

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm, held at Runcton Holme Church Hall.

Present: Councillors: M Stevens (Chair), T Oughton, S Partridge, B Redfern, R Wales 4 members of the public
Clerk: P Winson

148/22 Accept apologies for absence

Apologies from M Howland as he is in hospital. Everyone expressed their best wishes to him.

149/22 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.

150/22 Declarations of Councillors Interests

None.

151/22 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 1st November 2022

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

152/22 Councillor Vacancies

No applications to consider, however, I Oakley has expressed an interest.

153/22 Public Speaking

(i) Borough and County Cllrs: No reports.

(ii) Members of the public: D Caley spoke in respect of the foul smell emanating from Woodlakes, he advised that new balls were added to the digester yesterday. Concerns expressed over the A10 School Road junction. It was suggested that more reflectors could help. He confirmed that he was happy to take delivery of the new benches for the Recreation Ground.

L Brady advised that she knows of two people who have died along the A10 and feels that a speed reduction could help significantly. There has been an increase in the traffic numbers. She also feels that the reflectors need replacing/increasing.

M Stevens mentioned that STOP signs at the junction may help and he has also noticed an increase in speed along School Road.

154/22 Defibrillator

S Partridge will contact R Rockcliffe again regarding the Defibrillator for the Red Barn. It was agreed that the preferred date for the training is 9th January. It was later agreed to change the date to the 10th January and M Stevens will speak to Jenny at the Social Club.

155/22 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

156/22 Correspondence

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

157/22 Play Area

The matting is now due to be installed in January. The birds are damaging the grass due to the presence of grubs. The grass may require a further cut due to the mild weather, councillors will have a look. Clerk will check whether the Tom Thumb slats have been replaced, R Wales offered to help with this if required. There is a delay on the delivery of the gates.

158/22 Playing Field

The car park surface is being damaged, it was suggested that 5mph signs be installed attached to the entrance fencing. The tree at the rear of the Recreation Ground overhanging the field, Mr. Paxton has advised that they attempted to access the site to deal with this but that the ground was too wet. The location of the playing field benches to be agreed with R Pearman.

159/22 Highways

(i) Updates and Issues to be reported:

Clerk contacted highways again regarding the white lines and has been advised that due to costs this will now not be done until the Spring.

(ii) SAM2 update. It is currently on Watlington Road and will move to Downham Road. The VAS is not working again on School Road.

- (iii) Parish Partnership Scheme. A Wallace has provided a quote for the 'pinch point' on School Road and the cost is £20,000.00. It was agreed to submit an application under the PPScheme. The issue with the wig-wags has been raised as they are not visible and appear to be on the wrong side of the road.
- (iv) School Road. No further update regarding the School Road drainage concerns from highways.
- (v) A10 concerns. Reflectors have been suggested to make the junction more visible at night. It was also suggested that the Give Way signs could be replaced with Stop signs.

160/22 C.I.L Funding

Still pending a quote from A Wallace for a Trod to link with Runcion Holme. There has been a lot of support from parishioners in response to the newsletter article.

161/22 SCAM Awareness and Prevention Presentations

M Stevens will enquire whether they could come to a coffee morning, he will then organise and speak to the Social Club.

162/22 Liz Truss Meeting Invitation – It was agreed that she would be contacted to ask for dates when she is available, an evening meeting is preferred.

163/22 Newsletter

On proposal from M Stevens and seconded by R Wales, all agreed to pay £25.00 per issue towards expenses for the newsletter to Sadie.

164/22 Queens Jubilee and Memorial Bench

The two benches have been ordered and the locations to be agreed. D Caley has agreed to take delivery due to their size. R Wales offered D Caley help if he needs it when they are delivered.

165/22 Foodbank

A Flyer was put into the latest newsletter. Donations are being collected at the coffee mornings.

166/22 Planning/Licensing

Planning Application Consultation 22/01418/F for Upgrade of current 3 ft fence to a 6 ft fence to enclose driveway for use as garden at 5 Holme Close Runcion Holme – no objections as no highway safety concerns.

167/22 .Gov.Uk Email – As costs not known, it was agreed to express an interest in taking up the offer from NALC.

168/22 Finance

- (i) Payments agreed: BCKLWN Newsletter - £185.33, Holly Landscapes (Oct) - £406.73, Holly Landscapes (Nov) - £406.73, T Oughton (Print Cartridge) - £24.99.
- (ii) Accounts to 17th November 2022 agreed and signed.

169/22 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

Agreement/s to use the Recreation Ground. Post-box replacement. It was then mentioned that it was felt that a councillor had not used the correct etiquette when it was proposed to change the meeting date. The clerk advised that she had wanted to check availability as it was the festive season and there are currently only five Councillors that attend meetings at present. It was advised that Councillors should try and attend meetings where possible but if they are not able to attend then they should send apologies. It was also mentioned that there was a flyer in the last newsletter when a previous request was refused. It was advised that the flyer related to the Trussell Trust and not an advertisement.

170/22 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 3rd January 2023 at 7.30pm. Both T Oughton and S Partridge gave their apologies so as long as M Stevens, B Redfern and R Wales can all attend then the meeting will be quorate as three Councillors is the minimum requirement.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

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