



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 19 September 2023, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), Sue Jones, Rosemary Weeks, Mark Tizard, John Dawson, Trevor Davis and Chris Morley (Borough Councillor) and Michael Chenery (County Councillor) from item 7. 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. There were no apologies received.

2. To fill a Parish Councillor vacancy by co-option

It was AGREED to defer this item until next meeting due to candidate being on holiday.

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

There were none.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2023

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

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

Clerk confirmed that the report for the newsletter had been completed and forwarded to Cllr Weeks for inclusion.

Cllr Jones advised that the Woodland Trust trees and hedges have been confirmed for delivery during November. The trees and hedging will be planted along the boundary of the land opposite Groveside and any surplus trees/hedging will be planted at the village hall.

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

Chris Morley (Borough Councillor) reported on various matters including the financial situation at the Borough Council, intentions to lobby parliament to reduce the internal drainage board charges, the new head of the Council has sent letters to Clerks inviting feedback from local councils, the 'West Norfolk Wins' lottery is running and funds raised go to charities and the BC Local Plan – consultation open until 2039 (full details can be found on the BC website).

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

The architect working with the applicant for the planned development at the Old White Horse Site attended the meeting to discuss the plans for the site.

It was noted by Councillors that despite numerous requests, mostly via the BC, to engage with the applicant to establish the plans for the site, this is the first time in hearing from anyone directly on this matter.

The architect is keen to progress the application and would like to try to resolve any issues or concerns the Council may have and explained that he is keen to ringfence this application, separately to any other issues on the site.

Cllr Tizard explained that the Parish Councils concern is that the applicant has done nothing to address the issues on the enforcement side of things and unless we understand the plans for the rest of the site it is difficult to see how this extension fits in with what may or may not be planned for the rest of the site.

Following lengthy discussions, the Council agreed that there has been no objection the planning application submitted per se but and that the application is separate from the enforcement case. Based on this the Council AGREED to submit a comment of support and retract the objection on the application. Cllr Morely agreed to notify the Planning Dept of the Councils decision.

The architect thanked the Councillors for their time and mentioned that he is acting for Avocet Homes, the developers for the Eye Lane development and would be happy to discuss the opportunity for affordable homes in East Rudham if the Council wishes.

The Chairman thanked him for his time.

8. To receive updates from council members

8.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

No further update.

8.2 SAM2 & Speeding report

Speed Watch

Report received on 17th August was circulated to Councillors.

Offences Detected by mobile speed camera vans in Norfolk during the last 6 months 2023

Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Offences
14	5	3	6	14	14	

SAM2 report

August

Location	Village Green
Average speed	26.2mph
Max speed	75mph 16/08 8.50am
85 th percentile speed	29.7mph

9. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

9.1 Receive update on new bus shelter on Eye Lane

Cllr Elburn reported that this is still being held up due to the development and the delay with nutrient and neutrality, however the Council will endeavour to make a decision on this at the next meeting.

9.2 To receive update on the play park

Cllr Tizard advised that the contractor would let us know the installation date in October.

- 9.3 Receive update on EV charging points pilot scheme
Cllr Tizard noted that there is no further update at this time.
- 9.4 Receive update on erosion on The Green, caused by passing vehicles
Cllr Elburn noted that no further update has yet been received. A meeting will now be arranged with the Highways Inspector whereby Cllr Pearson may also be present.
- 9.5 To approve signage for the coffee shop
Following a request to place signage outside the coffee shop on The Green, Councillors present APPROVED the request, subject to the signage being displayed in line with the rules.
- 9.6 To approve replacement of rotten dog bin post
Cllr Elburn kindly replaced the dog bin post which had rotted away. The Council APPROVED the replacement post costs incurred. Thanks, given.
- 9.7 Agree to purchase Remembrance Day poppy wreath
The Council APPROVED to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day. Cllr Jones agreed to lay the wreath at the Cenotaph and Cllr Pearson agreed to liaise with West Rudham PC members to join together along with any other members of the community. A member of the public has kindly agreed to clean the Cenotaph again. Thanks, given.

10. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

Cllr Pearson reported that work is still going on at the cemetery. The old graves have been sprayed with weed killer. Gravel will be laid, and other old stones will be lifted. Visitors appear to be adhering to the cemetery rules.

Cllr Elburn noted that there is nothing to report on the churchyard except that the grass will be cut again before the end of the year. Thanks given.

11. Newsletter

The newsletters were all delivered. It was suggested that the West Norfolk Wins lottery be included in the next issue.

12. Financial Matters

- 12.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

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

Payments

Clerk	Salary (Aug-Sep)	£537.00
Hempton PC	Clerks Expenses	£25.09
T Elburn	Mower Fuel	£27.00
T Elburn	Replacement Dog Bin Post	£18.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	£252.00
GMCCS	Donation	£300.00

Receipts

F&D Funeral Services	Cemetery Fees: Allen	£525.00
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KLR Fitness	Newsletter Advert	£12.00
Barclays	Interest on reserves	£64.15

13. Planning Matters

Cllr Dawson agreed to attend the annual planning meeting on Wednesday 18th Oct at 4pm together with Cllr Tizard. Clerk to reserve spaces for the Councillors.

13.1 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

23/00174/F | Two storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling at Old White Horse Station Road
PC comment – OBJECT with comments | DC decision – PENDING

23/01062/F | Rear single storey extension & minor internal alterations at The Cottage Broomsthorpe Rd
PC comment – SUPPORT | BC decision - PERMITTED

13.2 To receive applications for consideration

There were none.

13.3 To receive update and discuss the Old White Horse site applications

The Council RESOLVED to retract the Call In for this application and submit comments of SUPPORT to the planning application following discussions under item 7.

14. To receive and consider any correspondence

- o Barclays letter
- o Eastern Power – Rebate cheque received.

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

The next meeting will be held on 17 October. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: