

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.30pm, held at Runcton Holme Church Hall.

Present: Councillors: M Stevens (Chair), T Oughton, B Redfern, S Partridge

Clerk: P Winson

105/22 Accept apologies for absence

Apologies from R Wales.

106/22 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.

107/22 Declarations of Councillors Interests

S Partridge declared an interest in agenda item 117/22.

108/22 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2022

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

109/22 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider. There are currently two vacancies.

110/22 Public Speaking

- (i) Borough and County Cllrs: Cllr B Long advised that he has spoken to Karl Rands at County Hall, about the A10 issues, to explore whether there is any funding pot and he advised that the signage is satisfactory and it has the extra visibility banding on it. B Long suggested a filter lane and he advised that there is no current funding and this site would not be a priority. He is going to speak to Andy Wallace to see if he has any suggestions re extra signage. The A10 is a designated 'corridor of movement' so there would only be a case to reduce the speed limit if there was significant development on the road to warrant it. Although the A134 has had a reduced speed limit.
Cllr Howland advised that some Borough Council meetings had been cancelled due to the death of the Queen, so he doesn't have much to report. Councils are already preparing for the Coronation next year.
- (ii) Members of the public: D Caley advised that there are two potholes on Downham Road near to where the postbox used to be. There are also some that were north and south of these that were marked out but were never filled. It was noted that the Parish Council noticeboard seems to be full of non-parish council related paperwork, this will be monitored. D Caley is still happy to remain as the Internal Drainage Board representative and will give a report at the next meeting. Asked if any update in respect of Post Box, none yet but clerk will chase. Clerk asked whether there was still an issue with Woodlake's as the Borough Council believe that the issue is resolved. He thinks that it is ok but will monitor it. The Environment Agency were not interested when the IDB reported the matter to them.

111/22 Defibrillator

The Defibrillator is to be installed at the Parish Hall tomorrow. Clerk has contacted R Rockcliffe a number of times regarding the Red Barn installation but has not received any response. S Partridge has now passed the Defibrillator and the box to R Rockcliffe and asked him to contact us regarding the installation. Councillors didn't all respond to the training dates previously circulated so clerk will ask for further dates.

112/22 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

113/22 Correspondence

Borough Council – Letter from Barclays advising that mandate has been updated.
Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

114/22 Play Area

Tom Thumb Unit slats pending delivery. Roundabout has paint chipping. Bowls Green hedge needs cutting. Laurel hedge quote received from Holly Landscapes for £345.00. On proposal from S Partridge and seconded by T Oughton, all agreed to accept this quote.

115/22 Playing Field

The tree at the rear of the Recreation Ground overhanging the field, Mr. Paxton has advised that he will look at it when he returns from holiday. Conifer cutting, clerk will contact IDB re this as this needs to be done before it gets too wet. Kew Grasscare have provided a quote at a cost of £360.00 plus VAT to spray the field with selective weedkiller, need to check whether this is still required.

116/22 Highways

(i) Updates and Issues to be reported:

The Wig Wags have now been installed, but the clerk will contact highways again to enquire when the school hedge is to be cut as the wig wags are partially obscured.

(ii) SAM2 update. It is on School Road.

(iii) School Road. Still pending proposal from A Wallace re 'pinch point' with costs. School Road drainage concerns, clerk read email reply from A Wallace (NCC): 'I can confirm that the whole section from the school to the Downham Rd junction has been cleansed. This has revealed a broken off let pipe which Mark is ordering repair and two manhole covers we are unable to lift he is also sorting replacement then they will be cleansed. Thankfully we were able to jet the pipework to these manholes from either direction.' Plot 11 now has a pipe along the drain, partially covered with dirt. The new development has exacerbated the drainage problems.

(iv) A10 concerns. Councillor B Long has already provide an update on this.

117/22 C.I.L Funding

Not sure if R Wales has met with C Ellis regarding the fencing yet as he has been unwell. Another 10ft of fencing is required to fill the gap now that the gate location has been moved. Clerk will check with R Wales where we are with this? Future applications to be considered discussed and any additional matting if required or benches?

118/22 SCAM Awareness and Prevention Presentations

Will think about this for the future. There is a session on Friday at 10am in Downham Market.

119/22 Newsletter

B Redfern asked for contributions from people. Good feedback on the latest edition.

120/22 Jubilee Tree/Bench

Clerk has circulated some bench options. The rainbow-coloured benches were a popular choice. It was agreed that one bench would be purchased for the Jubilee and a second as a memorial bench. Clerk will get prices to include plaques. Cllr Long suggested a youth shelter as a group sit on the mound behind the laurels. It was advised that there is already a shelter. It was suggested a basketball hoop could be considered?

121/22 Foodbank

The suggestion was to have a collection point rather than a foodbank in the village. B Redfern has some information from the Trussell Trust and they will provide some information for the newsletter. It was suggested that there could be a collection point at the Coffee Morning?

122/22 Planning/Licensing

Nothing to discuss.

123/22 Finance

(i) It was agreed to trial the online banking payment this month. Payments agreed: Holly Landscapes - £406.73, HMRC (Clerks Income Tax Quarter 2) - £183.00.

(ii) Accounts to 17th September 2022 agreed and signed.

124/22 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

B Redfern advised that they are looking at increasing the Parish Hall hire costs.

125/22 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 1st November 2022 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed:

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