

EAST RUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019 in the Rudhams Village Hall at 8.30pm

1. Present: Cllr A Elburn (Chair), Cllr M Pearson, Cllr J Dawson, Cllr H Mines,
Cllr Mrs R Weeks, Cllr Mrs S Jones, Cllr R Bramley

In attendance: The Clerk

Parishioner: One

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Hatherly and Cllr M Chenery of Horsbrugh

2. Declarations of Interest

Chairman declared an interest as husband of the Burial Clerk.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2019 had been circulated. Cllr Mines proposed the Minutes were accepted. All agreement. **Resolved to approve the Minutes.**

4. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Following the elections a vacancy now exists on the Council which can be filled by co-option. A poster to be displayed on the noticeboard and on the website.

5. Updates on recent items

5.1. Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

Chairman advised there were no new developments.

5.2. SAM2 sign

Cllr Mines advised that the sign had been moved from the site at the vet clinic to Groveside. The data obtained from the vet clinic site was almost identical to the previous time at that site. 34% of vehicles had exceeded the speed limit and the highest speed recorded was 95mph.

Cllr Bramley said the data obtained from the SAM2 should be publicised, possibly in the newsletter and on the website. All in agreement.

Chairman advised that a new bracket had been purchased to be positioned at the south side of the Green.

5.3. Defibrillator

Cllr Pearson advised that he had checked the defibrillator but it had not yet been used.

5.4. Mobile post office

Cllr Pearson said that the service was going well, the East Rudham site was the busiest of those using the new mobile service.

5.5. Traffic problems in Station Road

Chairman said that Highways will not be taking any action regarding the fence at the A148/Station road junction.

5.6. May Day event on the Green

Cllr Pearson said the event had been very successful with £322 raised. £102 will be donated to East Rudham PC for good causes. A traditional fete will be held on 15th September.

Cllr Pearson suggested an application could be made to National Lottery to fund fencing the North side of the Green. All in agreement in principle but concerns were expressed regarding problems with grasscutting, etc.

5.7. Sponsored seat in Cemetery

Chairman had obtained the design of the proposed stainless steel seat from the sponsors and circulated copies. Cllr Mrs Jones did not consider the modern stainless steel seat was in keeping with the Cemetery and the Chairman agreed to consult the sponsors with regard to a different design.

5.8. Back Lane/Eye Lane junction

Although it was believed the pothole outside The Birches had been mended, this was not the case and the Chairman said he would re-report the pothole to Highways. Chairman had consulted residents at the Back Lane/ Eye Lane junction and they did not want the concrete removed from the bank. Chairman to contact Highways regarding the state of the junction.

5.9. Ultimate Workforce - grounds maintenance costings

Chairman said he had not yet contacted Ultimate Workforce.

6. Planning matters

6.1. Planning applications for consideration

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Removal of existing conservatory and proposed replacement rear extension. Recovering of existing roof with black tiles to replace existing tiles at Andante, Broomsthorpe Road

Resolved to support the application.

6.2. Planning decisions

None.

6.3. Other planning matters

None.

7. Financial matters and authorisation of payments

7.1. Balances at 1st May 2019

Investment Ac		583.70
Business Premium Ac		9.65
Community Ac		17220.09
All cheques presented	Total funds	17813.44

7.2. Receipts

100322 H Brett & Son (Cemetery fees)	230.00
100322 Mr R Brown (peppercorn access rent)	3.00
DC BCKLWN (precept & grant)	10939.00

7.3. Payments

Clerk sought authorisation for the following payments:

DD SSE 2 May 2019 (streetlight power 2 Apr to 1 May)

Power 49.21 VAT 2.46	Sub total	51.67	
Power 6.41 VAT 0.32	Sub total	6.73	
	Total		58.40

101671 K& M Lighting Services Ltd (streetlight maintenance May '19)

23.83	VAT 4.77	Total	28.60
101672	I Woods (Clerk's salary May '19)		247.75
101673	A Elburn (re Morrisons invoice for mower fuel)		
18.76	VAT 3.75	Total	22.51
101674	A Elburn (re Fakenham Garden Centre invoice for weedkiller)		
40.40	VAT 8.08	Total	48.48
101675	BCKLWN (newsletter printing)		80.89
101676	Westcotec (speed sign bracket & clips)		
50.00	VAT 10.00	Total	60.00
101677	J A Lee (internal audit financial year 2018/19)		50.00
101678	Came and Company (insurance renewal)		940.20

The three year LTA agreement with Came and Company had finished and Council had been invited to renew. Renewal was due on 1st June. Three quotes had been provided, and Came and Company recommended Ecclesiastical as the best value for money. Cllr Pearson proposed that Council agree a three year Long Term Agreement with Ecclesiastical, with the benefit of a discounted cost. All in agreement.

Resolved to agree a three year LTA with Ecclesiastical at a cost of £940.20.

Authorisation of the payments was granted, cheques signed by Chairman and Cllr Pearson.

Resolved to approve the payments.

7.4. Other financial matters

7.4.1. Approval of Annual Return

Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statement for consideration by Council. Council responded to all statements in the affirmative. Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of Council and signed the Accounting Statement to confirm approval by Council.

Resolved to approve the Annual Return.

8. Items from Borough Council

None received.

9. Items from County Council

None received.

10. Items from Norfolk ALC and SLCC

10.1. Weekly newsletters

Forwarded to all members of Council.

11. Items from Police

11.1. Newsletter

For the folder.

11.2. Scam alerts

Forwarded for the website when appropriate.

11.3. SNAP meetings

SNAP meetings will be held monthly in Dersingham Village Hall. and there will also be Engagement Surgeries on the third Tuesday of the month between 9.30am and 11.00am at Jane's Coffee Corner, East Rudham.

12. Items regarding Open Spaces

12.1. Weekly inspections of play park equipment

Cllr Bramley had carried out the inspections and had nothing to report. Cllr Mines will carry out the inspections until the June meeting.

12.2. Trees over A148 - safety concerns

Boughs had dropped off a willow tree from a garden adjoining A148. There were concerns that a pedestrian could have been injured. Highways had advised that responsibility lies with the owner of the property. All in agreement for a letter to be sent to the owner of the property requesting a meeting with Council.

12.3. Bus shelter on A148 opposite Village Green

Chairman advised this would be discussed at the June meeting.

12.4. Annual RoSPA play equipment safety in inspection

The annual RoSPA inspection will take place in June.

13. Other correspondence

13.1. Clerks and Councils Direct No 123

For the folder.

13.2. Environment Agency - work on River Tat and River Wensum

For the folder.

13.3. Norfolk Accident Rescue Service -appeal for funding

For the folder.

14. Items for inclusion on next agenda

Agenda item 12.3.

15. Date of next meetings

Tuesday 18th June at 7.15pm

There being no further business Chairman closed the meeting at 9.41pm