



Chairman: Cllr M Curley

Locum Clerk: Mrs J Wisson

SALTHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th August
2023 held in the Salthouse Village Hall

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| 1. | <p>Welcome -</p> <p>Clerk welcomed all new Councillors and 15 members of the public and explained that she would be chairing the meeting until the new Chairman was elected.</p> <p>New Councillors were introduced: Cllr B Griffin, Cllr D Harrold and Cllr. M Curley.</p> <p>Cllr B Griffin – Lives in Holt but also has a residence in Salthouse – became a Councillor as he wants to help the community.</p> <p>Cllr D Harrold – has been a Parish Councillor before – was born in Salthouse and is the Senior Flood warden.</p> <p>Cllr M Curley - Lives in Kelling but has property in Salthouse and wants to give back to the Community.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Apologies for absence – no apologies.</p> |
| 3. | <p>To receive declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed – none declared.</p> |
| 4. | <p>To elect a Parish Chairman – Cllr M Curley was proposed by Cllr B Griffin, seconded by Cllr D Harrold, Cllr M Curley accepted the role of Chairman – Clerk handed the meeting onto the Chair.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Public Participation</p> <p>5.1. An opportunity for members of the public to raise questions or concerns – Limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person).</p> <p>A resident raised concerns around the Village Green – New Parish Council will include this in our plan moving forward.</p> <p>Salthouse Heath – A resident asked in regard to the Heath management committee and the lack of minutes and accounts on the website.</p> <p>Clerk mentioned that as we are a new council, please can residents bear with us whilst we try and deal with all the concerns raised moving forward and that the councillors</p> |

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| | <p>will be having a workshop to identify issues. These will both be added to the agenda for the workshop.</p> <p>Communication – a question has been raised about how as a Parish Council we will be communicating – this will be the website and the Notice boards, but the New Parish Council will add this to the agenda.</p> <p>A planning issue was raised in regard to the Purdy Street/Market Lane site which has not yet been decided – Cllr V Holliday to keep the Parish and Council updated.</p> <p>Bus Shelter – again this will be added to the Workshop agenda to agree actions moving forward.</p> <p>Footpath – Cross Lane/ Grouse Lane – Clerk to look into previous actions.</p> <p>Speeding through the village is an ongoing issue – Cllr E Vardy mentioned the need for a feasibility study which is £10 -£12K approximately – Clerk to speak to Holt Clerk to see what has been worked on elsewhere. As well as borrowing a SAM2 sign</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Agree the Minutes of Mays meeting and discuss any matters arising. - The only parish councillor still attending Parish Council meetings Cllr D Harrold agreed minutes were accurate – and therefore signed by the current chairman</p> | |
| 7. | <p>To receive reports presented by District and Country Councillors</p> <p>7.1 Norfolk County Councillor, Cllr. E Vardy – Appendix A</p> <p>Cllr Vardy highlighted a Strategy that is focusing on wildlife biodiversity to improve the North Norfolk area.</p> <p>Food Savey is an initiative on the NCC website – helping to improve and manage a reduction in food waste.</p> <p>Tree planting – this is an area that Cllr Vardy has a potential small budget to support the planting of trees including whips.</p> <p>Congratulations to the new councillors on there roles for the next four years.</p> <p>7.2 North Norfolk District Councillor, Cllr. V Holliday – Appendix B</p> <p>Public Survey being issued in regard to losing the Blakeney Surgery and all residents are encouraged to fill it in.</p> <p>Information about the set up of a Supermarket where you pay £3.50 subscription, and the food is 30% cheaper one is based in Holt (Thursday) the Other in Wells Next the Sea (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday)</p> <p>Antisocial behaviour has increased in North Norfolk</p> | |

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| 8 | <p>Parish Matters</p> <p>8.1 Clerk to update on current situation – Parish Council is now a quorate Council and can meet however further Councillors will be needed – this will be discussed in a closed session.</p> <p>8.2 Parish Council Website – Cllr B Griffin proposed that we move over to the new website, seconded by Cllr D Harrold - ALL AGREED</p> <p>8.3 Other Parish Issues - Signs slow you down signs to be requested – proposed Cllr M Curley, seconded by Cllr D Harrold – ALL AGREED – clerk to obtain costs and specification from Highways.</p> | |
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| 9. | <p>Planning</p> <p>9.1 To discuss current planning applications and agree actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PF/23/1078 – it's a replication of previous application – parish council would like to confirm that its for residential use only. <p>9.2 To discuss any late planning applications and agree actions - none.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>Highways</p> <p>10.1 To discuss issues and agree actions – see previous actions.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Financial Matters</p> <p>11.1 Cheques for Payment - none received.</p> <p>11.2 Bank Reconciliation - none received still the same as the May meeting.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>To agree the next meeting date and time - TBC</p> <p>Meeting closed at 18.50pm</p> | |
| 13 | <p>TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960) TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p>13.1 Personnel Matters</p> | |

Chairman Signature.....**Date**.....

Appendix A

Norfolk residents urged to accept Food Savvy mission to reduce food waste and serve another day

Households across Norfolk are being urged to sign up for a mission to do their bit to protect the planet and help get the best out of salad and vegetables.

Mission Food Savvy is targeting these items in the war on waste as they are some of the most thrown away foods in the two counties.

The summer campaign promotes savvy ways to store salad and vegetables to keep them fresher to be savoured another day; or send them undercover in delicious dishes to make sure nothing goes to waste.

Using a fun, hero agent theme, the campaign reveals how everything from tomatoes to cucumbers, carrots to broccoli, can escape the waste bin through better planning, storing and cooking.

Mission Food Savvy is the latest in the well-established Food Savvy campaign, run jointly by Norfolk County Council and Suffolk Waste Partnership. The campaign inspires households to reduce food waste by:

- Planning meals before shopping to ensure nothing goes to waste
- Keeping vegetables and salads in optimal condition by storing them correctly
- Getting creative with leftovers and send spare veg undercover into other dishes

Suffolk Waste Partnership and Norfolk County Council work together on the Food Savvy campaign.

Rob Cole of the Suffolk Waste Partnership said: "Households in Norfolk and Suffolk throw away enough food in a year to fill Norwich Castle almost 25 times over, or 155 Bury St Edmunds cathedrals. What we are challenging people to do is to make it their mission to plan what they need and not waste food or money."

Norfolk County Council cabinet member for Environment and Waste I commented

"The average household wastes over two months' worth of food each year - that's more than £700. Reducing food waste is good for the planet and our pockets, especially as many of us are working hard to make our budgets stretch further. We hope residents embrace our FoodSavvy mission and are inspired to use up their leftovers."

As well as financial savings there are environmental savings too. If everyone in the UK stopped throwing away food for just one day it would be the same as taking 14,000 cars off the road for a whole year.

Norfolk and Suffolk councils given authority and funding to help nature's recovery

Norfolk County Council and Suffolk County Council have been formally appointed by Government as responsible authorities for preparing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for their respective counties.

This means that they will be working together to help improve wildlife habitats and reverse the decline of biodiversity across the region, working with local communities to develop a tailored nature recovery strategy for their areas.

They will also work with other local planning authorities, the Broads Authority, Natural England, and a wide range of stakeholders and partners, including farming and landowner groups.

This is all part of Government's ambition to further drive nature recovery, with 48 individual local authorities across the country receiving allocations from a £14 million funding pot. Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils will receive £333,000 and £282,000 respectively over two years to fund this work. With the best ways to support nature recovery depending on local character and geography, Local Nature Recovery Strategies will help communities map out the action needed in their area to restore nature.

The Norfolk and Suffolk councils have already been working closely with each other, jointly hosting the Norfolk and Suffolk Nature Recovery Partnership, and a host of other stakeholders and interested parties to prepare for this moment. The two authorities have pooled resources and expertise and to ensure that strategies effectively join up across the two counties to the wider benefit of nature and people.

The Strategies will focus on how to improve habitats and protect the natural environment across the region, with local approaches tailored to the specific circumstances of each area. Norfolk and Suffolk are home to a variety of beautiful and unique landscapes, from the chalk streams of the Norfolk Coast to the Stour estuary at the south east of Suffolk and across many habitats in between, and specific policies will be drawn up to best protect and nurture each location.

Future plans will include working closely with other neighbouring counties, to identify and support opportunities for nature recovery at sufficient scale to really benefit.

As the Cabinet lead on Environment and Waste I think

We're incredibly lucky to live in a part of the country that is home to so many beautiful landscapes and unique biosystems, but that luck comes with a duty to preserve and protect these areas for future generations. Local Nature Recovery Strategies will form a key part of that work, alongside our commitments laid out in our Environmental Policy and Climate Strategy to give nature space to recover and grow and to encourage a thriving wildlife community.

Our countryside and natural environment is a key part of our identity here in Norfolk, and we're absolutely committed to nurturing it. Our work with Suffolk County Council will help protect nature

throughout our counties and give it a chance to recover, to grow and to flourish for many generations

Protecting and enhancing the environment is one of our core priorities and we know how important it is to our residents. Nature is critical to everything we do and value – the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soils we grow food on. It is essential to many of our businesses, attracts people and investment to the county and is vital to people’s health and wellbeing”

Conversations Matter - council seeks views on future of Adult Social Care

A summer of conversation is taking place in Norfolk, as the County Council asks people from across communities about the future of Adult Social Care.

Entitled Conversations Matter, Norfolk County Council is holding a wide-ranging engagement programme, asking people to shape its future priorities for Adult Social Care.

Adult Social Care covers a wide range of activities to enable people to live independently, stay well and safe. Under the banner Promoting Independence, the council wants to support people to be independent, well and able to deal with life’s challenges.

With an ageing population, people living longer with ill health, and proposed national reforms to social care in 2025, the council wants to make sure it has the right priorities to plan for the next three to five

I think It’s great news that people are living longer. We want to help them to live as happily, healthily and independently as possible.

In Norfolk we have a changing and growing population, so we have to plan for our services to be long-lasting and financially stable. We have more people needing our help and we need to make sure we have the right plans in places so that we can support them in the right way.

To help us plan, we’d like as many people as possible to take part in our Conversations Matter programme. You might not use our services now, but you or your loved ones might need some support from social care in the future, so we’re really keen to hear from you. We also want to hear from people that have used our services in the past. The information we collect will help us shape our priorities for the next three to five years.”

Residents from across the county can get involved by [filling in an online survey](#), picking up a hard copy of a survey in a library (large print and easy read versions also available), or taking part in a drop in session at one of six libraries across the county.

Conversations Matter runs until Friday, 1 September and the council is asking people for their views on three key themes:

- Prevention and early help - how the council helps people stay well and independent in their home.
- Being and staying, independent – how the council provides timely, effective support for people to develop independent living skills, avoid losing independence, and, where possible, gain it back.
- Living with complex needs – how the council recognises that some people need a long-term, high level of support with many aspects of their daily lives.

Appendix B

District Councillors Report, July/August 2023

Youth Council

The NNDC Youth council is prioritising mental health, with a focus on engaging with local schools to raise the profile of mental health support and services. They will be working with MIND to promote their services for young people.

Planning

We're expecting the processing of planning applications held up by Nutrient Neutrality to be starting late summer.

Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be held on September 14th.

Holt Neighbourhood Plan has been approved at referendum.

Work continues on the draft of the Glaven Valley Conservation Area appraisal which will go out to public consultation after it is discussed at the Planning Policy Working Party.

Biodiversity net gain on planning applications of 10% becomes mandatory in November.

Enforcement have 194 live cases and are clearing the backlog of historic cases.

Coastal

There is a bid for a UNESCO world heritage site status for an East Atlantic flyway along the east coast, including North Norfolk, for migratory birds, supported by the RSPB and other stakeholders.

Benefits

The Financial Inclusion team provides support and guidance to residents on money matters such as debt advice. In the last 7 months they have had 650 cases referred and have completed almost 300.

Discretionary Housing payments are available to help with rent arrears, rent deposit, moving costs and ongoing rent shortfall (for example for those on housing benefits but living in private rented housing).

Households in receipt of Council Tax Support will be awarded up to £25 against their council tax bill.

It's proposed that NNDC gives Citizens Advice a grant of £66k to provide advice and advocacy services, including a specialised debt advisor based at NNDC one day a week.

We are keeping the invaluable Community Connectors through the end of April 2024. Social Prescribers received 77 referrals in the last two months.

Please get in touch with me or call NNDC (01263513811) if you would like to be referred for any benefits.

Housing

Through government grants of £1.8 million, NNDC and Flagship have purchased 11 homes for refugee households, another 3 for Afghan households and one for a homeless household. Long term, these will be available to households on the housing list and the homeless.

These are much needed as we have 3 homeless Ukrainian families, 2 in temporary accommodation and one family being asked to leave by their hosts.

NNDC anticipates completion of 27 affordable houses in 23-24 with 350 in the next few years.

These are also much needed as there were 2538 households on the housing list as of 30th June, with 72 households in temporary accommodation.

The Early Intervention team which targets people at risk of homelessness opened 48 new cases April to May and helped 28 households to stay in their own homes or find alternate accommodation.

NNDC is loaning £110k to Homes for Wells to help purchase of two affordable homes and support their work.

Eligibility criteria for warm homes grants have been simplified and more residents are eligible for energy efficiency works.

The Integrated Housing Adaptations Team is busy with 87 new contacts in the last 2 months. 142 Disabled Facilities Grants were awarded last financial year.

It is proposed that the Disabled Facilities Discretionary grant scope is broadened to allow more homes to be adapted. It's expected this will cost £240k and be funded by the Better Care Fund.

Sustainable business

NNDC has received £150k and will receive £300k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will go to the North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund, Visit North Norfolk, the Go Digital programme for businesses and The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.

NNDC has received £364k and will receive £1 million from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. A capital grant scheme to support local businesses and communities is currently being finalised.

An online Business Support Hub has been created which provides advice, information and resources to support you and your business. Contact economic.growth@north-norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

Property services

Project enabling works are progressing at the Albert Street conveniences, however we are waiting for a budget to be confirmed.

Environment

Approximately 3.5 tonnes of small electrical equipment and batteries have been collected in the first few months of the scheme.

Bin collections continue to be an issue. Please contact me with problems.

Customer service

The average wait time for a customer service representative is 4m 22s which is not at the target of 2m 30s.

Finance

The outturn position for 22/23 is a £0.782m overspend.'

I continue to wholeheartedly support the campaign against the closure of Blakeney Surgery. If you don't have a car, I calculate it will be a 3hr 42m round trip by bus from CLEY to get to Kelling Surgery (including an hour's walk if the Holt Hopper bus gets cancelled) and a 5hr 24m round trip to Melton!

There was a Public Meeting last week for you to hear the reasons this closure is proposed and share your views. We estimate 300 residents couldn't get in or didn't attend because of scheduled events elsewhere. We have asked for another meeting. The practice will also be running a survey from 14th August which is open till 30th September; hard copies will be available at each surgery and sent to housebound residents; drop in sessions will be held at Kelling (Weds 16th August 10.30-12.30) and Melton surgeries (Thurs 31st August 10.30-12.30) and at Holt library (Tues 29th Aug 10.30-12.30). There will also be comment boxes in each surgery. The practice will text patients a link to the practice website page and the survey. You can email or write to the practice. The survey will be available in large print, translated into any language or in braille, just ask. The consultation period ends 30th September so there is plenty of time and ways to share your views!

The Coastal supermarket, which was in Blakeney, is now going to be in Holt from Thursday 20th July, based at Independence matters, Holt hub, Charles Road, Holt, from 10am-12om every Thursday. You pay a one off payment of £3.50 to join (lifetime membership, no renewal cost) then this can be used at other bases eg Wells at the Cottage Hospital (which is open Wednesdays 1-4pm, Fridays 10-1pm and Saturdays 9.30-12.30).

The food is about 30% cheaper than Tesco and the fruit and veg is free!

There is a survey running till Friday (many apologies for the short notice) on yr views on crime and antisocial behaviour in your neighbourhoods. This is to inform Norfolk's bid for vital funding to tackle these problems. In the last round Norfolk was successful in obtaining money which they've put to good use so let's hope they're equally successful this time. Your views are important. The link is below.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SSF5Norfolk/>

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