



WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of WOOD NORTON PARISH COUNCIL held on

Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.30pm at Wood Norton Village Hall

Present: Jenny Marchant (Chair), Marcus Crowe, Carol Robson, Loraine O’Keefe, John Jennings, Tim Lidstone-Scott and Jean Johnson.

Also present: District Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick

Clerk: Nicola Ledain

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 A list of recycling ideas would be compiled and put in the magazine. **ACTION ALL**

4.2 There was little update regarding the situation at Rosemary Cottage. The concerns were still valid and there seemed to be unpleasant smells coming from that area of the village. District Cllr Vincent FitzPatrick agreed to follow it up with Environmental Health at NNDC. **ACTION JM to email VFP.**

5. Updates from County Councillor, District Councillor and Police

5.1 District Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick reported that;

- With regards to the energy bill rebate through council tax, this was being administered to properties in A-D bands, and was payable to the bank account if holders paid by direct debit. There was no need to chase. If payment wasn’t by direct debit, it would still be paid, there just might be a delay.
- NNDC were supporting the Government’s Ukrainian refugee policy, and were currently undertaking property inspections of those homes that had offered to help. They were also employing Russian / Ukrainian speaking support officers.
- Covid Support Officer posts were being ceased. They had been instrumental in re-opening the district after the lockdowns.
- There were approximately 500 long term empty properties in the district (approx. 1% of housing stock in district). The Council could levy extra CT on these proportionately to how long they had stood empty.
- The ‘Reef’ leisure Centre had re-opened in Sheringham (formerly Splash)
- There were three funds available at NNDC to apply;

- Sustainable groups for projects in the community
- Transport fund for transport initiatives
- A fund to help promote well-being through participation in the arts.

5.2 The police report had been circulated and was noted.

6. Public Participation

6.1 No public were present.

7. Correspondence

7.1 There had been no correspondence.

8. Climate Change Resolution and Electric Vehicle Grant

8.1 The Village Hall Committee had considered the option of the electric vehicle grant that had been mentioned in a previous report by the County Councillor, but had decided at this moment, it was a considerable amount of money to spend. The Council suggested that it could be something that they could contribute to in the future.

9. Finance

The financial report was unfortunately still not available. However the previous clerk had been contacted and statements would be forwarded on.

The following payments were agreed:

Nicola Ledain – clerk salary: January, February. March £ (chq no.)

Carol Robson: expenses for saplings for platinum jubilee celebrations: £ (chq no.)

10. Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.

11. Queen's Jubilee 2022

The Chair reported that the arrangements were still going ahead; beacon, children's treasure hunt, church exhibition, picnic in the orchard, a thanksgiving service and a street party lunch are all part of the celebrations over the four day bank holiday. Thanks were given to CR for all her work getting the saplings together to present to the children.

12. Village Gates Project

12.1 The council had been successful in gaining 50% funding for the village gates to be installed. JJ and NL would take this forward with Highways. **ACTION JoJ / NL**

13. Parking in the Village

13.1 There had nearly been an accident in the village as a result of poorly parked vehicles and speeding traffic. Unfortunately, due to the cars being parked legally on the highway, there was little action the PC could carry out. However, it was decided to put a piece in the magazine regarding considerate parking the village.

14. Covid-19 Memorial Plaque

14.1 The Council received a plaque commemorating the work carried out by the village during the year of the pandemic. The plaques were commissioned by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Lady Dannant. It would be placed somewhere in the village, most likely on the village sign.

15. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

15.1 The Annual Parish Meeting would start at 7pm and would consist of reports from the village organisations. The clerk would contact the relevant individuals. It would also be advertised in the relevant places.

16. Highways Matters

16.1 It was reported that the pigs on Twyford Road had left the site. It was decided that once all the equipment had gone, TLS would contact the company to see if they were able to clean the mud off the road. Highways would then be contacted about the potholes. **ACTION TLS/ NL**

16.2 CR reported that the county councillor had met with the Highway Engineer regarding the drains, but the work carried out was the same as what happens every year and only solves the problem short term. The county councillor and highways engineer would be contacted again. **ACTION NL**

17. Items for next agenda

Climate change resolution, Queen's Jubilee, highways, village gates

18. The date for the next meeting was noted as **Wednesday 18 May 2022**. It would start at 7pm.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm.