

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2023 at 7.30pm, held at Runcton Holme Scout Hut.

Present: Councillors: S Partridge (Chair), D Caley (Vice-Chair), N Cooke, I Oakley, A Marriott, T Oughton, R Pearman, and 1 member of the public
Clerk: P Winson

76/23 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Borough Cllr Moriarty and Martin Stevens.

77/23 Declarations of Councillors Interests and requests for Dispensations

A Marriott has an interest in planning application agenda item 94/23.

78/23 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 6th June 2023

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

79/23 Councillor Vacancies

There is one vacancy. M Stevens has expressed an interest but no application received yet.

80/23 Public Speaking

(i) Borough and County Cllrs: None.

(ii) Members of the public: None.

81/23 Defibrillator

All checks carried out and all ok. There was some discussion as to where the signage for The Red Barn defibrillator should be. Consent will be required from NCC if the PC want to put it on the road sign and R Rockcliffe if it is to be on his building. Councillors will have a look before the next meeting and see where they think is the best place. Clerk will circulate signage options.

82/23 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

D Caley will ask R Wales if there is any update in respect of the post-box to replace the stolen one. N Cooke advised that the Flood Investigation Officer had visited and there is a blockage. She is going to have a look at the dykes in front of the new houses.

83/23 Correspondence

T Oughton advised that she had received a complaint about the state of the churchyard as it appears that it hasn't been cut. Clerk will email the PCC.

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

84/23 Internal Drainage Report

D Caley gave his report. He is the Vice-Chair. They are back up to full labour. Everything is going ok but the digger driver has damaged his back. The landowners are happier than they were this time last year.

85/23 Play Area

The gate at the Bowls Green end does not seem to shut properly. Clerk will contact to chase up fence installation. The hedge needs cutting all the way along towards the school. S Partridge has offered to do this next Monday 21st in the evening if anyone is available to help. The allotment hedge also needs cutting back and the footpath cleared which the Highway Rangers have done on the past. The framework on the play equipment needs re-painting in the Spring. R Pearman will ask M Martin for a quote. It was suggested that David Marriott could also be asked.

86/23 Playing Field

(i) A few people are making a mess on the football pitch. Watlington has CCTV, so clerk will contact them to see how it operates.

(ii) Football Club – After discussion all agreed that advertising boards could be installed. They will be on the perimeter so won't affect the grasscutting.

(iii) Fir Trees – D Caley asked whether the PC had the funds to take this forward and it was agreed that there were and the work needs to be done. Previous quote was for £5000 so he will see if he can obtain further quote/s.

87/23 Social Club

Already discussed.

88/23 Highways

(i) Updates and Issues to be reported:

Gullies have still not been cleared but they should be done by the end of the month. Clerk will contact A Wallace (NCC) to ask when the kerbing outside 51 and 53 School Road will be installed.

(ii) SAM2 update. I Oakley has taken it on and it is currently on Watlington Road.

(iii) School Road. CIL application has been submitted for the pinch point. Clerk has contacted A Wallace for the specification so that other quotes can be obtained. The latest quote of £13000 was for a narrowing on both sides of the road and the previous quote was only on one side. School Road drainage – two drain lids need replacing as they could not lift them and highways are working on this.

(iv) A10 concerns. There has been another accident since the last meeting. Clerk will contact Cllr Long again. There are still vehicles parking close to the junction of School Road crossroads despite the residents being spoken to. The PROW at Oaklands Lane needs to be cut, clerk will contact highways.

89/23 Dog Bins Consent has been granted for the bins to be moved. The Oaklands Lane one is to be moved up next to the grit bin and the Thorpland Lane one is to be moved to Thorpland Close next to the footpath and away from the noticeboard.

90/23 Woodlakes
Clerk will contact Nathan Reed from the BC for a further update as complaints still being received.

91/23 C.I.L Funding
Application submitted. Consideration to be given to next round of applications in January. A suggestion was the Recreation Ground car park.

92/23 Newsletter
Been collated and off to the printers.

93/23 Kings Coronation Bench
Bench has been delivered to D Caley and installation to be arranged, it was suggested that it should be near the smaller children's play equipment.

94/23 Planning/Licensing
Planning application reference 23/01115/F – all agreed no objections. BT application to remove the phone box on School Road – all agreed to object due to poor mobile phone signal and close to A10 accident blackspot. Planning application at The Firs still not determined.

95/23 Finance
(i) Payments agreed: Scouts - Meeting Hall Hire - £10.00, BCKLWN Newsletter - £172.70, Countrystyle Recycling - £12.00, Earth Anchors - Bench - £933.60, - Fixing kit - £51.54, Social Club (Pest Control) - £35.00, W & P Caley - £36.00 (planings for car park), S Norman (Newsletter) - £25.00. S Partridge has now had his ID confirmed so hopefully the mandate change should go through soon. The invoice from the Social Club was £70 but it was felt that it was fair to split this 50/50 with the Recreation Ground.

(ii) Accounts to 17th July 2023 agreed and signed.

96/23 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

The fire at Holme Close was mentioned. There were concerns that there was an issue with the water supply as 8-10 tenders were in attendance bringing water in. Clerk will contact the BC's for advice to see if we can access the fire report. Parish Partnership Scheme, the next round of applications need to be submitted by early December.

97/23 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Scout Hut.

Meeting closed at 8.59pm.

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