



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 15 September 2020, 7pm

Parish Councillors present: Tony Elburn (Chairman), Malcolm Pearson MBE (Vice Chairman), Hedley Mines, Rachel Wade, Sue Jones, John Dawson, Rosemary Weeks, Pauline Daisley-Brown. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk) there were no members of the public.

1. To welcome and receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Bramley, Chris Morley (Borough Councillor) & Michael Chenery (County Councillor). 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 August 2020

The minutes were approved without amendment.

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

Clerk had reported the overgrowth on footpath FP4.

5. Receive reports from Local PC, NCC Cllr & BCKL Cllr, if attending

Not present.

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 (for information only)

7.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

Jack's Lane Windfarm has received further funding. The current available funding is approximately £21000. They have agreed that the fund is open for bids for projects that can be started imminently - subject to the established and published criteria. Any funds left unallocated will be added to next year's round.

Cllr Wade advised that a bid will be submitted for play area equipment.

Cllr Daisley Brown will also consider a bid for the wildlife garden project in the church yard.

The criterion for applicants is available on their website.

7.2 SAM2

Cllr Mines reported as follows: -

The SAM2 has been moved from Station Road to outside the vets.

The data recorded at Station Road over the past 4 weeks showed a top speed of 55mph and 32.6mph average on the 85th percentile.

DRAFT until agreed at next meeting

It is noticeable that a significant amount of vehicles were slow vehicles (it was assumed this traffic was farm traffic) and part of this data was taken while it was still the school holidays. It will be interesting to see the average speed once the school traffic is back.

Cllr Elburn has asked to check the data from this location against last year, if it was around the same time last year, to see a comparison. Cllr Mines will look into this.

Cllr Mines also suggested installing village gates ways at Bagthorpe Road junction as the verges would be wide enough. This will be considered further.

Clerk to raise suggestions of installing village gateways in West Rudham at the next West Rudham Parish Council meeting.

7.3 Parish Partnership Scheme Project

Following some discussion Cllr Pearson agreed to discuss with Westcotec, what other highways options may be available for consideration. The Parish Council can then consider the options and submit a bid application.

7.4 Village Green Fencing Project

The first main section of fencing has now been completed. Cllr Elburn has submitted a bid to Jacks Windfarm fund to complete the remaining section of fencing agreed.

7.5 Conservation Area in Churchyard

Cllr Daisley Brown has spoken with NWT and has received some information and cutting regimes for consideration for the area to the rear of the church yard. Cllr Daisley Brown has also been in contact with some volunteers who would be pleased to help maintain the wildlife area. Cllr Daisley Brown will produce a plan that will outline the proposed works and circulate to the council.

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

There was some discussion following receipt of an email and phone calls from various residents concerning speeding issues.

A by-pass was discussed and ruled out some years ago. Many highways changes will not be considered until there are a minimum number of fatalities. Which is unacceptable but that is the current legislation.

Speed cameras are the responsibility of the Police.

The vehicles that obstruct the view as drivers exit Eye Lane onto A148 are mostly carers that must visit the residents.

Clerk to write to the resident on Broomsthorpe Road to request that the overgrown lavenders are to be cut back off the path as pedestrians are unable to pass safely, especially pushchairs and mobility scooters.

The street light in Eye Lane near to Broomsthorpe Road junction is also overgrown. Clerk to report to landowner and ask for the overgrowth to be cut back.

Clerk to include a notice on the Parish Council website to inform residents 'what visitors can and cannot do' on the Village Green, which is Common Land. This includes information about horses, and vehicles. We may consider installing 'No Horses' signs to be installed on the Village Green.

9. Play Park update

A cheque for £319 had been received from Little Owls and banked. Cllr Elburn will place the order for the new bench.

Further to issues highlighted in the ROSPA report the swing structure was showing corrosion that required urgent repair. Cllr Elburn arranged for Michael Payne to carry out necessary repairs to make it safe and enable the swing to remain in use until such time that the swings can be replaced. All AGREED.

Some bolts had also come loose on the bottom of the revolving rocker. Cllr Elburn has tightened these and also cleared the drain hole at the bottom of the slide. Thanks given.

Cllr Wade has had two site meetings with different play area equipment companies. Based on previous experience Fenland Leisure would not be considered.

Various options have been discussed, including providing separate play equipment for young children and older children. Further information and a plan will be circulated to the council for comments in due course.

10. East Rudham Cemetery

Payment received for £200 from Fakenham & District Funeral Services.

The boundary hedge has been cut on the outside by a local land owner. Cllr Elburn will arrange for the remaining part to be cut during the autumn.

11. Newsletter

The autumn 2020 issue has now been printed and distributed. Cllr Weeks now has use of the PC laptop as her PC has broken. If the existing publishing program cannot be transferred to the new laptop a new program will be purchased so that it remains compatible. All AGREED.

12. Planning Matters

Decisions on existing applications

20/01109/F | Land S of 38 Station Road East

Erection of a general purpose agricultural building for storage of agricultural machinery, seed and other consumables

PC comment - Support | KLWNBC decision – No decision

New applications for consideration

20/01287/F | Rudham House, Broomsthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RG

Change of use of the land for the installation of Forge Unit

PC comment - Support | KLWNBC decision –

20/01201/F | 7 Eye Lane East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RJ

Proposed Rear and Side Extension (Single and Two-Storey)

PC comment - Support | KLWNBC decision –

13. Correspondence

- Clerks & Councils direct magazine
- Cllr Pearson has been in touch with Openreach regarding Community Fibre Partnership for specifically looking at supplying FTTP (Full Fibre to the Premise) to areas of poor broadband speed using government funding that the community need to pledge for. Leaflets will be distributed to all local residents whereby they can pledge. The Government are entitling residents to £1500 and £3000 to businesses. If enough people pledge their interest and the combined amount reaches £40000 or more then East Rudham will be included on the list to receive faster broadband. Even if residents register they are not obliged to take it any further unless they wish to do so, and if residents do change internet providers they can still use whichever provider they wish.

14. Finance

Clerk will purchase a remembrance wreath for November. All AGREED.

14.1 To approve the payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

Payment to	Description	Cheque No.	Amount (£)
K&M Lighting	Street lighting	101761	£28.60
J Bond	Salary Jul-Sep	101762	£464.95
Ladywell	Payroll Services	101763	£74.50
HMRC	PAYE	101764	£275.80
T Elburn	Mower fuel	101765	£21.00
	Total		£864.85
Receipts from	Description		Amount (£)
Fakenham & District Funeral Services	Ref: Balderstone	DC	£200
	Total		£200

14.2 To review and approve the 6-monthly budget

The 6 monthly budget had been circulated to Councillors. The actual figures were agreed but further input will be obtained for the meeting when the budget is agreed for 2021/22.

Cllr Mines added that the mower fund should be included.

14.3 To agree to re-appoint the internal auditor for the 2020-21 financial year

It was discussed and agreed to appoint Di Dann or a member of NPTS to carry out the annual internal audit for YE 31 March 2021.

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

It was agreed that as the Brownies will be using the Village Hall again, meeting times will return to 7.15pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 7.15pm. Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27pm

Signed by Chairman: Date: