**RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: R Pearman (Chair), L Brady (Vice-Chair), B Redfern, S Partridge, M Stevens, R Wales, Borough Cllr Mike Howland 1 member of the public Clerk: P Winson

1. **Accept apologies for absence.**

None.

1. **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.

1. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**

M Stevens declared an interest in Item 175/19 (ii)

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 7th January 2019**

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

1. **Councillor Vacancy**

No applications to consider.

1. **Public Speaking**
2. M Howland gave his report:

‘In January I attended a Regeneration & Development Panel in which discussions took place regarding increasing the car parking charges in King’s Lynn, I took them opportunity to challenge the cost of parking at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

I have had many discussions with members of the public who feel additional pressure to put in the correct amount of money into the parking machines and very often over or under pay when visiting friends and family, staff have to pay to park and lastly patents who have missed appointments as they couldn’t find a place to park.

I suggested to the Portfolio Holder Cllr. Paul Kunes that visitors should pay on exit, and only pay for the time that are parked, he felt it would cost the Hospital a lot of money to install machines and barriers, I felt that once installed everybody would benefit for years to come.

I have been asked what I do as a Borough Councillor and in January I attended five Parish Councils, Treasury Awareness Training, King’s Lynn Conservancy Board, Members Training & Finance, East of Ouse & Polver Internal Drainage Board, Planning Sifting, Full Borough Council and I sit on the Planning Committee.

After the two vehicle accidents on the A10 & A134 I have asked the two County Councillors to look into possible speed reductions, we will have to wait and see what happens next.

Other news, if Councillors are not able to acquire a copy of your local paper and want to catch up on local news and events it can be downloaded onto your i-pad phone or computer’.

1. Parishioner spoke about the footpath at Willow Farm. She asked why NCC state that the footpath should be wider? What is their intention with regard to the extra land? This is to be discussed later in agenda.
2. **Matters Arising**

It appears that the residents at 2 School Road have now vacated the property.

1. **Correspondence** in Folder for Circulation.

Grant for churchyard – info from B Redfern

Brochure – Broxap

Wildflower planting catalogue

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

1. **Play Area**

Playforce quote still not been received. Clerk to chase.

Signs need cleaning.

Laurel hedge needs cutting and the brambles removed.

Rocking Rooster base plate loose, S Partridge will have a look.

Roundabout has varnish peeling off; this will need to be dealt with when the weather improves.

1. **Playing Field**

Sign at the rear of the club advising that Tim Glover sign now removed. Letter received from Mr & Mrs N Cooke who want to erect a marquee on the field on 25th July 2020. All agreed to this request. The Social Club wants permission to hold car boot sales on the field. R Pearman declared an interest in this item. It was felt that the PC wouldn’t want the field to be used in wet conditions and that bigger vehicles should be on the car park rather than the field. It was agreed that a one-off trial should be arranged. It was felt that there should be a policy in relation to the use of the Recreation Ground for events.

1. **Car Park**

Club will investigate costs and get a proposal together.

1. **The Sandpits**

Letter received from the Scouts with proposal looking at using the site for other groups and re-instating the water supply. It was agreed that they should be invited to attend the next meeting so that this could be discussed.

1. **Highways**
2. Clerk will contact the new manager to see if he will attend a meeting.

Some potholes have been filled and others have been marked out for repair. Common Road, across the other side of the railway line, is very muddy and slippery and needs cleaning.

PROW – NCC have advised that the stiles are the responsibility of the landowner. It was advised that both stiles need repairing.

Cones at the end of Thorpland Close, a repair is to be done to the cover.

1. Willow Farm footpath. Some of the Parish Councillors have walked the route. L Brady said that it is valuable that the footpath is still there and it is accessible and walkable as it is. Believes that it should stay as it is and this would minimize costs, environmental etc. The definitive map should reflect the recent historical situation. It seems unsatisfactory that there is a hump in the footpath and it would benefit from being flattened out. It was asked what the benefit is for NCC’s proposal and what would they use the extra land for? Residents have confirmed that the footpath has been as it currently is since the early 1950’s. It was agreed that a letter be sent to NCC and draft would be circulated.
2. A10 Junction. MP E Truss has sent an email, in response to the clerks, advising the following: ‘Please be assured that I take the safety issues of the A10 very seriously, and I am keen to organise a site visit to look into the problems further, and will be in contact with Highways and the Parish Council to arrange for late spring / early summer’. R Pearman advised that as it is a trunk road that other parties may need to be included. Suggested that an article be written for the newsletter to update residents.
3. **Allotment Hedge**

Clerk as contacted Andy Wallace three times since the last meeting asking for an update and has received no response. Clerk to chase again and copy Cllr Long in.

1. **Newsletter**

Fran Stevens has volunteered to do the next newsletter.

1. **Planning**

It was suggested that Alex Fradley from Planning Policy at the BC be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Cllr M Howland left the meeting

No applications to discuss.

1. **Finance**
2. No cheques for payment.
3. Accounts to 16th January 2020 agreed and signed.
4. **Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.**

B Redfern advised that she would like to see a footpath along the road to Watlington. L Brady added that she would like footpaths along all the village roads including School Road. Request from parishioner to borrow litter picking equipment. It was agreed that acceptable if she follows risk assessments and takes sensible precautions. Clerk to make enquiries with insurance company as to liability and whether PC could purchase an additional set instead. 24th February is the approximate deadline for the newsletter.

1. **Confirm date of next meeting.**

The next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Chairman ………………………………………. Date …………………………………