

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm held at Runcton Holme Scout Hut.

Present: Councillors: S Partridge (Chair), D Caley (Vice-Chair), N Cooke, I Oakley, M Stevens and 4 members of the public
Clerk: P Winson

156/23 To receive apologies

Apologies received from R Pearman and T Oughton.

157/23 Declarations of Councillors Interests and requests for Dispensations

None.

158/23 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2023

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

159/23 Public Speaking

- a) Borough and County Cllrs: Clerk read out B. Cllr Devulapalli's email: I am unable to attend the meeting this evening due to a prior commitment. I have nothing particular to report from the borough council re Runcton Holme. One resident has been in touch re flooding and I was told Cllr Long was looking into it, as it is a county matter.
- The borough council's home efficiency grants have proven popular so please advise your parishioners of the scheme, so they can avail of the help available to insulate and upgrade their properties.
- I have money left in my CIL allocation this year, so again, pls let me know if you have any thoughts. Please note, this money cannot be given to parish councils.
- Cllr Moriarty had sent his apologies and email:
- "The 'outline proposal' stage for year 2 of the West Norfolk Rural Community Capital Grants is now open: capital grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available, with match funding of 25% required.
- The fund can provide capital grants to community organisations in the rural areas of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, for the creation or improvement of buildings or equipment that will enhance and strengthen community assets, facilities and local provision. The grant scheme is being delivered by Norfolk Community Foundation on behalf of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk and is funded by £225,000 from the UK Government through the Rural England Prosperity Fund.
- Grants are available for projects that improve social cohesion and increase local pride by investing in and futureproofing community facilities, green spaces and communal infrastructure. Successful projects should consider local needs now and into the future.
- Examples of fundable projects include community-led environmental projects (such as opening a repair and repurpose hub), green community energy schemes and upgrading of community spaces to provide enhanced community use, e.g. accessibility improvements.
- Projects must be deliverable between May 2024 and the end of March 2025.
- Community groups must be from the rural areas of west Norfolk and eligible applicants include charities, faith organisations, parish/town councils, social enterprises/CICs, and voluntary/community groups. The Norfolk Community Foundation website has more details of eligible areas and groups.
- Interested parties can find out more on the [Norfolk Community Foundation](#) where you will also be able to download and submit an outline proposal form.
- Outline project proposals must be submitted by the end of January 2024 and will be reviewed soon after. Applicants who are successful at this stage will then be invited to submit a full application, and final decisions on grant awards are expected to be announced in May, so project dates should plan to start from then.
- Find our more information about the scheme, eligibility and how to apply on the [West Norfolk Rural Communities Capital Grants](#) web page."
- b) Members of the public: White lines have still not been repainted; clerk will chase.
- Banyards Place road-sign still damaged and needs replacing. Latest newsletter is good. Coffee morning well supported.
- The post box is still wrapped up and not yet in use, D Caley will ask R Wales for details of who he contacted. There is a blocked drain on Downham Road at the end of Thorpeland Lane, this

has previously been reported. The pavement is very muddy and slippery towards Thorplands Close, so will ask the Rangers if they can clear this. The A10 signage has still not been replaced, but Highways have confirmed that a new sign is awaiting installation. BT's application to remove the phone box, KLWNBC have no objections pending Ofcom signal testing and road safety info. It was asked whether BT doing the digital runout will affect things? There is a drainage ditch in the verge opposite Pond Farmhouse on School Road which needs clearing, will contact County Cllr Long. Parishioner advised that he likes the look of the red phone box in the village and thinks it is an asset to the village.

160/23 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Long is still chasing up the fire report re the Holme Close fire.

161/23 Correspondence

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

162/23 Play Area

Inspection Report. The birds nest swing, the cushion has perished and wadding around the joint needs replacing, clerk has identified supplier Schoolscapes and quote pending. The tree roots, CGM have provided a quote for £156+VAT for the root grinding only and not the stump. All agreed to accept this quote.

163/23 Playing Field

The Social Club to be asked to clarify the position in respect of the Country Club and the fees that they pay and where that money goes.

164/23 Social Club

- a) CCTV – D Caley has sought advice and is pending quote. Clerk has obtained possible funding options for the CCTV and info passed to the club. The Social Club could apply for a Borough Councillor grant.
- b) The Firs. The tree roots are doing damage to the drains, the car park and the fence. Will give the owners an opportunity to meet in January to discuss.

165/23 Highways

- a) Updates and Issues to be reported:
School Road footpaths need cleaning.
Oaklands Lane footpath, tree has fallen over and needs removing.
Bells Drove, which was mentioned at the last meeting, D Caley has spoken to the farmer and the road sweeper has been used but this hasn't helped much as the road is so narrow.
Downham Road hedges, clerk to contact Woodlakes. Thorpland Close/Downham Road overgrown hedge which needs cutting back, D Caley will confirm address.
School field end, hedge needs cutting back towards the A10. The Borough Council litter picker did a good job on School Road. Jubilee Rise hedge needs cutting back, will ask the Rangers.
- b) SAM2 update. It has been moved again.
- c) School Road.
Nothing further heard from Cllr Long. Two covers have been replaced at the top of Banyards Place and Oaklands Lane. Pinch point will need flexible posts rather than solid to allow farm vehicle access. Pinch point specification not yet received so clerk will chase Andy Wallace again.
- d) A10 concerns. Junction sign to be replaced. Accident report proposes 50mph speed limit and new signage.

166/23 Dog Bins Not been moved yet. Will advise clerk when done so that she can inform the Borough Council.

167/23 Defibrillators

On proposal from N Cooke and seconded by M Stevens, all agreed to purchase the sign from Masson Seeley to be attached to the road sign.

168/23 C.I.L Funding

Reflectors at the A10 junction, clerk will ask Cllr Long if there is anything left in his Councillor fund.

Suggested applying for trod along Watlington Road from the crossroads to Church Lane, clerk will ask for quote.

169/23 Newsletter

Went out on time. Next deadline 5th February 2024.

170/23 Planning/Licensing

23/01445/BT - Removal of 3 BT payphones - Various Locations within the Borough – this application already mentioned. The Firs application has been refused; clerk will check reasons.

171/23 Finance

- a) Payments agreed: BCKLWN Newsletter (Winter) - £172.70 & Autumn -149.76, Countrystyle Recycling - £15.00, Sadie (Newsletter) - £25.00, Scouts (Hall Hire) - £10.00.
- b) Accounts to 17th November 2023 agreed and signed.

172/23 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

Clerk to contact Holly Landscapes to check costs for next year. Football hoardings may affect grass cutting.

173/23 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Scout Hut.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Signed:

Date:.....

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