



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20 February 2024, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), John Dawson, Sue Jones, Trevor Davis, Richard Spencer and Chris Morely (Borough Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Mark Tizard and Rosemary Weeks. Apologies accepted.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2024

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

Cllr Tizard sent a report in his absence that the LIFT project has stalled as the West Norfolk Carers who were going to host the phone line has folded due to lack of finances.

5. To receive reports from BC and NCC Councillors, if attending

Cllr Morely reported on matters including Budget setting, the Internal Drainage Board and their share of Council Tax, £40million granted to deliver rental properties/ affordable homes in Kings Lynn, Local Plan - setting the planning parameters for West Norfolk which has to have gypsy and traveller sites agreed, and is currently under consultation, installation of the intended incinerator outside Wisbech was agreed by the Secretary of State today, Flooding - BC are pressing NCC, Anglian Water and Environment Agency as much as possible. Thanks given.

6. Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

There were none.

7. To receive updates from council members

7.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

Cllr Davis reported that there is still nothing to report at this time.

7.2 SAM2 & Speeding report

SAM2 report

January

Location Groveside (Eastbound)

Average speed 29 mph

Max speed	75mph 9.20am 21/01
85 th percentile speed	40.2mph
Volume	77,299

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

Clerk noted that there has been a recurring street light fault on Eye Lane, the contractors have visited site and advised that the photocell appears to have been broken, it was suggested this may have occurred following the hedge cutting. Therefore, following discussion, the Council RESOLVED to replace the lantern for a cost of £230 plus VAT. Clerk to action.

Cllr Elburn agreed to bring this to the attention of the landowner too.

8.1 Receive update on new bus shelter on Eye Lane

Cllr Elburn advised that NCC has confirmed that the project funding could be extended into the next financial year, as long as we keep them updated. Confirmation is needed from Cllr Cheney that the NCC Members Funding has been earmarked from the current year's budget and will not affect next year's tranche of funds.

8.2 Update following Highways meeting to discuss erosion on The Green and other Highways issues.

Cllrs Pearson & Elburn met with the Highways Inspector and reported the Bagthorpe Road faded road signs, Eye Lane sign that has corroded and is leaning, the repeater sign which was laying on the bank at side of the road. The Inspector agreed to organise these, however we have not had confirmation that it has been actioned yet.

Other concerns raised included potholes outside the village hall, the Inspector suggested that part of the entrance would be covered by Highways and he took some photos.

Highways verbalised that they would re-line and fill potholes in the car park a few years ago, however this is not something they will currently fulfil and therefore the cost of re-lining and filling potholes in the car park will fall to the Parish Council. A quote has been requested for this work for consideration.

The overhanging trees on A148 outside the Old Police House were discussed, as there appears to be a dispute between the tree surgeon and Highways, however this will be the responsibility of the landowner and not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Inspector took photos of the trod at the top of Eye Lane, which was completely lifted up, and advised that he will investigate what can be done and when it will be re-graded.

Some advice was requested regarding the Cemetery entrance, however an extension of the 30mph limit would not be possible due to the high costs involved. Cllrs advised that part of the bank and hedge may be taken out by the Parish Council, to improve visibility. A left turn only sign, on exiting the cemetery, may be considered further.

The piece of verge on Bagthorpe Road, that is currently under dispute, and houses a wooden cupboard was not visited by the Inspector during his visit, however we are still awaiting a reply from the NCC Boundaries Team to confirm ownership.

The erosion on The Green was discussed again, however Highways are unable to do anything to help with this, it was also suggested that the original kerb quoted prices will have expired. The

Inspector did offer to help seek some funding for the kerbing if the Parish Council resolves to go ahead with the work in the future.

Cllr Jones raised concerns with the erosion of the verge on School Road, opposite the Village Hall due to cars repeatedly parking there, which are encroaching onto the Common more and more, especially when children are being dropped off to school, despite that fact that they could use the village hall car park for this purpose.

As it falls within West Rudham it was agreed that the Clerk would bring this to the attention of West Rudham Parish Council and suggest that both Parish Councils contact Houghton Estate in partnership and ask them to consider installing posts or boulders or similar to prevent the Common from eroding further.

9. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

Cllr Pearson reported that more gravel will be put down in the cemetery once the weather is better. The recent strong winds smashed the glass noticeboard doors in the church yard. This was cleared up by Cllrs Pearson and Elburn however this is the responsibility of the church.

Cllr Elburn also advised that the church clock has stopped, but this is due to the birds nesting in the clock tower, and it will be monitored.

10. Newsletter

The date for the community litter pick was agreed for Saturday 23rd March at 9.30am. Cllrs Elburn and Jones agreed to co-ordinate the event.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and payments list (below).

Payments

K&M Lighting	Street Lighting Maintenance	£32.89
Ben Burgess	Mower Parts	£165.93
Neil Williamson	Hedge Cutting Stone Pitt Wood	£132.00

12. Planning Matters

12.1 To receive results of applications.

22/01146/F | at Land NE of 5 Eye Lane and S of The Bungalow Fakenham Road East Rudham

Variation of Condition 3 attached to Planning Permission 21/00498/FM: Proposed residential development of 10 dwellings. PC comment – No further comment | BC decision - PENDING

23/02100/F | Change of use of the land adjacent to the stables at Rudham House, for the installation of an Omnipod to provide accessible tourist accommodation for disabled adults. at Rudham House Broomsthorpe Road

PC comment – SUPPORT | BC decision - PENDING

12.2 To receive applications for consideration

24/00107/F | Two storey rear extension at Church Cottage Fakenham Rd East Rudham

PC comment – SUPPORT with comments

13. To receive and consider any correspondence

Borough Council letter regarding confirmation of cemetery details – Cllr Elburn agreed to complete and return this form as requested.

Hornsea 3 email regarding heavy loads passing through the village – Reports received regarding cut tree branches obstructing the pathway – This was reported directly to the Hornsea project.

14. Consider community survey and village plan

Cllr Spencer wished to know what was involved with creating a local plan. Cllr Dawson explained that a local plan is a huge undertaking. Therefore, it was agreed that we could make enquires within the community in a less formal way but with strict guidelines and boundaries of what the Parish Council can deliver. Cllr Pearson suggested we invite representatives from local groups to attend our Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to action this and also ask the groups to let us know what their members would like the Parish Council to help them with. We would also again include an article in the newsletter inviting people to get in touch with any suggestions or ideas. Another Archives Day was also suggested which will be another opportunity to engage with parishioners.

15. Consider group councillor training

Clerk advised that there is a group Councillor Training session being organised in Raynham in a fortnights time. Councillors will consider attending, outside of this meeting. Anyone wishing to attend to notify the Clerk.

16. Receive items for next agenda and note the date of the next meeting

Items for inclusion at the next meeting:- Helping the elderly that fall in the community.

The next meeting will be held on 19 March. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.44pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: