



Parish Council Meeting minutes

For 9th January 2023,

6.52pm, Dickleburgh & Rushall Village Centre

PRESENT: Cllrs. Andrew Goodman (Chair), John Adlam, Les Bragg, David Leyserman, Sam Johnson, Jim Kerr, Pam Reekie and Robert Theobald

IN ATTENDANCE: Matthew Hill (Responsible Finance Officer)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Co Cllr. B. Duffin

127. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES - Cllrs. Tony Perkins, Dist. Cllr. M. Wilby, Ann Baker - accepted

128. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS ON ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED – none

129. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, COUNTY & DISTRICT - COUNCILLORS REPORTS -

County Cllr. Duffin reported:

Norfolk County Council has commissioned 10 flats to the programme - housing for hospital care. This will run until 31st March.

26 new or expanded schools are to be commissioned. More information will be forthcoming when Cabinet makes the final decision. NCC investing £2 million in new bus scheme - more details to follow.

Holt Hall has been sold to Gresham School. NCC has joined a devolution deal which will mean the public can elect the County Leader who will have additional powers and funding of around £20 million. Members of the Leader's Cabinet will be made up from elected County Councillors.

The meeting resumed at 7.20 pm

130. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 12TH DECEMBER 2022 - the minutes were adopted as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr. J. Adlam, seconded by Cllr. D. Leyserman, all approved

131. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY INCL.:

a. **Amended contract for the Village Caretaker** (min. 115a) - The Personnel Committee is awaiting legal advice on the Caretaker Contract. Clerk to make final amendments when advised, the Caretaker is currently signed off work.

b. **Repairs to the play equipment** (min. 115b) - this is in hand - green matting has been ordered and the wooden uprights have arrived in the country, date to be set for installation.

c. **Neighbourhood Plan** (min. 117) - the final copy of the SEA has been circulated.

132. THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE RFO, including notification of payments made over the last month:

a. **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS** – a list of payments and receipts had been circulated to all Councillors. Further clarification will be sought regarding the Parish Online £120.00 invoice - the Finance Officer will investigate. Discussion over the TT Jones invoice for 7 posts. It was felt this required further investigation. Chair to follow up. It was resolved to wait for further clarification on TT Jones and Parish Online. All other payments and receipts to be paid.

It was resolved to accept the 'Payments and Receipts sheet,' proposed by Cllr. J. Kerr, seconded

Cllr. J. Adlam, all approved. It was noted that invoices and payment details are arriving later and Councillors are not getting sufficient time to interrogate them prior to the meetings.

b. APPROVAL OF THE PRECEPT AND BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/24:

There was a long full and frank discussion around public financing and the current economic situation. Discussion centred on grants allocation, the possibility of raising the precept and the implications for the residents in the Parish.

- (i) The Precept for the 2023/24 financial year is £37,586.00 - the form was signed by the Chair, Cllr. A. Goodman and the RFO, Matt Hill. It was resolved to approve the Precept, proposed Cllr. J. Kerr, seconded Cllr. R. Theobald, all members approved
- (ii) Band D, on which the precept is set is £70.65, it was resolved to approve this figure, proposed Cllr. R. Theobald, seconded Cllr. J. Adlam, all councillors approved
- (iii) A vote of thanks to the Finance Committee and appreciation for all their hard work in preparing the budget proposed Cllr. J. Adlam, seconded Cllr. R. Theobald, all agreed.

133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS RECEIVED FROM SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL: none received.

- a. **TO CONSIDER ANY APPLICATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING:** none received.

134. RECEIPT OF CONSULTEE REPORTS OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY SNC: none received.

135. PLAYING FIELD:

- a. **WEEKLY PLAY INSPECTION REPORTS** - Cllr. J. Kerr and RFO Matt Hill will continue to conduct weekly inspections. There are no developments. Cllr. J. Kerr reported that upon investigation it appeared that over time a nut had become loose on a swing, which caused it to drop. This incident had been previously reported. The situation has now been resolved and the swing is back in action.

136. To consider a response to Sir B. Jenkins MP re East Anglia Green (AEG) pylons proposal -

Cllr. R. Theobald led the discussion – it was agreed that we should send our views on the proposals to Sir. B. Jenkins MP and his committee with an addendum that it was the Parish Council view that our preferred route to carry the additional electricity was via a sea route and not over or under ground - proposed Cllr. L. Bragg, seconded Cllr. S. Johnson, all agreed. **ACTION** - Chair to circulate the response with an addendum to all for agreement and then Clerk to send the document to Sir B. Jenkins MP.

137. RECEIPT OF MATTERS OF INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS:

- **Cllr. J. Adlam** – there is a village planning meeting organised by South Norfolk to explain the village clusters allocation. This will be a February agenda item. Cllr. J. Adlam to further investigate.
- **Cllr. D. Leyserman** reported that he had circulated the costings for a Pétanque court on the playing field. This will be a February agenda item.
- **Cllr. P. Reekie** reported there was very little take up of the warm room initiative despite advertising and organising possible transport for those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity. Would any Councillors volunteer to join – Cllr. J. Kerr offered his services. It was agreed that the Winter Warm Hub initiative should continue to run through this month and then be reviewed at the February meeting - Agenda item.
- **Cllr. S. Johnson** urged all to consider supporting a parish event to commemorate the coronation of King Charles in May - February Agenda item.

Councillors were asked if anyone had any knowledge of the current Waveney MP (this parish will be in the new Waveney Valley constituency at the next general election if the Boundary Commission proposal is accepted).

138. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA ON **MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023, 7.00PM, AT DICKLEBURGH & RUSHALL VILLAGE CENTRE**

AGENDA ITEMS -

Pétanque court, South Norfolk village clusters meeting, coronation of King Charles III, Winter Warm Hub initiative.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and attendance at the meeting.
The Meeting closed at 8.41 pm

SIGNED

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