

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30pm, held at Runcton Holme Church Hall.

Present: Councillors: M Stevens (Chair), T Oughton, B Redfern, R Wales County Cllr Brian Long and
2 members of the public Clerk: P Winson

126/22 Accept apologies for absence

Apologies from S Partridge

127/22 To consider requests for dispensations from the restriction on participating in the discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

None.

128/22 Declarations of Councillors Interests

None.

129/22 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 4th October 2022

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed.

130/22 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider. There are currently two vacancies.

131/22 Public Speaking

(i) Borough and County Cllrs: Cllr B Long advised that he has been a Borough Councillor cabinet member for the last eighteen years and his last cabinet meeting was last week. There is a £1.5 million pound fund for rural communities in West Norfolk, the details aren't available yet but it is likely to favour schemes that are likely to provide employment.

(ii) Members of the public: The NCF Warm Hub Grant was mentioned for community buildings.

132/22 Internal Drainage Board

Derek Caley, who is the Vice-Chairman for the board, gave his report, see attached.

133/22 Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has now been installed at the Parish Hall. Clerk has contacted R Rockcliffe a number of times regarding the Red Barn installation but has not received any response. We have been informed that some of the defibrillators require software updates, so this will be checked. Clerk will chase re training dates.

134/22 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

135/22 Correspondence

Scouts – request from them to install poo bag dispensers in the village. It was agreed that they could install on the Parish Council dog waste bins, but that consent would be required from the landowner if they were erected in other areas.

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

136/22 Play Area

No Play Area inspection received yet. Tom Thumb Unit slats have now been delivered. R Wales is to meet with Cliff Ellis tomorrow to advise of the gate/s location. Laurels still to be cut.

137/22 Playing Field

The tree at the rear of the Recreation Ground overhanging the field, Mr. Paxton has advised that he will deal with this but they are looking at options. The Parish Council are happy for him to access the tree from the Recreation Ground but don't want the recreation ground damaged by vehicles.

138/22 Highways

(i) Updates and Issues to be reported:

The Wig Wags have now been installed, but the clerk will contact highways again to enquire whether they are on the right side of the road as they are partially obscured by the hedge, which still needs cutting. Clerk will chase up again regarding the white line painting.

(ii) SAM2 update. Wimbotsham PC have it at the moment. Will get printable data next time around so that it can go in the newsletter.

- (iii) Parish Partnership Scheme. Trod linking Runcton Holme with Watlington to be considered, clerk will contact A Wallace for a quote for the proposal.
- (iv) School Road. Still pending proposal from A Wallace re 'pinch point' with costs, clerk will chase him up. This could also be considered under the PPS scheme and Cllr Long said that he may be able to provide a contribution from his local fund allowance. No further update regarding the School Road drainage concerns from highways. I Cable has advised the clerk that the pipe which has been installed on the last plot is twice the diameter that the IDB required and he has checked and feels that the drainage is better than before.
- (v) A10 concerns. Councillor B Long has suggested that there could be some improvement, but he has been advised that the signage is adequate. It is wondered if there could be more reflective bollards to indicate where the junction is and highlight it as the signage is not in line with it.

139/22 C.I.L Funding

Could consider CIL application for the Trod, discussed above. Need to evidence support so clerk will write something for the newsletter. B Redfern advised that newsletter deadline is in 7 days' time.

140/22 SCAM Awareness and Prevention Presentations

M Stevens attended the session in Downham Market and there were only two attendees. M Stevens will enquire whether they could come to the next coffee morning, he will then organise and speak to the Social Club.

141/22 Newsletter

B Redfern asked if the PC would consider a small payment to be made to Sadie who edits the newsletter. It was suggested that expenses could be paid, to be on next agenda for discussion.

142/22 Queens Jubilee and Memorial Bench

On proposal from R Wales and seconded by B Redfern, all agreed to purchase the two benches with the plaques at a cost of £1695.00. Locations to be agreed. Clerk will find out how they are delivered and whether they will need to be assembled? Will then enquire whether they can be delivered to the Social Club.

143/22 Foodbank

The Trussell Trust are doing a presentation at the coffee morning tomorrow at the Social Club. There is some information going into the newsletter.

144/22 Planning/Licensing

Planning application 22/01655/CU - Change of use of existing building to carry out vehicle MOT's including internal alteration at Manor Farm Unit 8 94 Watlington Road. No concerns as highway issues should be addressed by NCC.

145/22 Finance

- (i) Although it was agreed to trial the online banking payment last month, there were logistical issues. R Wales has contacted Barclays to get set up for online banking now. Payments agreed: Bramham Electrical (Defib installation) - £528.35, Wicksteed (Tom Thumb Unit parts) - £1372.93, Countrystyle Recycling (Bottle Bank) - £27.00, CM Ellis (Gates deposit) - £183.00.
- (ii) Accounts to 17th October 2022 agreed and signed.

146/22 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

Clerk mentioned that wildflower planting had been successful in Turners Close in Wimbotsham and suggested that councillors have a look to see if they want to consider any areas in Runcton Holme.

147/22 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Signed:

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