

# RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm, held at Runcton Holme Church Hall.

**Present:** Councillors: M Stevens (Chair), T Oughton, S Partridge, B Redfern, R Wales, Borough Cllr Mike Howland and 2 members of the public  
Clerk: P Winson

### **1/23 Accept apologies for absence**

None.

### **2/23 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.

### **3/23 Declarations of Councillors Interests**

None.

### **4/23 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

### **5/23 Councillor Vacancies**

No vacancies. I Oakley signed the acceptance of office prior to the start of the meeting.

### **6/23 Public Speaking**

- (i) Borough and County Cllrs: Cllr M Howland advised that Nick Daubney was made an Alderman last Thursday. As he sits on the Planning Committee he cannot get too involved in local discussions.
- (ii) Members of the public: It was mentioned that they could not view the documents on the website for the planning application at 1 Banyards Place. It was advised that the application is for a replacement bungalow. Darren, the secretary of Watlington Football Club, met with the Chair previously as they need a new home for the 1<sup>st</sup> Team. Changing rooms have been upgraded so that they are up to standard. They would like to continue using the field and the F.A. will filter funds at grass roots level over a six-year program. The football club pay money to the Social Club for the use of the pitch.

### **7/23 Defibrillator**

S Partridge advised that R Rockcliffe wants to see signage proposed.

### **8/23 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

None.

### **9/23 Correspondence**

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

### **10/23 Play Area**

- (i) R Pearman has advised that all looks ok.
- (ii) On proposal from M Stevens and seconded by R Wales, all agreed to install the V Mesh fencing to close off gaps at far end of the play area at a cost of £195.00 plus V.A.T.

### **11/23 Playing Field**

Nothing to report.

### **12/23 Recreation Ground**

- (i) It was advised that the Playing Field Committee and the Social Club have merged. On proposal from R Wales and seconded by M Stevens, all agreed to pay the £160 plus VAT for the rolling and seeding of the field, but the Parish Council need to know exactly what the agreement is with the Social Club.
- (ii) Nematode treatment. All agreed to leave to the Football Club as it looks like they will be covered for this.
- (iii) On proposal from D Caley and seconded by S Partridge, all agreed to sign the Landlord/Tenant agreement that Watlington Football Club have proposed. M Stevens to sign.
- (iv) Additional side gate – further quotes required.
- (v) Fir Trees – Quote for £5000 received for works to the conifers. Agreed to defer.

### **13/23 Social Club**

Still pending response from Martin Chisholm. It was clarified that there are concerns over personal safety and anti-social behaviour.

**14/23 Car Park**

Drains issue – At the previous meeting M Stevens advised that the Social Club are covering the emergency call out for the ladies' toilets at a cost of £570.00. The Social Club are pursuing the matter with their insurance company.

**15/23 PROW Footpath 3**

Clerk advised that David Mills from NCC advised the following: 'There is no obligation for the owner of a field to keep livestock separate from walkers (other than dairy bulls) However, if the livestock, including horses, are known to be aggressive, then the landowner should remove them from where there is public access. I too have been through this field on several occasions and the horses have shown no interest in me. Nevertheless, I have contacted the owner and relayed the allegation that the animals have shown aggressive tendencies, but they have no such concern that this is the case. The liability is theirs is an incident were to occur and I doubt they would take that risk, so I have to assume that they are confident that the horses are OK with people'. It was reported that the gate at the Thorplands Lane end doesn't close, clerk will report.

**16/23 Highways**

(i) Updates and Issues to be reported:

Pothole on School Road opposite Banyards Place. One at the top of Church Lane.

(ii) SAM2 update. R Wales will provide information for the newsletter. R Wales advised that the data shows that the SAM2 does keep the speed down in the village. M Stevens thanked R Wales for all his efforts with the SAM2.

M Howland left the meeting

(iii) 30mph speed limit. On proposal from D Caley and seconded by M Stevens, all agreed to request a 30mph speed limit from Watlington through to Stowbridge. Cllr B Long has advised that he will support the request.

(iv) School Road. No further update regarding the School Road drainage concerns from highways. Parish Partnership application was submitted for traffic calming measures but the cost was £20,000. The proposal that was discussed was a pinch point rather than what is being proposed. Clerk will contact the Local Highway Officer Andy Wallace to arrange a meeting for May after the elections.

(v) A10 concerns. Clerk will contact Cllr Long for any update.

**17/23 Dog Bin.** Application has been submitted for licence to move the bin to School Road end of Oaklands Lane near the grit bin.

**18/23 Woodlakes**

Clerk gave update from Nathan Reed from the BC. He advised the following: 'They are emptying the tank every other day to avoid foul water being discharged into the stream. They are installing a new sewage treatment plant in the coming weeks which will be built to suitable capacity for the restaurant. I do not have an exact timescale but I have seen the spec from Biomarsh and have spoken to the sales rep. This is a joint venture between the owners of Woodlakes and Jacks restaurant who has the lease for that facility. Works are due to commence soon I am led to believe'.

**19/23 C.I.L Funding**

Applications can be submitted in July. Clerk will enquire whether School Road scheme would fall within funding.

**20/23 Newsletter**

Next deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**21/23 Kings Coronation Bench**

On proposal from S Partridge and seconded by T Oughton, all agree to purchase the rectangular bench with plaque. Already have fixing kits from the other benches.

**22/23 Kings Coronation**

An application has been made to the BCKLWN for a grant of up to £200 for the Social Club event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**23/23 Planning/Licensing**

Planning application reference 23/00502/F for the 'Replacement dwelling following fire damage to existing bungalow at 1 Banyards Place'. No objections to the proposal.

**24/23**

**Finance**

- (i) On proposal from S Partridge and seconded by T Oughton, all agreed to renew the NALC Subscription of £273.99 including £70 for website hosting.
- (ii) On proposal from B Redfern and seconded by T Oughton, all agreed to renew the CPRE subscription at £36.00.
- (iii) Payments agreed:
- (iv) Accounts to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 agreed and signed.
- (v) On proposal from S Partridge and seconded by T Oughton, all agreed the annual accounts.

**25/23**

**Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.**

R Wales has chased the Post Office again and he spoke to the contractor who is waiting for a response for consent to install.

**26/23**

**Confirm date of next meeting.**

Date of next meeting is the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed: .....

Date:.....