

RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm held at Runcton Holme Scout Hut.

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

174/23 To receive apologies

Apologies received from R Pearman. N Cooke had sent her apologies before the meeting but they were not seen until afterwards.

175/23 Declarations of Councillors Interests and requests for Dispensations

S Partridge declared an interest in item 182/23.

176/23 Agree Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2023

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

177/23 Public Speaking

- a) Borough and County Cllrs: Cllr Moriarty had sent his apologies.
- b) Members of the public: The A10 signage has still not been replaced, but Highways have confirmed that a new sign is awaiting installation. The postbox is still not operational. There is water on the road at Thorpeland's Lane, a hydrant is leaking and have been advised that it is in hand. There appear to be two separate leaks. There is also water across on the road on School Road, at the access to College Lane.

178/23 Matters Arising from previous meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Long has been chased up regarding the fire report for the Holme Close fire.

179/23 Correspondence

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

180/23 Play Area

The birds nest swing, Schoolscapes quote is pending and they have asked for some further info to identify the parts required, T Oughton is going to look tomorrow. The tree roots, CGM have provided a quote for £156+VAT for the root grinding only and this has been agreed. Chain-link fencing still not installed, clerk has chased Cliff Ellis and will send him a recorded delivery letter asking for the work to be completed or deposit returned.

181/23 Playing Field

The football Club have asked when the tree the other side of the field will be cut, it has been too wet but M Stevens said that he would have go at it tomorrow.

182/23 Social Club

- a) CCTV – Clerk has obtained funding options for the CCTV and info passed onto the club. The Social Club could also apply for a Borough Councillor grant.
- b) The Firs. Meeting to be arranged, pending response.

183/23 Highways

- a) Updates and Issues to be reported:
Pothole outside 46 Common Road. Downham Road, water across the road as already mentioned.
A10 junction sign still not replaced, clerk will chase.
Oaklands Lane footpath, thanks to D Caley for clearing the tree.
- b) SAM2 update. Currently with Wimbotsham.
- c) School Road.
Recent heavy rain does not appear to have caused issues. Pinch point specification still not yet received so clerk will chase Andy Wallace again.
- d) A10 concerns. Junction sign still to be replaced. Accident report proposes 50mph speed limit and new signage. Clerk has contacted Cllr Long re additional reflectors.

184/23 Dog Bins

They have not been moved yet. Will advise clerk when done so that she can inform the Borough Council.

185/23 Defibrillators

All ok. S Partridge to take delivery of sign.

186/23 C.I.L Funding

Watlington Road Trod – clerk will chase A Wallace for quote for consideration.

187/23 Newsletter

Next deadline 5th February 2024.

188/23 Planning/Licensing

The Firs application has been refused.

189/23 Finance

- a) On proposal from M Stevens and seconded by A Marriott, SLCC contribution of £69.00 agreed.
- b) Payments agreed: Countrystyle (Bottle Bank) - £18.00, HMRC (Clerks Income Tax) - £278.40, Holly Landscapes (Laurel Cutting – Jan 2023) - £450.00, Scouts (Hall Hire) - £10.00.
- c) Accounts to 17th December 2023 agreed and signed.
- d) Budget agreed and all agreed to precept being set at £19500 due to increased costs.

190/23 Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.

Clerk has contacted Holly Landscapes to check costs for next year. Dog owner asked whether dogs are allowed on the Recreation Ground as signs say that they are not, but a dog is regularly exercised on there. Dogs are not permitted on the Recreation Ground so article to be put in the next newsletter. Suggestion for future consideration for a trod further down Common Road. Oaklands Lane is mess at times too. Clerk to contact footpaths officer regarding Church Lane footpath.

191/23 Confirm date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting is 6th February 2024 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Scout Hut.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Signed:

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