

Northwold and Whittington Parish Council – Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 9th June 2022
Held at Northwold Village Hall

PRESENT: Vice Chairman M. Winter, Cllrs G. Gillett, M. Peake, G. Raynor, H. Hogan.
Mrs Samantha King (Clerk). County Cllr M. Storey. There were two members of the public at the meeting.

1. THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Welcome everybody to the Parish Council meeting.

2. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Chairman C. Anderson, Cllrs A. Bennett & A. MacMullen. District Cllr T. Ryves.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

No interest.

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING held on 5TH MAY 2022

The minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2022 was proposed by Cllr G. Raynor and seconded by Cllr M. Peake. All agreed. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman. The final version will be made available on the website and notice boards.

5. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (for information only)

None.

6. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS (for items on the agenda)

None.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council that there has been vandalism to the children's play equipment. The resident felt it was too dangerous for children to use until it has been repaired. Clerk to contact Chairman C. Anderson to review the play equipment and use fencing to stop children using the play equipment if necessary. Clerk to contact Fenland Leisure to come and inspect the damage.

8. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

County Cllr M. Storey

There were many jubilee celebrations across Norfolk from Thursday to Sunday. It was an essential way of bringing communities together. It was very well attended and went well. A new round of CIL grants is available for small community projects. Full details are on the website and it is updated regularly. Mindful of comments on foot and bridle paths as some people are being told they have a footpath through their land even though they have owned the property for a long time. Both the District and Borough Councils are quick to respond to fly tipping. You can email the clean-up team and this is normally cleaned up within 12 hours. I am also looking at the issue of temporary traffic lights being left out even though the project is completed.

Regarding planning discussions on the Jenson Way, a check is to be made if the Section 106 sent to the Planning Department on the pedestrian crossing was considered.

District Cllr T. Ryves

Unable to attend.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- A resident has complained about the overgrown brambles and ivy growing over the old cemetery wall. Clerk to contact TTSR to establish whether this is part of their contract.

10. FINANCES

10.1 Accept accounts to 9th June 2022 and agree payments to be approved in accordance with list prepared by Responsible Finance Officer

This was agreed by everyone. The payment sheet for May was signed by the Vice Chairman.

Northwold & Whittington Payments May 2022									
The following payments were authorised on 9th June 2022									
Balance in current account May 2022						£41,852.89			
Plus the following receipts									
Total Income						£0.00			
Total after Income						£41,852.89			
Cheques/DD/BACS		Description					Total		
BACS		TTSR - Grounds Maintenance					£1,469.28		
DD		Anglian Water					£5.00		
DD		Westcotec - Street Light Maintenance					£19.10		
DD		Drax - Northwold Street Light Energy					£280.25		
DD		Drax - Whittington Street Light Energy					£10.46		
BACS		TTSR - Grounds Maintenance (Walnut Tree)					£1,020.00		
BACS		Sally A Beadle - Children's Entertainer					£100.00		
BACS		Ailene MacMullen - Grant Payment (paid)					£100.00		
BACS		Clerks Wage					£386.14		
Total Cheques/bacs/dd paid							£3,390.23		
Balance in Community Account June 2022 *							£38,462.66		
Bank Statement Balance as of June 2022							£41,457.18		
Outstanding payments to be made todate							£2,994.52		
Balance in community account (always match balance marked *)							£38,462.66		

11. PLANNING

Discuss and comment on any new planning applications received, note interim planning comments and published decisions.

22/00210/F - 61 West End, Northwold, IP26 5LG – dated 19th May 2022

Construct single storey extension to rear of bungalow. No objection.

22/00931/F - Land North of 62 - 64 West End, Northwold, Norfolk – dated 31st May 2022

VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 1, 3 AND 7 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 21/01419/F: (Variation/Removal of conditions of Planning Permission 18/01541/F) Construction of 3 dwellings. No objection.

22/00281/F – The Old Bell, 2 Whittington Hill, Whittington, PE33 9TE – dated 14th March 2022

Proposed conversion of outbuilding to form a single dwelling. Comments provided. Application Permitted.

21/02459/LB – Linden Cottage, 48 High Street, Northwold, IP26 5LA – dated 29th March 2022

Application for listed building consent for internal works. Comments provided.

22/00035/TREECA Hall Farm, 90 West End Northwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 5LG

Trees in Conservation area: Group of Lime Trees - Reduce the height by 4.5 meters and the sides by 2 meters and crown thin by 20%. Tree Application – No objection.

12. LAND & PROJECTS

12.1 Riverside (FP7) Footbridge, Northwold – handrail is missing and this has been reported to The Bridges Team on the 10th November and they have confirmed that the problem is being investigated

Still outstanding. Clerk to chase again. (Received reply and work to commence 11th July).

12.2 Bridge over the Ford in Common Drove – needs to be replaced and has been reported to The Bridges Team

Still outstanding. Clerk to chase again.

13. CONSULTATIONS: Discuss and resolve on response.

13.1 Neighbourhood Plan – update

No update. It was decided that this will now be removed from the agenda due to lack of interest.

14. HIGHWAYS AND STREETLIGHTING

14.1 SAM2 Update – to report on latest data

The SAM2 sign is still at Whittington. Awaiting data report. Clerk to check if Cllr A. Bennett has been sending data to the Police and District and Borough Councils.

14.2 Whittington Village Signs –update on price of new signs

Carried over to next meeting.

14.3 Speeding and traffic calming measures on the B1112 – Methwold Road, Whittington

Cllr A. Bennett expressed the Parish Council concerns very well at the planning meeting.

14.4 Footpaths on School Lane from Church Lane to Normandy Close and across the street from Normandy Close to the Methwold Road

Highways look after the footpaths and they will keep it cut. The Clerk has emailed the Rangers with suggestions from Councillors regarding issues in the villages which requires their attention.

14.5 Footpath 6

TTSR has completed one cut but this is responsibility of Highways and they will cut this footpath during the summer. A request should be made to have a sign showing the dogleg towards the A134 and not across the field to Church Lane.

14.6 Any other issues requiring attention

None.

15. PARISH FACILITIES

15.1 Green Projects – planting trees and hedging between allotments

Carried over to next meeting.

15.2 Northwold & Whittington in bloom

The planters are in place in Whittington. Two are at the war memorial. The green has now been cleared and the next project in the village hall. The grass has been cut a few times.

15.3 Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr A. MacMullen was successful in securing a second grant and the mugs will be given out to the children this weekend.

15.4 Drax contract

Drax has written to the Clerk confirming the prices are correct. Clerk has asked Opus Energy for a quotation and is still in contact with Smarter Business to find a new supplier.

15.5 Speeding traffic in Whittington

The SAM2 sign will be moved to the high-risk area on the A134 after Cllr G. Rayner collects it from Cllr A. Bennett. It will be placed on the A134 Whittington to provide data to support a pedestrian crossing. Cllr A. Rayner will send all data to those concerned.

15.6 Play equipment in Whittington

This will be discussed in the extraordinary meeting.

15.7 Parish Council meetings in Whittington

The Parish Council agrees that some meetings should be held in Whittington. It was suggested that the September meeting is held at the Church. Cllr H. Hogan to provide the Clerk with contact details.

15.8 Foot paths in Whittington

Carried over to the next meeting.

15.9 Any other issues requiring action

When is the COVID plaque presented to the Parish Council being put on the village sign? Clerk to email Chairman C. Anderson to find out when this will be done and if a photo can be taken for the magazine.

16. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

16.1 To receive any updates or additional urgent work required.

None. The glamping site down Mill Drove has kindly agreed to install a dog bin and have this emptied.

17. CEMETERIES

17.1 Monthly safety review results.

None.

18. SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

18.1 To receive any updates or maintenance work required

None.

19. Items for the next agenda

No new items.

20. DATE of next two meetings.

7th July & 8th September

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.37pm

Signed _____ Date _____