



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 16 April 2024, 7.15pm

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), John Dawson, Sue Jones, Trevor Davis, Mark Tizard and Richard Spencer . Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There were 2 members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies received from Cllr Weeks. Apologies accepted.

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

Cllr Pearson wished to abstain from passing comment on item 8.2 but agreed to provide his knowledge on the matter. Councillors present agreed.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024

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 were none.

5. To receive reports from BC and NCC Councillors, if attending

Not present.

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

One member of the public present was interested to know which road was under discussion on item 8.2, Cllr Pearson advised it was the road between School Road and the layby on A148. There were no further comments.

7. To receive updates from council members

7.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

Cllr Davis reported that there is still no update but is likely to hear more when the applications are made available.

7.2 SAM2 & Speeding report

SAM2 report

March

Location	Vets
Average speed	38mph
Max speed	95mph 24/3 6.10am
85 th percentile speed	43.9mph

Volume

125115

7.3 Update on Helping the elderly that fall in the community project

Cllr Tizard reported that conversations have been held and Sue has arranged a Zoom meeting in May between the 6 parishes/hubs involved. The chair manufacturer has not confirmed 100% that they will grant the chairs, but this decision should be known by the time of the meeting, also the charity lost the funding from Norfolk County Council so the Parish Councils may have to help fund the project.

Cllr Tizard also noted that there is still no further update on the electric car charging points, but NCC confirmed that we will hear again soon.

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

8.1 Receive update on new bus shelter on Eye Lane

Cllr Elburn advised that he has spoken to the developers and agreed that the shelter be fitted at the new site position so that it won't have to be moved again in the future. Cllr Elburn has asked them to mark the position so that everyone is aware of it. Clerk to follow up with NCC PPS to finalise the payments.

8.2 Discuss parishioner enquiry regarding private road access

Cllr Pearson was able to share his own knowledge of the private road leading between School Road and the layby on A148, stating that the land deed quotes 'reasonable access only' . It is a private road so access for all adjoining properties would be deemed as reasonable access.

It is understood from previous experience that this can only be changed if over 20 people sign a petition stating that the road has been used for more than just 'reasonable access only' for 20 years or more. Further information could be sought from NCC but it was agreed this is not the Parish Councils authority.

8.3 Receive update regarding damage to verge & trod from school parking, outside village hall

Following discussion, it was suggested that the Clerk write to the school again reminding them that parents are welcome to use the Village Hall carpark instead of parking on the verge. Cllr Pearson also agreed to liaise with the Chairman of West Rudham Parish Council and the Houghton Estate, and 'No Parking' signs may be considered in the future.

9. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

Cllr Pearson reported that the weather has still been bad recently, but the plan is to purchase and lay new gravel to improve the roadway /drive in and some of the old graves will be sprayed to stop weeds. Cllr Pearson reminded Cllrs that if they are approached by anyone asking about placing vases and items on graves, to refer them to the cemetery rules which are published in the cemetery and on our website.

10. Newsletter

Inclusions to be received by 10th May.

11. Financial Matters

The Clerk circulated the proposed Asset Register to Councillors and following discussion the Council approved the Asset Register, in principle, for year ending 31.03.24.

The Clerk shared the renewal quote for the annual lawn mower insurance, which was less than last year's premium. Following consideration, the Council RESOLVED to accept the insurance renewal quote which is due to commence on 1st May 2024.

11.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

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

Payments

K&M Lighting	Street Lights	£32.89
BCKLWN	Dog Bins	£342.58
NALC	Annual Subscription	£193.77
Smiths of Derby	Clock Service	£307.20

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 – No further comment | BC decision - PENDING

23/02100/F | Change of use of the land adjacent to the stables at Rudham House, for the installation of an Omnipod to provide accessible tourist accommodation for disabled adults. at Rudham House Broomsthorpe Road

PC comment – SUPPORT | BC decision - PERMITTED

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

12.2 To receive applications for consideration

There were none.

13. To receive and consider any correspondence

Email regarding blocked drain on Back Lane – The PC believe the responsibility of the drainage was handed over to the relevant land owners, it is not the road which is the cause or source... it appears to be from the well which is on private land. Therefore, this is a private matter. The landowners could dig out the ditch but this is not the Parish Councils authority. The parishioners may be able to seek more help from the NCC Highways Dept.

Email from NCC regarding the land in dispute on Bagthorpe Road – NCC have confirmed that they do not own this piece of land, it appears not to be registered to anyone. Cllr Pearson asked whether the Council wished to register it. However following discussion, it was agreed this

would not be of benefit to the Parish and therefore there is no desire to register it to the Parish Council.

Parishioner letter regarding blocked public rainwater drain on southern end of Bagthorpe Road– The parishioners had sent the details directly to Highways but also sent a copy for the Parish Councils information, which was circulated to the Councillors.

Cllr Elburn did attempt to help clear this drain however it was not possible, and it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, they were advised to follow up with Highways. Cllr Elburn did however kindly bring this matter up with the Highways Inspector on behalf of the homeowners and the Inspector confirmed that the drain is cleared on a bi annual rota but he would schedule for it to be cleared as soon as possible. Highways have accepted responsibility for it to be cleared of silt build up. Cllr Pearson reminded everyone that any individual can report flooding and blocked drains as well as potholes via the NCC Highways website.

Reminder letter regarding cemetery details – Details have now been returned to the BC.

ROSPA email regarding the play area annual inspection – All AGREED to proceed with the inspection booking in June.

Parishioner email regarding grass cutting on the Village Green – The email asked why the grass appeared not to have been cut. An email response was sent advising that due to the prolonged wet weather it had not been done as it usually would, and it is usually cut regularly. Also, Adam Neave kindly rolled the grass too. Clerk to send a thank you note.

Cllr Tizard proposed that the Parish Council considers the gov.uk emails as highlighted by NALC. Agreed to add this item to the next agenda for a decision.

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

Inclusion for next meeting:- Consider gov.uk email. Cemetery fees review (June meeting).

The next meeting will be the annual Parish Meeting, followed directly by the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held on 21 May at 7.15pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: