

Minutes of the Meeting of Northrepps Parish Council held on 04 April 2023 at 19.00 at Northrepps Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Cllr. A. Mackay, Vice Chairman Cllr. L. Fish,
Cllr. V. Callaghan, Cllr. M. Renaud, Cllr. G. Smith.

District Cllr. Fitch Tillett to item 6 incl.
County Cllr. Maxfield from item 6.

Clerk Mrs J. Warner

1 member of the public

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 07 March 2023

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 07 March 2023 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. Millman and Redmond.

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

There were none.

4. Public Participation

The new manager of Forest Park Mr. Duncan Bamber was welcomed. Mr. Bamber provided an update in respect of the long-term plans for improvement at Forest Park. It is hoped to forge strong links with the community. Mr. Bamber is to meet with a council official to discuss the possible introduction of nature trails in the park. Members stressed the need to control light pollution and protect the dark skies.

Mr. Bamber was thanked for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide an update and members look forward to working with him and the team at Forest Park.

5. Police matters

5.1 Police Newsletters

Any newsletters were circulated and noted.

5.2 Other police matters

There were no matters to report.

6. District Council and County Council

6.1 County and District Councillor Reports.

Refer appendix for written reports.

Cllr. Maxfield arrived at the meeting.

Cllr. Fitch Tillett left the meeting.

Cllr. Maxfield advised that he hopes to arrange a site visit to Northrepps with Henry Cator to discuss the flooding issues and will invite parish councillors to attend. Members stressed the concern re the pond at Pit Road.

Cllr. Maxfield advised that he would appreciate people's views re the Local Visitor Economy Partnerships which have been launched by the national tourism body as there have been some local concerns that there needs to be adequate investment in infrastructure to cope with a tourism push eg. roads, public transport and parking.

Concern was raised in respect of two collisions on Norwich Road and Crossdale Street. Cllr. Maxfield will contact the casualty reduction team for an update.

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

There were no other matters to report.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications and decisions

Planning applications for consideration

There were none.

Planning applications considered under planning protocol

There were none.

7.2 Updates on live planning applications

There were no updates to report.

7.3 Other Planning Matters (for information only)

There were no other 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)

Anglian Water Works – It was noted that it was several days after the works were completed before the signs were collected. It was stressed that Anglian Water need to instruct their contractor to collect the signage and reopen the roads as soon as the works are complete. Thanks were voiced to Vinnie Purdy for his assistance and guidance in getting the road reopened at the earliest opportunity.

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).

It was noted that the grants paid to Northrepps Historical will instead be paid via NVT as Northrepps Historical are yet to open a bank account.

9.2 **Actuals Against Budget**

Members were in receipt of the monthly budget sheets which were noted.

9.3 **Grant Application from Poppyland Radio**

Members were in receipt of an email from Poppyland Radio, It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to contact Poppyland Radio to ask them to apply in January alongside all the other applications.

9.4 **Forthcoming Elections**

Members were in receipt of the election timetable and details in respect of the nomination process.

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

Membership of Norfolk ALC - Members were in receipt of an email from Norfolk ALC re an increase in membership fees. It was agreed to continue with the membership as agreed as part of the budget and to also continue with the Norfolk Parishes website. This will be reviewed as part of the next budget setting process.

10. Playing Field & Allotments

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

Repairs and inspections

Cllr. Mackay is yet to paint the springers.

Barrier to playing field – It was noted that the contractor is yet to carry out the works. The Chairman advised that he has a copy of the contractor's public liability insurance.

10.2 **Parish Noticeboards**

This will be progressed at the earliest opportunity.

10.3 **Self sown oak tree**

It was noted that Trunch Parish Council will consider the offer of the tree at a forthcoming meeting.

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

Armed Forces Day – Cllr. Fish asked permission to erect a marquee on the playing field for the event. This was approved.

11. Coronation of King Charles III

It was noted that the budget sheet has been circulated. Cllr. Smith has produced a flier which will be printed and circulated to households. The working group next meet on 19 April.

12. Correspondence

12.1 **Correspondence received since 07 February 2023** (circulated)

Norfolk ALC & Wellbeing	Newsletters & Legal update
Community Action Norfolk	Newsletters

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

13. 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.

14. To note the date of the next meeting: 19:15 on 09 May 2023 to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 19:00.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting

Signed

Dated.....

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
April 2023

Cabinet Approvals:

The AONB Management Plan was approved. It was agreed that the Budget Deficit should be funded from reserves. That NNDC should apply for funding from both the UK Shared Prosperity band Rural England Prosperity Funds. That NNDC should apply for a Silver Award for The Employees Defence Recognition Scheme. Also to apply for The Local Authority Housing Fund Grant to work with Flagship Housing to provide homes for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees. They would work with Anglian Water to obtain Environmental Credits, finance for a solar car port adjacent to The Reef was approved and finally The Lease for The Seaview Building at North Lodge Park was awarded to AboutWith Friends.

Full Council Decisions:

Despite the warning from The Monitoring Officer, the contend of the last Full Council of this administration was totally political. I observed but did not have any comments to make.

Coastal Portfolio News:

The Norfolk Coast Forum was well attended, but not by many of the Coastal Ward Members of NNDC.
I'm sure Cllr Partridge (Overstrand PC Rep.) will give a full update.

Ward Issues:

The Application for camping pods at Shrublands Farm was deferred at the Development Committee for additional information. There have been several new planning applications - on the face of it, none look particularly contentious. Difficulties continue with the camp site in Gimingham Road, Trimingham with loose alpacas chasing residents dogs. A particularly strict Environmental Officer has been allocated to oversee all the problems. I am continually reporting waste collection failures which are due to strike action. Advice to residents is to leave bins out and they will be collected eventually. I am not aware as to how close negotiations are to a successful conclusion.

Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett
Poppyland Ward, NNDC

County Councillor’s report: April 2023

How well does Anglian Water manage storm water and sewers in Norfolk?

At the County Council's Scrutiny Committee meeting on 22 March we had the chance to examine Anglian Water's performance. I thanked the AW team for their response to the [burst sewage pipe at Mundesley](#) which closed part of the beach there. There will be an investigation of that event to find what lessons can be learned and I will report back on that when it is done.

And I asked them what they are doing to involve local communities in dealing with flooding problems. They seemed enthusiastic about greater community engagement: I’ll do what I can to push them towards it.

Road safety programmes

Pleased to report that four schemes in the area I represent were accepted under the ‘Community Road Safety Fund’ scheme: a 50mph speed limit on the road between Knapton and Mundesley; a 30mph limit on Pond Road in Knapton; new double yellow lines in Overstrand; and a feasibility study for speed reduction measures in Trimmingham. Paston is also getting ‘village gates’ supported by the fund that I can allocate for highways project. The same fund is helping to pay for an illuminated bollard on the A149 at the Southrepps Road turning in Antingham. I’m still working with the Parish Council in Bacton to get measures taken there to reduce problems with speeding.

Things are also moving forward with plans to install a chicane at the top of Cromer Road in Mundesley to reduce speeds coming into the village.

North Walsham Western Link Road

A Western Link Road for North Walsham has been added to the County Council’s Strategic Infrastructure Development Plan.

North Walsham Western Link Road				
<p>A North Walsham Western Link Road is required to facilitate the mixed-use growth allocation identified in the North Norfolk Local Plan to the west of the town. The North Walsham West development will provide approximately 1,800 new homes and 7ha of employment land. Initial high-level traffic impact assessments of the growth concluded that the impact of the additional trips from the development would cause an adverse impact on the highway network, therefore in order to support the planned growth a Western Link Road is required to mitigate traffic impacts.</p> <p>The allocated growth and delivery of a Western Link Road should help safeguard jobs, promote economic growth and building homes to address current housing shortages, improve the resilience of local areas to support themselves, mitigate existing routing problems for HGVs and increase accessibility by more sustainable modes and active travel.</p> <p>The extent of the Link Road is from Bradfield Road railway bridge to the B1150 North Walsham Road totalling approximately 2.7km. A northern extension to the Link Road would extend from the Bradfield Road railway bridge to Cornish Way industrial area and a southern extension would extend from the B1150 North Walsham Road to the A149 south.</p> <p>Work to date has shown that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Western Link Road with extensions should mitigate the additional trips from development • The Bradfield Road railway bridge is a significant physical constraint and will require further investigation • Further investigation into the offsite traffic impacts of the development is required, notably the B1150 at Coltishall 				
North Walsham Western Link Road				
Description of stage	Estimated cost to deliver stage	Indicative timeframe to deliver stage and start date	Potential funding source	Scheme development
Feasibility phase	TBC – spend to date around £120,000	TBC	Funding from BRP, NNDC and NCC have already been utilised on the feasibility work. It is likely that the next stage of feasibility will be funded by the site promoter	Feasibility work on the proposed link road and offsite traffic impacts from growth. Awaiting next stage of local plan development to identify further work priorities. Draft TA scoping and modelling methodology receive from the site promoters
Development phase	~ £2m - £5m (2020 high-level estimates dependent on options chosen to take forward and	TBC	TBC – developer funded/NCC/NNDC	Detailed design and development of the link road preferred option. This stage will take the project from feasibility work to feasibility, development and design work on a preferred option.

Local Visitor Economy Partnerships (LVEPs)

I have asked the County Council about LVEPs which have been launched by the national tourism body. Tourism is really important to our local economy of course. But concerns have been raised with me about the lack of accountability in this process and the danger that communities – particularly smaller ones on the North Norfolk coast such as the ones I represent – will have a ‘tourism push’ foisted on them without local people themselves having any say in the matter and without adequate investment in infrastructure like roads, public transport and parking being provided.

Changes to payment levels for Adult Social Care and to support for children with SEND

The Council has announced changes to the charges made for Adult Social Care. These are made annually and many of those affected will be familiar with the process. A big shift in the way children with additional needs and disabilities are supported through education has also been announced: the Norfolk First Inclusion programme will see more special schools and support bases created and a new team created to support parents. If you want more details on either of these changes, please do contact me for details.

New money for Household Support Fund

Almost £14 million will be added to the County Council’s Household Support Fund (£13.4m of it from the government). The breakdown of how the funding will be distributed is:

- £7.2 million for cost-of-living support for families by providing those on low incomes with vouchers of £15 per child each month, plus an additional £30 in the summer and in December
- £3.3 million to continue the Norfolk Assistance Scheme
- £2 million of funding for district, borough, and the city council to target support to those in need
- £800,000 of support through voluntary organisations, via the Norfolk Community Foundation, to support hard to reach communities
- £200,000 to fund our 47 libraries to continue to deliver period poverty and hygiene grab and go bags
- £300,000 to provide debt and financial advice

Recycling Centres

Proposals to close full time recycling centres on a Wednesday have been dropped but opening hours for most have been adjusted. The County Council is still looking for a new site for North Walsham/Worstead that would be big enough to host a re-use shop. Full details of the new opening hours are online here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling>

Rural Electric Vehicle Charging Points

The Council has announced investment in new EV charging points in rural areas. The project is a partnership with local supplier Anglia Car Charging who will be providing match funding for the scheme. The money will be used to:

- Install a minimum of 26 charge points across Norfolk
- Establish 'Plug-in Norfolk'; a charging network initiative for the county bringing together businesses, parish communities and other organisations to introduce consistency to charging across Norfolk
- Work with the Broads Authority to identify locations with boat charging provision and install car charging to showcase multi-modal green transport charging infrastructure.
- Create a universal payment, maintenance, and support system.
- Trial modular solar car port chargers in areas where facilities would otherwise not be provided.

Financial Matters:**Payments to be considered at April meeting:**

102481	Community Action Norfolk - Membership	£	20.00
102482	Secret Gardens – Maintenance (Mar)	£	185.00
102483	Clerks Salary & Expenses (Mar)	£	325.41
	Includes Coronation decorations	£56.80	
	Sundries	£5.49	
102484	Norfolk Pension Fund (Mar)	£	92.57
102485	HMRC (Paye Jan/Feb/Mar)	£	178.00
102486	T T Jones Electrical (Jan/Feb/Mar)	£	30.74

Direct debit payments:

17/03/23	NPower Street Light Electricity (for Feb)	£	41.18
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Receipts since last meeting:

06/03/23	Interest on bank account	£	5.94
06/03/23	Interest on bank account	£	7.85

Financial Statement:

Reconciled balances as at 28/02/2023		
Community Account		£26978.28
Business Premium Account		£ 6335.49
Business Premium Account		<u>£ 4790.92</u>
		£38104.69
Less cheques issued but not banked		<u>£ 630.00</u>
Balance		£37474.69

Signed
Chairman *Responsible Financial Officer*

Dated

NOTE: The original copy has been signed and filed in the accounts

