

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
at 19:00 on 09 May 2023 at Northrepps Village Hall**

Present:

Outgoing Chairman Cllr. A. Mackay,
Cllr. V. Callaghan, Cllr. L. Fish, Cllr. M. Millman, Cllr. E. Redmond,
Cllr. M. Renaud, Cllr. G. Smith

District Cllr. A. Fitch Tillett
Parish Clerk Mrs Janet Warner ASLCC AICCM

1. Apologies for absence

There were none.

County Cllr. Maxfield arrived after the meeting due to attendance at another meeting elsewhere.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 05 April 2022

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 05 April 2022 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read out his report (attached)

5. Community Reports

District Cllr. Fitch Tillett read out her report (attached).

6. Electors' questions and comments to Councillors

There were no electors present.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:00

Signed

Dated

Chairman's Report

I would like to start this report by thanking one person in particular. We seem to have had so many ceremonial and other events this year that I think particular thanks should go to Richard for braving the steps up the church tower to fly various flags at the appropriate times. It is much appreciated.

As usual, we have had another interesting year on the Parish Council. I thank all our Councillors for their dedication and hard work, thanks to Sue Penlington and Jason Buxton for their input as Councillors that have recently stood down.

I would like to congratulate Broadland Housing and their contractors for causing minimal disruption with the development at Broadgate Close and also note that any problems with accessing the site have been promptly addressed. I also appreciate their efforts to allow us to continue our dark skies policy regarding street lights on the site.

It was annoying to see that Anglian Water closed New Road for an initial 5 days for what appeared to be 3 hours work at most. Thanks to the local County Highways depot for establishing that the work was complete and allowing us to remove the closure signs.

I was regrettable that we had to lose one of our Mobile Library stops but congratulations go to Lorna Fish and Ed Maxfield for their efforts in ensuring we only lost the one. Thanks as usual to all our volunteer gardeners and barrel keepers. Again, your time is appreciated.

It was good we sent out so many cheques for the Household Support Fund and even better to see the response from everyone.

The children's play area is an ongoing project and congratulations go to Mike Millman on setting up Play Northrepps as a charity to raise funds for it. It is also encouraging to hear that the Village Trust and Northrepps Historical are progressing with plans for the telephone box.

We have also dealt with the usual allotment, pothole, playing field, footpath, highway, planning and dog related matters.

My thanks as usual go to the First Responders for the maintenance of the Defibrillator. With the weather again over this winter, we are fortunate that our grit bins have not really been utilised, but it is good to have them in place.

Thanks also to our District and County Councillors for their reports and input to our meetings which is appreciated. Also to the Police for their newsletters. It was upsetting to hear of so many Catalytic Converter thefts in the area. I urge people to be vigilant, as I understand it is not unusual for the thieves to return to the same areas after there has been time for the vehicles to be repaired.

As I mentioned at the start of this report, we have had many events this year and my thanks go to all the volunteers, Councillors, Village organisations and also Poppyland Radio for their time and efforts.

Finally, as usual, my thanks go to Lorna Fish for doing such a good job as Vice Chair when I have been absent, and particularly to Janet Warner, our Parish Clerk whose input is invaluable. They are very much appreciated.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S ANUAL REPORT
2022-23**

Firstly can I say how happy I am to be re-elected to represent you all at NNDC and a huge thank you to all that supported me in the recent poll. I believe this is the first year we have started without COVID restrictions and I should like to thank all Parish Councils for carrying on through such difficult times. As life has got back to normal, many of you will have enjoyed and participated in community events - all of which could not have happened without the support of your Parish Councils - a big shout out to them all. One of the benefits of COVID in my belief, is the ability to hold meetings virtually thereby saving time AND money - so important right now. Again, congratulations to all of you that got to grips with the virtual world and I for one, thoroughly enjoyed the occasional interruption from children and pets!

At NNDC the ruling LibDems focused on strategies and made many excuses for contract overruns and requests for further funding.

So, below please find some of the highlights of our fiscal year:

June 22 - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated, there were planning difficulties in Overstrand - The Garden Centre and The Cricket Club.

July 22 - Northrepps Celebrated Armed Forces Day, Woodlands Leisure Centre began closer working with the AONB Partnership in the hopes to improve their offer, we welcomed the bee eaters nesting in Trimmingham. Planning enforcement continued to take what action they could at the Gimmingham Road Site.

Sep 22 - The Coastal Team together with Environmental Protection, NNDC Property and Norfolk County Highways had yet another massive clear up operation after storms.

Oct 22 - All of us mourned the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Nov 22 - Work started on the housing development to extend Broadgate Close, Northrepps and a proposal for a large development on the old Golf Practise Ground bordering the north boundary of Northrepps was presented for consultation.

Jan 23 - The Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document was approved as part of the emerging Local Plan. I am particularly proud of this as I led nationally through the Local Government Association in this respect. It will be adopted by coastal councils throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

Mar -23 I voted against the rise in your Council Tax payments and was fired from holding the portfolio for Coastal Management. There was a great deal of concern in respect of clearing traditional footpaths in Northrepps to allow vehicles to use them again.

Apr 23 - The AONB Management Plan was accepted by Cabinet as the Vice-Chairman until recently, I was proud of this too! Shrublands Farm, Northrepps are also hoping to improve their tourism offer which is again difficult due to their location within the AONB, although I believe not impossible Enforcement continued to try and resolve the many difficulties with the Gimmingham Road site.

I believe we now have a better balance in the Council Chamber and intend to hold the ruling LibDems to account for the next four years. Whilst it is unlikely that I shall be able to hold the Coastal Portfolio again, although I hope to be able to sub at the coastal meetings - it all depends on The Council Leader's conscience! I have been elected Leader of The Independent Group so I am not expecting a quiet life!

**Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett
Poppyland Ward, NNDC**