



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), Richard Spencer, Terry Hibbert, John Dawson, Mark Tizard and Sue Jones

Parish Clerk and Borough Councillor Chris Morley

There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davis and Weeks. Apologies accepted.

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 the 5th of November 2024

The minutes were approved without amendment, proposed Cllr Hibbert, seconded Cllr Elburn and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. All in favour who were present at the meeting.

4. To hear from Borough Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Morley advised that the Borough Council were working on the budget for 25/26 and with the increases in NI and pay ward for 650 staff, they were looking at an additional £22m. Fees and charges will have to be increased to top up the income including car parking, taxi licences etc.

Looking at all available grants for Coastal, Rural and Urban areas. The prom at Hunstanton requires extensive work which will cost £1m+. The Alive centres are losing approximately £2m and the Oasis site in Hunstanton will close and be rebuilt in a more central location. The pool at St. James will be made smaller and the Downham Market pool requires some maintenance. Half of the population in King's Lynn are below the poverty rate.

Devolution could go ahead with Norfolk and Suffolk having 1 mayor and unitary councils.

ECO 4 grants are available to provide homes with insulation if they have a poor energy rating and earn up to £31k a year. Pension credit help is available for completing the forms. £14m put aside for the care and repair adaptations to homes to enable people to stay at home rather than in hospital.

The recycling centre booking system was raised and it is early days but no additional fly tipping has been reported.

5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public – None

6. To receive updates from council members

- 6.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm community fund – Cllr Davis had advised next meeting put back to March 2025.
- 6.2 SAM2 & Speeding report – Cllr Elburn gave a report from the Village Green 30mph location for November 24: 85th percentile was 29.6mph, maximum speed was 75mph on 5.11.24, total vehicles 111,833 and the average speed was 25.8mph.
- 6.3 Helping the elderly that fall in the community project – Cllr Tizard advised that the soonest we would hear from the Lottery fund would be January 25.
- 6.4 Clerks report – Will be attending training on rights for burials on the 7th of January. The 2 new bank accounts are now up and running.

7. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

- 7.1 Kerbing Project – awaiting confirmation of funding due March 25.
- 7.2 The highways camera at Hillington on the A148 was raised and Cllr Chenery had been asked to contact Cllr Stuart Dark for information/funding. It was agreed that a joint project with East and West Rudham would work. Costs needed. ACTION: Clerk
- 7.3 Cllr Tizard had received complaints regarding the beet lorries causing damage to the kerbs on Bromsthorpe Road where they have to mount the pavement to get past parked vehicles. Pavement parking is also causing concerns as forcing pedestrians to use the road. Cllr Tizard will send an article on this for the next newsletter. ACTION: MT
- 7.4 Vehicles leaving the pub have been using the green to leave again and suggestions to look at railings.

8. East Rudham Cemetery & Churchyard

Church – a flood took place last week but is now resolved. Cllr Pearson has a meeting with the diocese to discuss the works required and funding. Events can be a source of funding, but we need to know what the church will fund.

Cemetery – a new separate bank account is to be opened to hold receipts for burials and payments for maintenance etc. The work that has taken place is a great improvement and more to come next year.

9. Newsletter and Facebook page

The link to the Facebook page has been put on the website and is to be included in the newsletters.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for November – approved. Proposed Cllr Tizard, seconded Cllr Hibbert and all in favour.

10.2 The Council RESOLVED to approve the following:

Payments for December to date

Clerk	Salary December	£297.65
HMRC	December	£ 64.40
Clerk	November Expenses	£ 26.00
K&M Lighting	Street Light Maintenance	£ 39.73
Community Heartbeat	Defib subscription	£198.00
NW Garden Services	Cemetery hedge cutting	£456.00
Community Car Scheme	Annual Donation	£300.00
M. Pearson	Storage Units	£ 19.11
NALC	Website/.gov.uk domain	£224.40 paid by clerk

10.3 Budget/Precept for 25/26 – as sent out by Cllr Pearson. To add bank charges £6 per month, payroll provider £150pa and ICO subscription £45 pa.

11. Planning Matters

11.1 Applications. None

11.2 Decisions - none.

12. To receive and consider any correspondence

12.1 Clerk had received an email from a local farmer regarding the planting of 2 new woodland parcels on their land in conjunction with the forestry commission.

12.2 Clerk advised that there had been no response to the email sent to Freebridge regarding blocked ditch and sight of rats and Cllr Morley to help. ACTION: CM

12.3 Wi-Fi at the village hall was discussed and Cllr Morley advised that there was a small grants fund due soon which would be ideal for this. Village Hall Committee to be contacted – Cllr Dawson. ACTION: JD

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

The date of the next meeting will be the 7th of January 2025 to include approving the precept and budget for 25/26.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.08pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: