



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), John Dawson, Sue Jones, Rosemary Weeks, Trevor Davis, Mark Tizard, Richard Spencer, Terry Hibbert, Michael Chenery (County Councillor) and Chris Morley (Borough Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

There have been a few candidates apply for the Clerks position. Cllr Pearson asked any councillors who may wish to be involved with the recruitment process to come forward, otherwise Cllrs Pearson, Elburn and Dawson will oversee the interviews etc.

Cllr Pearson also noted that there have been quite a lot of volunteers come forward to help with the archives day at the church and a lot more documents have been located which will be displayed.

5. To hear from Borough Councillor and County Councillor, if attending

Cllr Morely reported on matters including the budget, a new CEO incoming, last year they managed to save £100k on the budget and hope to cut costs at Oasis and Kings Lynn leisure pool, also the Guild Hall, where they hope to have more plays and an educational Shakespeare style revamp. It is hoped that Terry Jermy in the Labour Party down south, may have some influence in helping save money with the drainage board. £7.6m in council tax was received last year, £3.5m of that went to the internal drainage board. Second homeowners' letters are going out regarding doubling their council tax. There is approx. £800 left in the community support grant, for any good causes in the village to apply. Waste disposal is expensive, but credits are received for recycling effectively. Hunstanton are doing a study on the promenade to see if it needs repairing and there is quite a lot of work going on around the wash.

6. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

There were none.

7. To receive updates from council members

7.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm community fund

Cllr Davis advised that there is nothing new to report.

7.2 SAM2 & Speeding report

SAM2

Cllr Elburn advised that 4 days of data was lost but this is not due to a battery fault. It has been reported to Westcotec, but they have no resolution. They have therefore asked for the data so they can assess it.

7.3 Helping the elderly that fall in the community project

Cllr Tizard reported that they are trying to get a quote for the chairs. They are also attempting to apply for funding for the cost of all the chairs, all volunteers, everything as a whole instead of each local hub applying for individual funding. Update to follow.

7.4 Electric car charging point

No further update.

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

Cllr Spencer asked for an update on the flashing sign outside the egg shop. Cllr Elburn advised that it has been sent to Westcotec, however there is no further information to say when it will be returned. Cllr Elburn agreed to follow up with Westcotec if there has been no update by our next meeting.

8.1 Receive update on new bus shelter on Eye Lane

Cllr Elburn reported that we are still awaiting the manufacturer to fit this work in, as they are now quote busy but we are hopeful that it will be installed within the next few weeks.

8.2 Consider feasibility of a new bus shelter on Groveside

The Clerk has asked the Highways Inspector to carry out a feasibility assessment. This is in hand and awaits a further update.

8.3 Receive update on The Village Green erosion

Cllr Elburn noted that a grant bid has been submitted to NCC PPS for 50% price matched funding for the new kerbing and awaits the outcome.

Cllr Tizard has also submitted a grant application to the CIL fund via the BC and we hope for an answer by early September. Cllr Chenery kindly agreed to provide some funding via his Members Fund. Thanks given.

9. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

9.1 Review and approve cemetery fees

This item will be deferred until next meeting

10. Newsletter

Cllr Weeks has completed the newsletter and will publish the newsletter once the Clerks report has been received, following this meeting.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 To approve the street lighting contract renewal

Following consideration, the Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the 3 year long term undertaking with K&M Street Lighting for the street light maintenance.

11.2 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and payments list (below).

Payments

C Weir	Cemetery Cutting	£25.00
Clerk	Salary (August)	£220.80
HMRC	PAYE	£55.20
T Elburn	Mower Fuel	£25.89
T Elburn	Strimmer line	£6.40
K&M Lighting	Street Lighting	£32.89

Receipts

H Brett	Cemetery Fees	£150.00
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12. Planning Matters

12.1 To receive results of applications.

22/01146/F | at Land NE of 5 Eye Lane and S of The Bungalow Fakenham Road East Rudham

Variation of Condition 3 attached to Planning Permission 21/00498/FM: Proposed residential development of 10 dwellings. PC comment | BC decision - PENDING

24/00345/F | Conversion and rebuilding of outbuilding into dwelling at Old White Horse Station Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RB.

PC comment | SUPPORT - BC decision - PENDING

24/00119/F | Part conversion of commercial unit into dwelling, extension and alterations. at Old White Horse Station Road East Rudham, PE31 8RB.

PC comment – SUPPORT - BC decision - PENDING

24/01232/F | Proposed Replacement Porch, Windows, Canopy & Introduction of External Insulation at 15 The Green East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8RD

PC comment – SUPPORT. – BC decision - PENDING

12.2 To receive applications for consideration

There were none.

13. To receive and consider any correspondence

A parishioner email was received regarding the noise level from the recent festival at Houghton Estate. The Clerk directed them to the Borough Council.

A complaint had been received regarding the cemetery and some flowers that had been removed from a grave. Clerk had responded, advising the complainant that it was likely due to recent clearing works that had been going on but also directed them to the cemetery rules.

13.1 Deli hedge public concerns

Cllr Pearson noted that although the hedge looks smart there are still concerns with visibility as it is a lot more difficult exiting the junction. Cllr Pearson verbally raised these concerns with the landowner on behalf of the parishioners, however the landowner was not prepared to act on this matter. Cllr Elburn has contacted NCC, who agreed to come out and take a look to see whether they could help with the matter.

13.2 Consider enquiry regarding mobile tapas food van

An email enquiry had been received from a family run tapas van wishing to sell their food in the area. Although the PC has no land available there was no objections to them serving food as long as it is carried out in accordance with necessary legislation. Cllr Tizard had verbalised to them that they may wish to liaise with the Deli.

14. Receive items for next agenda and note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 17 September. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.07pm. Cllrs Pearson & Hibbert gave their apologies in advance, due to their expected absence at the next meeting.

Signed by Chairman: Date: