



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 16 November 2021, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Tony Elburn, Malcolm Pearson MBE, Rachel Wade, Sue Jones, Rosemary Weeks, John Dawson, Trevor Davis. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk) and Clare Whelan OBE, there were no members of the public.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies received from Hedley Mines. 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 19 October 2021

The minutes of the meeting 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

The new website will be ready to be launched within the next few days. Cllr Wade requested that the description of the clerk's role on the website be changed to 'they' instead of 'she'. Clerk to action.

5. To receive a Commemorative Covid Community Plaque from the Lord Lieutenants office

Clare Whelan attended the meeting to present the Covid memorial token on behalf of The Countess of Romney. The Lord Lieutenants office has awarded a commemorative plaque to every parish in Norfolk on behalf of communities that have pulled together during the Covid pandemic. Clare acknowledged that she is proud to be part of this parish and proud of the efforts throughout Covid. The plaque's design was produced by a student at the Norwich University of Arts. The Norfolk Lieutenancy represents a lifelong support to the wellbeing of the entire community. It is there to support the forces for good.

Cllr Elburn proposed it is installed in a prominent position in the village which will be agreed at our next meeting. Thanks, given to Clare for taking the time to attend and present the plaque.

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

Michael Chenery (County Councillor)

- A funding bid has been submitted to the NCC PPS for the school flashing lights which has been acknowledged by NCC. Cllr Chenery's support is itemised on the application.
- NCC are giving away free trees, however there is not a suitable place within the parish that would benefit from this offer, as we cannot use this to 'add to' existing trees.

Chris Morley (Borough Councillor)

- The BC has decided to invest in 2 operatives and an electric vehicle to scour the area for fly tipping, they will also be visiting schools and such to try to educate people to help reduce waste.
- The feedback received from people is that if the recycling centre let people throw black bags in without all the scrutiny there would be less fly tipping, and the ethos there needs to change.
- Cllr Morley noted that all the parishes in his ward did a great job, but East Rudham was by far the best effort throughout Covid.
- The BCs equivalent of the NCC Members Fund is for £100 per financial year, but it cannot be allocated to Parish Councils, only local groups and clubs.
- Cllr Morley has contacted the executive assistant to the CEO at CITB but is awaiting a call back to discuss their plans for the future but it has been promising to see at least 30 cars at the site.
- There won't be much levelling up received. Kings Lynn BC have had to jump through hoops for funds to improve the town centre.
- Highways have advised that the A10 will be ungraded before the West Winch housing development is started.
- The planning permission for Knights Hill have changed so there will be more consultation.
- QEH – there is no 'Plan B' yet but there will be another presentation next week as the situation is getting desperate.

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

There were none.

8. To receive updates from council members

8.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

No further update.

8.2 SAM2 & Speeding report

SAM2 Data

Cllr Elburn reported that the device is working but the data did not download as the last round of data did not update properly. It should be fine for the next month's figures.

Cllr Wade raised concerns that the new gateway installed in West Rudham could invite drivers to speed up as they pass into East Rudham. It was AGREED by all that the gateway should have a 30mph or slow down signs. The Clerk explained that the gateway was installed in line with NCC Highways input and WRPC's intention was to help maintain driver speed. It was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with WRPC and the Highways Inspector and enquire about having additional signs added to the post or gate.

9. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

9.1 Receive an update on the missing Tommy statue

Since the police article was published unfortunately no further comments have been made as to the statue's whereabouts. Cllr Pearson noted that we have been unlucky as there does not appear to have been a spate of this type of criminal activity.

A generous offer was made by Mr Pearce, an amateur artist who offered to donate a wooden Tommy statue that he had made, having seen that our one had gone missing. The Tommy was delivered and put in position next to the cenotaph for Remembrance Day. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Pearce.

Cllr Pearson advised that some work is required to tidy around the cenotaph, weed control and the membrane may need to be replaced.

Cllr Pearson proposed that the wooden Tommy is left in situ throughout the winter and see how it fares, then look to purchase another metal Tommy from the Royal British Legion next year (once back in stock) which will be budgeted for and would be more securely fixed in place.

Thanks, given to Cllr Elburn and Cllr Pearson for all their time and efforts with this matter.

9.2 Receive update on the allocated Post Office van space signs

Cllr Elburn advised that a hinged barrier post has been purchased and has been in contact with the Post Office to inform them of the planned installation. It was AGREED that two car park signs will be made up with one being fixed to the pole by the bin near the pub and the other on the village green.

Cllr Wade will circulate the proposed sign proof for approval.

9.3 Receive an update on the UKPN undergrounding project

Cllr Elburn reported that the info that has been sent to Savills since the last meeting will be sent to UKPN Planning Dpt for application to install on Parish Council land, then we will hear back from them for approval before any work commences.

10. Receive an update on the Playpark

Cllr Elburn reported that the groundworks has now commenced with grading, topsoiling and adding seed over the next few days.

Cllr Wade advised that the surfer springer may have to be removed as the springs and anchors may not be able to be replaced but a decision can be made on this further down the line.

Cllr Wade is taking photos of the progress.

11. East Rudham Cemetery

11.1 Receive an update on the concealed entrance / cemetery highways sign

Cllr Elburn has requested a concealed entrance sign from Highways and is awaiting clarification

Highways looked at the cemetery entrance and advised that the hedge was a problem. The hedge has now been cut back by Cllr Elburn and it has made a huge difference

Cllr Elburn asked whether it was necessary to still have a sign now that the hedge was cut back. Cllr Weeks added that it would be helpful when giving people directions and Cllr Wade said it would still be a benefit. ALL AGREED.

Cllr Pearson reported that graves are still being uploaded and when a working party can be organised it will be, as a grave was found completely overgrown in the hedge.

11.2 Receive update on the new cemetery signs

Cllr Wade is awaiting the final proofs for the signs. Once received they will be circulated to Councillors via email for approval and will then be ordered and installed.

12. Newsletter

It was agreed that an article will be included in the winter newsletter following the presentation of the Covid community plaque from the Lord Lieutenant's office, and a photo will be included on our website. A further article and photo with The Countess of Romney will be published, once the plaque is in situ.

13. Planning Matters

Cllr Dawson attended the planning meeting at the Town Hall yesterday. It was noted that when consultees make a comment on a planning application we have only 21 days to respond and what happens after 21 days? The BC said they look at the comments and if they feel an answer is required it goes to the sifting committee who judge whether the comments are serious enough to go to the Planning Committee or not.

It is advisable that our Borough Councillor is involved if we wish to make an impact or feel strongly either in support or objection, we should 'call it in' via Cllr Morley, he will then have 28 days to comment, as long as it is called in before the initial 21 day period.

There will be some slides sent to the Clerk following the meeting and once received Cllr Dawson will put something together to present to Councillors. Thanks given.

13.1 To receive results of applications.

21/00182/F Broomsthorpe Hall Tatterford Road Broomsthorpe East Rudham Norfolk PE31 6TQ

PC c. ent - Supports | KLWNBC decision – PENDING

21/00498/F | Land NE of 5 Eye Lane and S of The Bungalow Fakenham Road, East Rudham Norfolk

PC Comment – Supports with some highway concerns | BCKLWN decision – PENDING

21/01010/F | Change of use from butchers shop and premises to dwelling at J Kew Butcher

PC Comment – Supports | BCKLWN decision - PENDING

21/01011/F | Construction of four Dwellings

PC Comment – Supports with reservations | BCKLWN decision - PENDING

21/01012/F | Alterations and extension to dwelling at Old White Horse

PC Comment – Objection | BCKLWN decision - PENDING

21/01678/F | Meadow Bank 40 Bagthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RA

New detached Garage & Carport, Two storey extension, replacement rear single storey extension, change of fenestration and exterior to be timber clad and rendered as shown.

PC comment- Supports | BCKLWN decision - PENDING

13.2 To receive applications for consideration

21/00498/FM | Land NE of 5 Eye Lane and S of The Bungalow Fakenham Road

Proposed residential development of 10 dwellings at - Amended Plans

PC comment – Our previous comment remains but in addition a note is to be added that with 10 more houses with access directly onto the A148 the speed limit should be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

21/02172/F | 22 Bagthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RA

Two detached houses including extended access

PC comment - supports.

14. To receive and consider any correspondence

- Tree survey literature – made available to Councillors.
- Email received from the Speed Watch co-ordinator to invite members of the Parish Council to attend a meeting. Cllr Pearson explained that they have had some sites approved and one is at the top of Eye Lane. There was concern that the meeting was called to discuss comments for the current planning application in Eye Lane and how it may affect the Speed Watch site.

Following consideration, it was decided that it may not be appropriate to attend the meeting and the Clerk will decline the offer.

- A local resident telephoned again to report their ongoing concerns about the Eye Lane junction and driver access onto the A148. Also, the speeding along Broomsthorpe Road is a serious concern.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Elburn will raise the issue with the Highways Inspector and enquire about installing posts to prevent cars from parking outside the properties and obscuring vision when turning out of the Eye Lane junction.

The traffic cones along the village green were also commented on. It was agreed to ask Highways to assess this area again and ask for lining or hatching to be considered outside properties that have difficulty accessing the road from their drives around the green.

15. Financial Matters

- 15.1 To approve the payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

| Payment to | Description | Ref | Amount (£) |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| SSE | Electricity | DD | 66.19 |
| K&M Lighting | Street Lighting Services | Online | 32.89 |
| J Bond | Salary Oct -Nov | Online | 464.28 |
| Hempton PC | Clerks Expenses | Online | 28.48 |
| John Jones | Grass Cutting | Online | 750.00 |
| T Elburn | Parking Post | Online | 29.95 |
| L Elburn | Burial Clerk Fee | Online | 135.00 |
| | Total | | £1506.79 |
| Receipts from | Description | | Amount (£) |
| The Vets | Newsletter Ad | DC | 24.00 |
| Janes Coffee Shop | Newsletter Ad | DC | 48.00 |
| Neil Williamson | Newsletter Ad | DC | 24.00 |
| | Total | | £96.00 |

Payments made via online banking.

- 15.2 To consider donating the surplus PC printer to charity

Cllr Elburn explained that the old printer, which was purchased for the previous clerk in 2016 for £83.33 and was funded by a grant, is now surplus to requirements. Cllr Elburn therefore proposed that it is donated to charity. Cllr Weeks suggested donating it to the Purfleet Trust a charity that helps the homeless in Kings Lynn. All in favour. Cllr Weeks will deliver the printer. Thanks given.

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

The next meeting will be held on 18 January 7.15pm. Subsequent meeting dates for 2022 will be published on our website. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.04pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: