

Minutes of the Meeting of Northrepps Parish Council held on 01 February 2022 at 7.00 pm at Northrepps Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Cllr. A. Mackay, Vice Chairman Cllr. L. Fish,
Cllr. V. Callaghan, Cllr. M. Millman, Cllr. S. Penlington, Cllr. M. Renaud

Clerk Mrs J. Warner
District Cllr. Fitch Tillett (to item 6 incl)

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 04 January 2022

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 04 January 2022 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Buxton (work) and Cllr. Smith (family commitment).

Apologies were noted from County Cllr. Maxfield.

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr. Renaud – Wellbeing group re grant applications

Cllr. Fish – Royal British Legion re grant applications

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Police matters

5.1 **Police Newsletters** – Noted

5.2 **Other police matters** – There were none to report.

6. District Council and County Council

6.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

County Cllr. Maxfield – Members were in receipt of written report (attached).

District Cllr. Fitch Tillett – Members were in receipt of a written report (attached)

6.2 Community Governance Review

Cllr. Fitch Tillett advised that the meeting at NNDC at which the final recommendation will be considered was postponed and has not yet been rescheduled. It is anticipated that the roads accessed from Hillside will

move to Cromer and that the two properties at the end of Stevens Road would move to Northrepps.

6.3 FP08 between Northrepps and Overstrand

There was no update to report.

6.4 Street Light on Emery's Close

It was noted that concern had been received re light intrusion from a streetlight on Emery's Close and this had opened a discussion as to whether all-night lighting is required there. These columns are not the responsibility of Northrepps Parish Council, thus, County Cllr. Maxfield is dealing with the enquiry.

6.5 Any other County and District Council matters (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

Cllr. Maxfield left the meeting.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications and decisions

Planning applications for consideration

There were none to consider.

Planning applications considered under planning protocol

PF/22/0012 – The Old Foundry, Church Street
Single storey extension to the inner courtyard
No objections

7.2 Updates on live planning applications

There were no updates to report.

7.3 Broadland Housing Development at Broadgate Close

There was no update to report.

7.4 BT Poles on The Avenue

It was noted that notices have been put up advising that BT are to erect 9 telegraph poles along The Avenue. The Clerk has contacted NNDC to ask whether this is a planning matter and whether the Parish Council will be consulted. To date only an acknowledgement of the email has been received.

7.5 Extension of Public Space Protection Orders

It was noted that NNDC are proposing to extend the PSPOs for a further 3 years. It was **AGREED** to make to comment.

7.6 Local Plan

Members were in receipt of the North Norfolk Local Plan Proposed Submission Version. It was **AGREED** to make no comment.

7.7 Other Planning Matters (for information only)

There were no other planning matters to report.

8. Highways & Transportation

8.1 Traffic Regulation Orders

Any traffic orders had been circulated to members.

8.2 Other Highway Matters (for information only and inclusion on the next agenda if appropriate)

There were no other highway matters to report.

9. Finance & Regulatory Matters

9.1 Payments and Receipts & Financial Statement

The financial matters were **APPROVED**, and the finance sheet was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer (refer attached).

9.2 Actuals Against Budget to date

These were circulated and noted.

9.3 Grant Awards

Grant awards for 2021/22 were **AGREED** as listed below:

St Mary's Church (for upkeep of burial ground)	£1250*
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£19 **
Norfolk CAB	£150
Northrepps Royal British Legion	£100
Cromer Group Practice PPG	£100
Cromer Community & Hospital Friends	£181
NVT for Wellbeing Group for art materials	£150
Priscilla Bacon Lodge	£100

- * Agreed at the January meeting
- ** Previously paid

9.4 **Casual Vacancy**

As there was no call for an election the post will be filled by co-option.

9.5 **Community Right to Bid**

It was noted that the nomination form is yet to be completed.

9.6 **Any other financial and regulatory matters** (for information only)

It was noted that the SAM2 sign needs a new battery. The Chairman will contact Westcotec to arrange this.

10. Playing Field & Allotments

10.1 **Grounds Maintenance, Repairs & RoSPA Inspection**

It was noted that the chains for the nest swing have been received and a date for the repairs to the wooden climbing frame is awaited.

10.2 **New Play Equipment**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Millman would lead a working group of councillors and parishioners to progress a project to refurbish the play area.

10.3 **Barrel Planters on Church Street**

It was noted that the Clerk is yet to source replacement barrels.

10.4 **Crossdale Street Bus Shelter**

The Chairman will check whether the repairs to the roof have been carried out.

10.5 **Phone Kiosk**

Northrepps Village Trust are to meet next week. In the meantime, members were in receipt of a letter detailing NVTs phased approach to the heritage project.

10.6 **Other playing field and allotment matters** (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

11. Correspondence and other matters

11.1 **Sally Bean's Bench**

An update from the owner of the bench is still awaited.

11.2 HM Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee

Cllr. Fish provided an update re the Jubilee Beacon on Thurs 02 June 2022. It was **AGREED** to also have a party at the playing field / village hall similar to the bonfire night event. The event will start at 7.30pm. The Chairman will ask Jason whether the Village Hall is available and whether they will open the bar. It was suggested that Jason Buxton is asked to provide first aid cover. A working group will be set up to progress this.

The Clerk advised that she had attended a webinar at which Deputy Lieutenant James Bagge and Pagentmaster Bruno Peek provided updates on Norfolk’s arrangements for the Jubilee. A full press release will be issued on 06 February 2022. On 05 February 2022 parish councils can register on Norfolk’s jubilee website.

11.3 Defibrillator Training

Date for training session to be arranged in the Spring / Summer.

11.4 Commemorative Token

The Commemorative Token has been attached to the Village Sign.

11.5 Remote meetings

There was no update.

11.6 Correspondence received since 19 October 2021 (list circulated)

Norfolk ALC	Newsletters
Norfolk County Council	Western Link update
Community Action Norfolk	Newsletters

Various leaflets, newsletters and brochures

All the above correspondence was noted and no comment made unless stated.

12. To receive items to be included on the next agenda and to consider any other business (for information only)

There were no other matters to report

13. To note the date of the next meeting: 7:00pm 01 March 2022

It was AGREED that the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on 17 May 2022

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed

Dated.....

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Care services for adults: what next?

Governments of all colours have been trying to figure out what to do about care for adults (Adult Social Care) for decades. It is a complicated problem and a very expensive one. You can read more about the government's latest plans to reform the system here: [Adult social care charging reform: further details - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adult-social-care-charging-reform-further-details). But there are a whole set of other issues around recruitment of staff (after Brexit); pay rates for staff; care providers going out of business (most care is provided by charities and private companies); and concerns over the quality of care (with tragedies like the recent deaths at Cawston Park still happening.)

I mentioned in my January report that I have called for County Councillors to make a proper investigation of the 'care market'. That hasn't happened but at Scrutiny Committee in January there was a debate about the future direction of the service. The administration has decided to spend more than £6 million on external consultants to advise on future strategy. I don't have a problem with the council getting advice from consultants but in the debate, I asked why it had taken so long to get moving with a new strategy. Particularly as most of the issues they were talking about were similar to those faced by the council's own Children's Services department when it started developing a new strategy five years ago. I didn't get a very convincing answer. If you're keen you can watch the debate on the Council's YouTube channel here: [Scrutiny Committee - 27 January 2022 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) it starts about eleven and a half minutes in.

The council also recently announced that it is giving a 6% increase in fees to care providers. This is welcome – two years ago I proposed that the council should insist that all care staff earn at least the Real Living Wage; get proper compensation for overnight care; and are paid for travel time between clients. We will have to wait to see if 6% is enough to fix some of the recruitment problems in the sector and enough to keep care companies afloat. This also has to be set against further spending cuts included in the County Council's budget which will be decided in February. An extra £15 million cut in the Adult Social Services budget will be added to the already planned cuts of £20 million over the next three years (the annual budget for Adult Social Services is around £250 million).

Refurbishing County Hall

Another issue debated at the Scrutiny Committee meeting was the repair and refurbishment of County Hall. There has been a lot of anger about money wasted on new car parks and meeting rooms during the pandemic. And the refurbishment work over the last few years has seen over-runs, re-dos and constantly increasing costs. Set against that, it was interesting to hear that the building had virtually no repair work done on it in the first 40 years of its life, and that contributed to the need to start spending money a decade ago. I asked that the council learn lessons for the long term and start planning now for further refurbishment costs, likely future staffing levels and the eventual retirement of the building. Once again you can watch the debate on the Council's YouTube channel (same link as above) with the discussion starting about 3 hours and 5 minutes in.

The B1150

The volume of traffic on the roads from North Walsham to Mundesley and through Trunch up to Gimmingham is a constant concern. After a lot of nagging I have got hold of a report done by North Norfolk District Council into the possible impact of planned house building in North Walsham into pressure on the road through Coltishall. It shows significant expected increases in traffic and I don't think it shows the extent of the problem either because it doesn't take full account of the

40,000 – 50,000 houses that will be built in Greater Norwich over the next twenty years. So much house building is bound to increase pressure on roads up to the coast (and parking in villages like Mundesley).

I am working with campaigners in Coltishall who are concerned about traffic through the village there. I will keep working on it to encourage the County Council to think about long term solutions to the problem of growing traffic along the length of the road.

Flooding

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance has published a list of eleven new sites where work will be carried out to prevent flooding. Sadly none of the new schemes are in North Norfolk which means that just one (Tunstead) of the 27 schemes announced so far have been in the district.

I said in my January report that I had asked how many flood support grants have been handed out to residents to help them tackle flooding problems in their own homes. It seems as though the answer is none! I'm trying to get the flood management department at County Hall to tell me what extra funding is needed to make the scheme work better. Hopefully they will give me an answer in time for the annual budget meeting later in the month when I would be able to ask for the money.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT **February 2022**

Cabinet Approvals:

Cabinet approved the following items: Car Parking charges 2022/3, The Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan (proposed by me in the absence of the portfolio holder), The Cromer Pier Management Contract, The following financial strategies: Capital, Investment and Treasury Management. The following items were approved to be recommended for adoption by the next Full Council: Fees and Charges 2022/3, Medium Term Financial Strategy and The Car Parks Review.

Full Council Decisions:

There has been no Full Council since November due to additional Covid restrictions.

Coastal Portfolio News:

We held a community liaison meeting to Cromer Town Council Planning committee in respect of the Cromer Coast Protection Scheme. The high winds over the last few days have caused a great deal of damage with Overstrand suffered the worst "hit" - 400 - 500 meters of hand rails have been damaged, huts have been moved around and some up-ended, damage to groins and revetments, further slippage on the Clifton Way Slip. At Trimingham there is a huge pile of timber debris at the bottom of Vale Road Slipway - suggesting damage to the revetments to the west.

Ward Issues:

I have had a query in respect of fitting solar panels in the conservation area, there is no problem with this unless the property is listed or the panels will be facing the street. I am still getting complaints about the Gimingham Road, Trimingham site, planning enforcement takes what seems for ever and it is trying everyone's patience.

Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett
Poppyland Ward, NNDC

Financial Matters:**Payments to be approved at Feb meeting:**

102335	T T Jones Electrical – Street Light Contract	£ 28.20
102336	Northrepps Village Hall – Hall hire for meetings	£ 100.00
102337	Proludic Ltd – Replacement chains for nest swing	£ 1578.67
102338	Community Heartbeat Trust – Annual support fee	£ 162.00
102339	Secret Gardens – Maintenance (Jan)	£ 185.00
102340	J Warner – Clerks salary & expenses (Jan)	£ 266.87
102341	CHEQUE VOID	
102342	Norfolk Pension Fund (Jan)	£ 83.21
102343	St Mary's Church (grant for burial ground)	£ 1250.00

Direct debit payments:

28/01/22	URM Glassbank for Dec	£ 37.20
03/02/22	N'Power (for Eon) – Street Light Elec for Dec	£ 76.59

Receipts since last meeting:

None

Financial Statement:

Reconciled balances as at 28/01/2022		
Community Account		£ 30717.03
Business Premium Account		£ 4780.36
Business Premium Account		<u>£ 6321.52</u>
		£ 41818.91
Less uncleared cheques	102241	£ 1.00
	102271	£ 100.00
	102329	<u>£ 213.26</u>
		£ 41504.65

Signed
Chairman *Responsible Financial Officer*

Dated

NOTE: the original signed copy is held in the accounts