

NORTHWOLD AND WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council
Thursday 6th October 2022
7.30pm to 9.30pm
Northwold Village Hall

PRESENT: Chairman C Anderson, Vice Chairman M. Winter, Cllrs A Macmullen, A Bennett, G. Gillett, G Rayner T MacMullen, Mrs Pauline Andre Clerk. County Cllr S Storey, Borough Cllr T Ryves. There were no members of the public at the meeting.

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

2. ONE MINUTES SILENCE

Those present at the meeting observed one minutes silence for HM Queen Elizabeth 11 and the proclamation of HRH King Charles 111.

3. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE APOLOGIES

H Hogan, M Peake

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH OF OCTOBER 2022

Cllr T Macmullen asked that his surname be spelt as MacMullen to save confusion, Agreed. Cllr Anderson said point 13.5 referred to Stone Drove but this should be Mill Drove. Minutes were accepted by the Council.

5. REPORTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

Chairman requested extension to CIL deadline, request to go before committee for decision, will contact again for update.

10.2 Clerks pay scale review will be done before next meeting.

15.2 branches on Ash Tree in Elders Lane will be dealt with by Cllr MacMullen TTSR instruction to be cancelled by Clerk.

13.5 Chairman will speak with resident NCC have already appraised this problem and decided no further action to be taken.

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

None

7. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of public present

8. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Cllr Tom Ryves - £10K secured for Bancroft Trust. Independent group to set up hardship fund. Council funding of £1000 will be available from April. QEH to be rebuilt on existing site. Council received £25 million from Town Poll for two major projects Community College and renovate the Guild Hall in Kings Lynn.

Cllr Martin Storey - County Council looking to save money this will be done with the consultation of the people of Norfolk. Council very aware of hardship and funds have been put in place. Council in consultation to improve the rural bus service.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Resident passed their thanks to the parish council.

Letter from resident regarding shrubbery on right hand side of school lane by cemetery. Clerk to inform Highways Rangers.

10. FINANCES

Clerk advised Council that accounts have been taken back to April to show money from sale of land and correct VAT refund. Vat from purchase of padlock to be paid next month. Council accepted accounts.

11. PLANNING

22/01229/F River Cottage 17 Church Lane Whittington approved

12. LAND AND PROJECTS

Footbridge at Inghams Lane Northwold - Chairman sent photos to Highways as chicken wire is a trip hazard and two planks are rotten.

Footpath from Pinfold Lane to A134 sign that says FOOTPATH is falling down Clerk to report to Highway Rangers.

13. HIGHWAYS AND STREETLIGHTING

13.3 Clerk to check why TTSR are maintaining land in School Lane immediately in front of the cemetery.

13.4 Glebe Close weeds on pavement area Clerk to report to Highways rangers

SAM2 - Methwold Road Whittington, average speed over 3 weeks period 44.9mph, information sent to local beat Officer. Speed watch suggested, Cllr Bennett to send information to Cllrs to see if we have a positive response and to contact Andrew Wallace Highways with view to ascertaining what speed calming measures could be put in place.

14. PARISH FACILITIES

14.1 -Policies - deferred to next meeting- clerk to distribute amended policies along with originals.

14.2 Drax Contract - No update - Clerk to continue to chase.

14.3 Village Hall carpark will be a project for the Charity. Chairman will be arranging a site meeting with TTSR regarding this.

Chairman welcomed Cllr Storey to the meeting and invited him to present his report. (See item 8)

15. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

15.1 Cllr Bennett asks if tree survey report by Ravenscroft can be agreed at a cost of £345 Chairman proposed to go ahead with this, all agreed. Clerk to action. Cllr Bennett proposed a site meeting, and he would email council to arrange a date.

15.2 No further updates.

16. CEMETRIES

16.1 Nothing to report.

17. SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

17.1 Chairman reports air conditioning unit needs replacing have two quotes one for £4290 +VAT and £4322 + VAT. We are responsible for the fabric of the building. Clerk to investigate if preferred Company is VAT registered. Chairman proposed we agree to pay the Vat if preferred Company Vat registered and would email council on the result of the investigation.

Chairman reports the Solar Panels are not working, the inverter is faulty and have a quote of £800 + Vat. Sports & Social club proposing the Parish Council pay this. Chairman to investigate if this is still under warranty.

17.2 Copy of lease, this needs to be signed by the Chairman.

17.3 Disabled Toilet - next year.

17.4 Tennis Court, club asking for contribution for resurfacing, Chairman has asked they obtain 3 quotes and will then bring to the Council.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 Do we wish to be involved in consultation, Cllr Bennett wants to read paper first and will then send email if he wishes to propose we are Consultees.

18.2 Do we wish to purchase a Tommy, all agreed not to go ahead.

18.3 Chairman reports TSB have not yet actioned change of signatories.

18.4 Charities trust money £30734 should not be in same account proposed that this is transferred to new account in the next few days with the Caf Bank.

18.5 Northwold in Bloom - have replenished planters. Order has been placed for 150 Tulips bulbs. Planter on Norman Drive can be moved.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETINGS

3RD November 2022 and 1st December 2022, next Charities meeting 8th November 2022.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.