches could cause flooding, notably behind School Road.

12.4. Accumulation of leaves at Station Road/Broomsthorpe Road junction

Cllr Mines said the accumulation of rotting leaves at the junction presented a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians. All in agreement for Cllr Morley to be asked to arrange for the area to be swept.

12.5. Broken glass on the Green car park

Cllr Mrs Wade expressed concern that broken glass had been spilled on the Highway when wheelie bins from the Crown Inn were emptied into the refuse lorries. All in agreement for a letter to be sent to the manager of the Crown Inn, and to Borough Council Environmental Health Department.

13. Other correspondence

13.1. Clerks and Councils Direct No 127

For the folder.

13.2. Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Settle In Service - volunteers needed

For the newsletter.

13.3. Letter of resignation from the Clerk, Mrs I Woods

Chairman read out the letter of resignation. The Clerk would be leaving on 30th April 2020.

To be filed for reference.

14. Items for inclusion on next agenda

None

There being no further business Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm