



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 16 February 2021, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Tony Elburn (Chairman), Malcolm Pearson MBE (Vice Chairman), Hedley Mines, Rachel Wade, Sue Jones, John Dawson, Rosemary Weeks, Richard Bramley. 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 Pauline Daisley-Brown and Chris Morley (Borough Councillor). Apologies accepted.

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

Cllr Wade declared a pecuniary interest in item 13 (Request for support in installing temporary seating on the Village Green for local food businesses).

It was RESOLVED to grant Cllr Wade a dispensation to participate in the consideration of item 13.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2021

The minutes were approved without amendment.

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

There were none.

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

Chris Morley (Borough Councillor) – Not present

Report sent in his absence, is as follows: -

General points

1 COVID. You should have all the latest information from Cllr Dark.

2. Budget. The pandemic has played havoc with the Council's finances such that reserves are having to be used to balance the books in the short term but there is a hole of some £4m+ downstream. I will support the council tax increase planned for next year (£4.50 on a Band D property) but with other Independents looking at the figures for next year and beyond in some detail.

One key issue is the cost of internal Drainage Boards which place a levy on the Borough of some £3m per year. As well as asking the council to raise this levy with the Minister, I have included it in my correspondence with General Dannatt about Anglia Water securing permits to pump polluted surface water into the river Burn at the Creakes. Anglia Water need to enhance their systems such that sewerage and surface water do not mix and local residents should not be carrying the cost burdens of Drainage Boards. These costs should be a National issue. Lord Dannatt replied positively, and I trust he will get something done about the ownership and responsibilities of the numerous organisations involved in water management.

3. CIL You should have all the necessary information to make a claim (jointly with West Rudham) if it helps the contiguous communities.

4. The Local Plan has been delayed slightly but should be with you in the very near future.
5. Still not convinced that Government Grants are being shared equitably around the Borough and will be trying to get to the bottom of allocations as part of budget monitoring.
6. It looks like the County Elections are going ahead, still to decide whether to stand!
7. CITB Trustees are meeting/ have met recently and I expect to hear shortly of the latest plans. I am not hopeful.

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

Cllr Bramley advised that the fund is likely to be publicised within the next week or so, bids are due by end of May 2021, with results known in June 2021.

Cllr Elburn asked when the earliest date is that an application can be made – Cllr Bramley advised that details will go on the website and it is due to be published imminently.

Once the website has been updated Cllr Elburn will submit a bid for funding towards the play park.

Cllr Bramley advised that it is an important point that as we have an existing bid in, we must not have two bids in at the same time, also the board will look favourable on applicants who have contributions from other sources too. It was also suggested that a progress report is submitted on the fencing project.

Approx. £25,000-£30,000 of funding will be available, plus the existing £12,000 already in there. Cllr Bramley will notify Cllr Elburn once the new application is open.

7.2 SAM2 update

Cllr Mines reported: -

The SAM has been moved from the vets to Grove Side.

The data from the vets, which was virtually for the whole of January: Understandably the volume was dramatically reduced, due to the lockdown, and the number of vehicles recorded was 61870, as opposed to last time at this site, during Sept-Oct 2020, when 132414 vehicles were recorded.

The maximum speed was recorded at 90mph at 12noon on 3rd January. The 85th percentile was increased from last time, at 44.9mph which means 36% of vehicles were exceeding the 40mph limit. The reduced volume means exceeding speed.

7.3 Defibrillator update

Cllr Pearson wished to note that CHT provided a very good service. They contacted the manufacturers and arranged for a new battery pack, organised for the defib to be repaired, and kept the ambulance service up to date and turned it all around quickly, and at no additional cost.

7.4 Conservation Area in Churchyard

This project will be postponed until the Spring.

DRAFT until agreed at next meeting

- 7.5 Village Christmas Tree
Further discussion required.

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

8.1 Village Green update

It has been very wet due to the flooding. Cllr Elburn advised that there is a lot of water coming along in front of The Manor, which is running into the ditch next to the entrance and across the road. However, there is a blockage somewhere and work is being done to try to clear the blockage.

- 8.2 Village Gateways update
Nothing further to report.

8.3 School Access PPS Fund

Still awaiting the results of the funding bid which will not be until March, hopefully we will know the result by our next meeting.

9. Play Park update

A site meeting was held after our last meeting to assess the state of the play park and decide what action should be taken. It was agreed that it was not necessary to close the park at this point but to continue to monitor it and pursue the funding applications in the meantime.

West Rudham PC have agreed to contribute £500 towards the project. Cllr Elburn will submit a bid to the CIL Fund. West Rudham PC will also submit a bid to the CIL Fund. Cllr Wade confirmed that the WI wish to donate £60 towards the project. Thanks was given to all.

10. East Rudham Cemetery

The hedge has now been cut on the inside and the top.

The trees along the driveway are overgrown and hanging over graves and it is difficult to get by with vehicles, therefore Cllr Elburn has requested a quote from Kegan's Garden Maintenance to prune the trees. Further update to follow.

11. Newsletter

Cllr Weeks is awaiting the Clerks Report and then the newsletter should be printed by the beginning of March. Cllr Pearson advised that he had requested some 'No Cold Callers' stickers that could be included with the newsletter distribution. All agreed.

12. Planning Matters

- 12.1 To receive results of applications.

20/00498 | Leonardslee, Broomsthorpe Road

Extensions and alterations

PC comment - Resolved to make No Observations | KLWNBC decision – Refused

The appeal decision has been granted.

DRAFT until agreed at next meeting

20/02046/F Rock Cottage Broomsthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RG

Proposed extensions and alterations

PC comment - Supports | KLWNBC decision – Awaiting

20/01833/F The Firs 32 Bagthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RA

Proposed addition of part first floor to barn conversion approved under ref: 18/00379/F

PC comment - Supports | KLWNBC decision – Awaiting

20/01972/F Farrant Cottage Broomsthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RG

Part demolition of rear lean-to extension and construction of new flat roof garden room with lantern

PC comment - Supports | KLWNBC decision – Permitted

12.2 To receive applications for consideration

21/00090/F Holly Lodge Station Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8SU

Single storey side extension to existing dwelling house

PC comment - Supports | KLWNBC decision – Awaiting

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

Variation of Condition 9 of Planning Permission 13/00514/F: Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to 6 residential dwellings

PC comment - Supports | KLWNBC decision – Awaiting

13. Correspondence

Email from Local Businesses - Requesting support with shared seating area on the Village Green.

Janes Coffee Shop and The Crown have requested support from the Parish Council to install 12 temporary picnic tables with benches on part of the Village Green, from 1st April 2021. This would accommodate other visitors as well as the people buying takeaway food from Janes Coffee Shop and The Crown and eating outside. Cllr Wade, as the owner of the Coffee Shop, would take lead responsibility for overseeing the grass cutting and providing the furniture and bins and the emptying of the bins and placing any relevant signage that may be required. Times of use would be limited to between 9am and 9pm. There would be no cost imposed on the Parish Council. The initial request is for a 1-month period, with the possibility of extending it to July 2021. Other alternatives would be to either close the road in front to The Crown and Coffee Shop or close part of the car park.

Following discussion, the Council RESOLVED to support in principle, the request to use the Village Green, but it will be subject to Government guidelines and any relevant licences, insurances, and permissions, if necessary, with regards to the use of Common Land and a signed agreement between all associated parties. Proposed by Cllr Pearson, Seconded by Cllr Elburn.

14. Finance

14.1 To approve the payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

Payment to	Description		Amount (£)
SSE	Electricity	DD	72.14
N Williamson	Stonepit Wood Grass	Online	70.00
SSE	Electricity	DD	60.25
K&M Lighting	Street Lighting	Online	28.60
Smith of Derby	Parish Clock Service	Online	259.20
Keegan's	Cemetery Hedge Cutting	Online	288.00
	Total		£778.19
Receipts from	Description		Amount (£)
E Barker	Reserved Burial Plot	100333	220.00
	Total		£220.00

Payments made via online banking.

14.2 Agree to subscribe to Information Commissioners Office (ICO)

The Council RESOLVED to subscribe to the ICO for £35 per year. Clerk to action.

15. Adopt updated Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, GDPR Policy, FOI Policy, Risk Management Policy & Lone Worker Policy

Clerk had made amendments to the Lone Workers Policy, Standing Orders and FOI Policy, following Cllr Dawson's comments. The Council then RESOLVED to adopt the updated Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, GDPR Policy, FOI Policy, Risk Management Policy & Lone Worker Policy that were presented by the Clerk.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 March 21 at 7.15pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed by Chairman: Date: