



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 15 August 2023, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), Sue Jones, Mark Tizard, John Dawson and Trevor Davis, Chris Morley (Borough 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 Vice Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman) 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 18 July 2023

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

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

There were none.

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

Chris Morley (Borough Councillor) reported on various matters including political party deals at the Borough Council, concerns with planned development in West Winch, discussion around funding needed in the Hunstanton and Downham Market area, Devolution deals, the Norfolk Community Lottery and some discussion around white papers and council tax for second homes, also the Community Grant which is still available for projects up to £1000.

Cllr Morley also offered to make enquiries into the complaints surrounding the recent music festival at Houghton Hall on our behalf, and also follow up with the planning department and request an update on the Old White Horse site planning application. Thanks, given.

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

There were no comments.

7. To receive updates from council members

7.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

No further update.

7.2 SAM2 & Speeding report

Speed Watch

No report received.

SAM2 report

July

Location	Groveside
Average speed	29mph
Max speed	75 mph 11/07 at 19.45hrs
85 th percentile speed	34mph
Volume	138,550

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

Cllr Elburn noted that the hedge running along to the egg shop, which was partially cut, will be cut again in September, once the bird nesting period has passed. However, it was agreed that Cllr Elburn would contact the landowners to ask them to cut the hedge back far enough so that it does not encroach onto or obstruct the pavement before September if necessary.

8.1 Receive update on new bus shelter on Eye Lane

Cllr Elburn reported that there has been no further update on this since our last meeting, the developer is waiting on Natural England, regarding the possible outflow encroaching into the river Wensum.

Cllr Jones suggested that the shelter could be used at the Groveside bus stop in the meantime, however as the funding and County consent has been committed for the Eye Lane site we may have to see how this progresses for the time being and consider a shelter for Groveside in the future.

8.2 To receive update on the play park

Cllr Tizard advised that the deposit has been paid but we are still awaiting an update on the installation date.

Cllr Elburn reported that the minor remedial work raised in the annual inspection report has been remedied and has also now made changes to the gate to give enough clearance to help prevent possible finger entrapment. The overhead cables signage is still to be completed.

8.3 Receive update on EV charging points pilot scheme

Cllr Tizard has heard from the Project Engineer responsible and reported that as we don't have an existing power feed available (i.e. not attached to a building/village hall etc) the viability of our scheme is dependent upon the charge that UKPN levy for providing a feed to the EV point. We are the only Parish Council being considered for the pilot scheme in this position.

Notes to be considered from the revised terms and conditions are:- funding is now confirmed for the entire 7 years of the scheme with full installation and ongoing maintenance covered by the scheme. We would have to get the EV point added to our insurance policy which should cover vandalism and damage outside the maintenance contract and currently 34p/kw is proposed to reimburse electricity cost (confirmation needed that this would cover charges) and it was discussed that it may be a better option for NCC to have the electricity contract with the supplier directly. Further update to follow.

8.4 Receive update on erosion on The Green, caused by passing vehicles

Following communication with the Highways Inspector, a site meeting will be arranged once a suitable date has been agreed, to discuss the erosion and some other highways matters, such as dropped drains and road resurfacing. Further update to follow.

9. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

Cllr Elburn reported that some of the cemetery weed spraying work has been done and once this has taken effect further work will continue. Also, on recent inspection the shed had become quite unsafe with rot and woodworm and therefore has been taken down and removed.

Cllr Elburn noted that there is nothing to report at the Churchyard, although the gable end wall is still awaiting repair.

Cllr Davis explained that he had witnessed a driver having difficulty exiting the cemetery onto the A148, due to the blind bend, and suggested installing a traffic mirror, however the Clerk advised that Highways do not support the use of traffic mirrors. Therefore, following discussion it was agreed that the hedge would be cut back enough to improve visibility.

10. Newsletter

Clerk to submit an article for the next issue following this meeting.

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 Light Maintenance (July)	£32.89
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Receipts

Fakenham & District Funeral Services	Cemetery Fees: Evans	£500.00
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11.2 To hear from Councillor carrying out finance check

Cllr Dawson carried out a finance check and reported that all was in good order. Thanks, given.

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

23/00174/F | Two storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling at Old White Horse Station Road

PC comment – OBJECT with comments | DC decision – PENDING

23/00933/F | Double Storey Extension at St Patricks Villa Back Lane East Rudham PE31 8TQ

PC comment – SUPPORT | BC decision - PERMITTED

23/01062/F | Rear single storey extension & minor internal alterations at The Cottage Broomsthorpe Rd

PC comment – SUPPORT | BC decision - PENDING

12.2 To receive applications for consideration

There were none.

13. To receive and consider any correspondence

o SSE letter regarding internal system upgrade.

o Donation request from GMCCS – Following consideration the Council agreed to support the car scheme again this year and agreed to confirm a £300 donation at the next meeting.

- o Email from resident regarding Houghton Music Festival – A parishioner had contacted Cllr Tizard to express their displeasure of the music level from the recent festival. Cllr Weeks had also noted similar feelings ahead of this meeting. Councillors present did not share the same concerns, however following discussion Cllr Morley was asked to make enquiries at Borough Council into what impact it had on parishioners so that we may be able to feedback to those people who got in touch with the Parish Council.

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

The next meeting will be held on 19 September. The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: