

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm, held at Runcton Holme Church Hall.

Present: Councillors: M Stevens (Chair), T Oughton, S Partridge, R Wales, County Cllr B Long, Borough Cllr Mike Howland and 6 members of the public
Clerk: P Winson

171/22 Accept apologies for absence

Apologies from B Redfern.

172/22 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.

173/22 Declarations of Councillors Interests

None.

174/22 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2022

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

175/22 Councillor Vacancies

I Oakley has completed his co-option application which will be circulated.

176/22 Public Speaking

- (i) Borough and County Cllrs: Cllr Howland mentioned the emails that he circulates. The Borough Council have agreed a Council tax increase of £5 per property. A free weekly battery disposal collection is starting alongside the normal waste collection. I.D. will now be required to vote at the elections in May. The Parish Council is planning to publicise this in the newsletter and the noticeboards.

Cllr Long advised that in addition to joining the Scrutiny Committee at the County Council he is joining the Peoples Community Select Committee and is the Disability Champion for Norfolk. NCC are considering an agreement for devolution and it is a county deal for Norfolk only. The County leader would be directly elected by members of the public. He gave an example of a change should this happen, in that NCC could choose the educational/training courses that are run in the county to meet the county need. It is a £20 million pound proposal for the next 30 years. Half a million pounds is proposed for the Nar Ouse Area, public engagement on the proposals is starting soon.

- (ii) Members of the public: D Caley advised that the benches have been delivered along with the installation kit. He has tried to contact Chris regarding the Conifer cutting but so far, he hasn't managed to get him to answer the phone. Potholes in the village have been marked for some time but not been filled. The postbox has still not been replaced.

It was asked whether any planning application had been submitted in respect of the Old Rectory, and the PC confirmed that they had not received any notification yet. The MOP has contacted Land Registry for ownership details.

177/22 Defibrillator

All three are now registered and S Partridge and T Oughton are the guardians. The Bowls Club have given a £50 donation towards the running costs, thank you letter to be sent. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a sign indicating where the one at The Red Barn is.

178/22 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

179/22 Correspondence

Email from M Stevens re the PROW, no action required at this time.
Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

180/22 Play Area

Inspection report reviewed.

Replacement matting has now been installed. Gates are to be fitted imminently.

181/22 Playing Field

Draft agreement with Watlington football club, M Stevens will bring to the next meeting for consideration and agreement. There was no objection in principle but will need to see the proposal. They wish to have a smaller pitch for the juniors but they should be able to get funding for that.

182/22 Recreation Ground

- (i) Clerk has found a historical form which was completed by users of the Recreation Ground, clerk only has a hard copy so will type it up and circulate to Councillors for comments and additions/amendments.
- (ii) Additional side gate. It was asked whether there was a need for a smaller gate if the other gate could be used? R Wales will contact Cliff who is installing the other gates to ask him for a quote. Two other quotes will be required.

183/22 Social Club

CCTV was discussed. Two quotes have been received which were in excess of £2000. Stand-alone safety cameras are £150 each. Concerns were expressed over data storage and access requests. It was suggested that M Chisholm at the BC be contacted for advice. Clerk has contacted several companies for 5mph signs and only A1 signs has provided a quote, £29 each for non-reflective and £41 for reflective signs. It was suggested that clerk contact East Coast signs as well.

184/22 Car Park

Drains issue – J Carr has been working there, so will see if problem resolved. No further action required at this time. M Stevens will get some legal advice re the roots which are coming from the trees next door at the Firs.

M Howland left

185/22 Highways

- (i) Updates and Issues to be reported:
Tree roots on path near Thorpland Lane has been resolved. Wig-wags have now been trimmed and are visible.
- (ii) SAM2 update. It was on Downham Road, then School Road before it returns to Wimbotsham.
- (iii) School Road. No further update regarding the School Road drainage concerns from highways. Parish Partnership application submitted for traffic calming measures but the cost was £20,000. Cllr Long advised that he would speak to the Local Highways Officer Andy Wallace.
- (iv) A10 concerns. Cllr Long has made enquiries and the signage at the junction is in accordance with the requirements. M Stevens suggested SLOW written on the road, Cllr Long will enquire.

186/22 C.I.L Funding

Quote from A Wallace for a Trod along Watlington Road was prohibitive at £100,000. It was agreed that Watlington PC could be contacted to see if they are willing to support a joint application for a Trod to link the two villages. This could be a combination of Parish Partnership and CIL funding.

187/22 Liz Truss Meeting Invitation – This invitation is for councillors only and is not open to members of the public. It was agreed that the meeting would be best after the elections.

188/22 Newsletter

There is enough input for the March edition. M Stevens will collect and distribute the newsletters to those doing the delivering.

189/22 Queens Jubilee and Memorial Bench

Locations to be agreed with the Social Club. To consider a Coronation bench.

190/22 Kings Coronation

It was agreed that if £200 is received from the BC fund that the Parish Council could match this and this would cover the costs of a street party, entertainment and free food. On proposal from T Oughton and seconded by R Wales, all agreed to this.

191/22 Planning/Licensing

Nothing to consider.

192/22 Finance

- (i) On proposal from R Wales and seconded by S Partridge, all agreed to £56.00 towards the SLCC subscription.
- (ii) Payments agreed:

- (iii) Accounts to 17th January 2023 agreed and signed.
- (iv) The budget was approved and the precept request was agreed at £16,250.00

193/22 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

It was suggested that a village walkaround be considered to identify any issues and check assets. The dog bin on School Road is overflowing again. It was suggested that the dog bin on Oaklands Lane be moved up to School Road. Highways would have to agree, so clerk will speak to A Wallace.

194/22 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 7th March at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed:

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