

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held remotely on 06 April 2021 at 6:45pm**

Present:

Vice Chair Cllr. L. Fish,  
Cllr. V. Callaghan, Cllr. L. Holloway, Cllr. M. Renaud, Cllr. G. Smith

District Cllr. Fitch-Tillett, County Cllr. Maxfield

Parish Clerk Mrs Janet Warner PSLCC AICCM

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Mackay (illness), Penlington (family emergency) and Buxton (work).

**2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 07 May 2019**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 07 May 2019 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes will be signed at the earliest opportunity.

**4. Chairman's Report**

The Vice Chairman Cllr. Fish gave apologies from the Chairman and read out the Chairman's Report (attached).

**5. Community Reports**

District Cllr. Fitch-Tillett and County Cllr. Maxfield gave verbal updates on their work during the past year. Cllr. Fitch-Tillett and Cllr. Maxfield were thanked.

**6. Parishioner's Questions and Comments to Councillors**

There were no questions.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05 pm

Signed .....

Dated .....

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21**

I am very sorry that I am unable to be with you all this evening and thank you to Vice Chairman Lorna Fish for reading out my report.

2020/21 has obviously been a very different year to what was expected and sadly many people have lost loved ones to the dreadful virus or have battled the virus themselves. The Parish Council were awarded £1000 grant funding which has been used to support parishioners through this difficult time. Grants were given to Northrepps Village Trust and Cromer Foodbank to support their work and that of their volunteers. Of course there are also many many other people within our parish who have also been working hard in the background to support friends and neighbours. Thanks must be given to all of you for all your hard work. Hopefully with the roll out of the vaccine we are now looking forward towards getting back to some sort of normality during the coming months.

Due to Covid we have not been able to hold any events the first of which would have been the VE Day 75 commemorations. The Parish Council were awarded £500 grant funding towards putting on entertainment at the event. This funding has been earmarked for when the event is held in 2022. We were also unable to hold the annual bonfire night event. The Parish Council are aiming to hold the bonfire night event this year but it is very much dependant on government guidelines.

Funding was also received via the County Council Parish Partnership scheme towards 50% of the cost of the new bus shelter and noticeboard on Norwich Road. The noticeboard on the Crossdale Street bus shelter was also replaced.

The Parish Council have continued to respond to planning applications which included the proposed development of a site off Roughton Road for 185 homes, a care home and sport & leisure park to which it was agreed to raise objections. This application has since been withdrawn. The Parish Council also considered an application from Broadland Housing to develop the land North of Broadgate Close for 19 dwellings. It was felt that it was an attractive and well thought out development but members did raise concern in respect of some aspects of the application.

More recently, NNDC have launched a consultation to change the Parish Boundary which we understand will have a negative effect on the council tax payments both for the properties which will move from Northrepps to Cromer and also for the properties which will remain in the parish. This matter is on the agenda of this evenings Parish Council meeting for members to agree a response to the consultation.

During the year, the Parish Council adopted the BT phone kiosk near The Foundry PH. Due to Covid, a decision as to its future use is yet to be decided but various suggestions have been put forward for consideration.

The Parish Council are also looking into replacing some of the older play equipment at the playing field and hope to have some fundraising events once it is safe to do so.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Parish Council including Cllrs. Buxton & Renaud who were appointed to the council in October and also to Jeremy Youngman who has recently resigned from the Parish Council. Thanks also go to our Clerk Janet Warner for supporting us throughout the year. Finally, thank you again to the parishioners of Northrepps for all their work and care throughout this difficult year and I must include Jeremy Youngman and Wayne Risebrow for their hard work keeping the roads to the village accessible during the recent spell of bad weather.

Alistair Mackay  
April 2021