

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

Thursday 7th July 2022
Held at Northwold Village Hall

PRESENT: Vice Chairman M. Winter, Cllrs G. Gillett, M. Peake, H. Hogan.
Mrs Pauline Angus Clerk (standing in for Sam King who is unable to attend this meeting) There were no members of the public at the meeting.

1. THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chairman M. Winter welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said this would have been Sam King's last meeting, unfortunately she has COVID and is unable to attend. The Parish Council would like to thank Sam for her help and support since coming on board as Parish Clerk to Northwold in January this year.

2. TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Chairman C. Anderson and Cllrs A. Bennett, A. MacMullan and G. Raynor.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

No interest so far for the current Councillor's vacancy. Clerk to send final version of advert to Holly so that she can put this on notice boards around Whittington and also to check if the advert has been put on the Whittington and Northwold Facebook pages. There is now a vacancy for the Clerk's position following the resignation of Sam King. It was agreed to discuss the Clerk's pay scales at the next meeting.

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING held on 9th June 2022

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**
None in attendance.

8. **LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**
County Cllr M. Storey
Not at meeting.

District Cllr T. Ryves
Not at meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- A resident has asked if the tree in the corner of the recreation ground can be trimmed back. Clerk waiting for a quote from TTSR. Councillors need to agree that this can be done once quote has been received.
- Email from a resident asking for the byway to the Wissey off Church Lane in Whittington to be cut. In the past someone has kindly cut it a couple of times in the summer so we can get the canoes down. Highways will not cut this. To agree for TTSR to cut. *See item 14.4*

10. FINANCES

10.1 Accept accounts to 7th July 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 June was signed by the Vice Chairman.

Northwold & Whittington Payments June 2022		
The following payments were authorised on 7th July 2022.		
Balance in current account June 2022		£38,462.66
Plus the following receipts		
Grant - Borough Council		£200.00
Total Income		£200.00
Total after Income		£38,662.66
Cheques/DD/BACS	Description	Total
BACS (Paid)	Business Services at CAS Ltd - Council Insurance	£1,134.38
DD	Anglian Water	£5.00
DD	Westcotec - Street Light Maintenance	£19.10
BACS	Pauline Angus - Back pay from 01/04/21 to 31/12/21	£48.10
BACS	Clerks Wage	£386.14
BACS	HMRC - Quarter 1 - Income Tax	£11.80
BACS	Stoke Ferry Internal Drainage Board	£12.09
DD	Drax - Northwold Street Light Energy	£289.59
DD	Drax - Whittington Street Light Energy	£16.64
BACS	Mark Winter - Plants & Compost	£85.00
Total Cheques/bacs/dd paid		£2,007.84
Balance in Community Account July 2022	*	£36,654.82
Bank Statement Balance as of July 2022		£37,499.39
Outstanding payments to be made todate		£844.57
Balance in community account (always match balance marked *)		£36,654.82

11. PLANNING

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

22/01032/RMM - Former Coal Yard, The Poplars, Thetford Road, Northwold – dated 29th June 2022

Construction of 12 dwellings at Former Coal Yard. – this is a new application for the update of the design of the houses. No objections, however, the Councillors would like consideration to be given to reducing the speed limit to 40mph leading to the access to the development.

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. Application Permitted.

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. ENQ-565882-M2C4J8. This should be completed w/c 11th July.

12.2 Bridge over the Ford in Common Drove – Needs to be replaced and has been reported to The Bridges Team. ENQ-565885-B2D1R5 – The bridge has been replaced – take off the agenda.

13. CONSULTATIONS: Discuss and resolve on response.

13.1 Any consultation requiring action – it was agreed to take this off the agenda.

14. HIGHWAYS AND STREETLIGHTING

14.1 SAM2 Update – to report on latest data

No update received so far. (This has since been received and circulated to Parish Council).

14.2 Whittington Village Signs –update on price of new signs

Cllr A. Bennett has emailed Glasdon again with verge measurements and chasing them as he didn't hear back from last email. To be discussed at the next meeting.

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

E-mail from Cllr A. Bennett - Police continue to come out as and when time/operations allow and catch speeders each time.

14.4 - Byway to the Wissey off Church Lane in Whittington

A resident has offered to trim and clear back the overhanging hedges and have asked permission to do this, the Parish Council have said this is acceptable but it is at their own risk. (*This has been the case in the past*). Clerk to confirm to resident.

14.5 - Any other issues requiring attention

None.

15 PARISH FACILITIES

15.1 -Green Projects – planting trees and hedging between allotments

To be discussed at the next meeting.

15.2 - Northwold & Whittington in bloom

Vice Chairman M. Winter said that the Whittington planters are in place and are proving very popular and has other areas in mind for more planters.

15.3 - Drax Contract – An update on new supplier

Clerk has chased but no updates at the moment.

15.4 - Speeding traffic in Whittington

See item 14.3.

15.5 - Play equipment in Whittington

This is on the Constable Charity list – to be discussed at the next meeting.

15.6 -Foot paths in Whittington

The following email was received from Cllr A. Bennett:

“The footpath from the Old Methwold Rd Junction to where it meets the new path laid as part of development is very old, damaged, cracking up and over grown as well as being very narrow and not wide enough for a buggy/pushchair or two people to pass. I note that on the application for the 10 houses behind us it was in highways for them to do but can we send a letter/email to planning/highways to make sure this is a condition?” Clerk is to note this on planning application 22/01032/RMM - Former Coal Yard, The Poplars, Thetford Road, Northwold – dated 29th June 2022.

15.7 - Any other issues requiring action

None.

16 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

16.1-To receive any updates or additional urgent work required.

None.

17 CEMETERIES

17.1-Monthly safety review results.

One headstone is loose and has been reported.

18 SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

18.1-To receive any updates or maintenance work required

There is still a problem with chafer bugs.

19 Items for the next agenda

- Sports and Social Club - disabled toilet and baby change area, cost of this to be obtained from the club before the next meeting.
- Clerk's pay scales

20 DATE of next two meetings.

1st September to be held in Whittington – Cllr H. Hogan to pass on the details to the Clerk regarding who to contact to book the hall and 6th October in Northwold.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20:20pm

Signed _____ Date _____