

**Minutes of the Salthouse Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024
at 7.00pm at the British Columbia Hall, Salthouse.**

1) Attendance Cllrs Clark (Chairman), Griffin, Hartnett, Holliday (Vice Chairman) and Wright.
Apologies were received from District Cllr Vardy

2) Co- option of candidate to fill vacancy following resignation of Cllr Curly.
Sarah Dawson was proposed by MH and seconded CC .Carried unanimously.

Casual Vacancy – another vacancy has occurred following the resignation of Cllr Harris .The chairman thanked him for his help . A new councillor will be co-opted at the April meeting if no election has been called.

3) Declaration of interest - None declared.

4) Comments and questions –

a) A member of the public was worried re the proposed Camping and Caravan site on the land next to the allotments .His main worry was the access through the allotments and the danger of access from the Coast Rd. He suggests a pedestrian access should be considered and that the allotment tap be locked to prevent misuse by others.

5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2024 – proposed VH,
seconded BG

6) Matters Arising -nil not listed on agenda

7) Reports

a) District Councillor Holliday reports bin collection day to be changed . Notification to be due by March 28th. Blakeney surgery – the ICB are consulting about moving prescription collecting and face to face dr consultation to Holt. Suggests there should be a health hub in Blakeney .
The forthcoming digital switchover by BT due at the end of 2025 is still not widely understood by many people . It is necessary to spread the word to people who are landline dependent so they can take action .

8) Heath- No member of the Heath Management committee present . Will be asked to attend next month. Cllr VH is the Parish Council nominee to the Management committee but says no committee meetings have been held since she was appointed . Cllr VH has seen the accounts . The following persons are the new members of the committee – Mark Holman, Nigel Eaves, Will Myers , Andrew Gray, and Ben Wells. There was again disquiet amongst those attending the Parish Council meeting at the lack of accountability and information from the Heath Management Committee. A date for the annual Public Meeting to be set .

Bird Report – A survey of birds on the heath done by Richard Porter in 2023 was summarised by David Lincoln. There were 33 species of breeding birds seen. 5 are on the UK red (endangered) list and 8 on the UK amber (watch) list . Please email David for the full report.

9) Planning .

1) Consultation on permitted development – this refers to the possibility of the government extending the existing permission allowed for small changes eg sheds to be built without planning to larger projects . This would have a huge impact especially in conservation areas .

2) Application no 133/085 – exempted caravan site . land south of Coast Rd . The Caravan and Camping club are applying for exemption for the the site to hold 5 caravans and up to 10 tents . They are exempt from planning . NNDC have written to them saying not appropriate due to access problems . Salthouse PC will do the same . Proposed CC and seconded SD.The access to this site is

as stated before over the allotment field on an unmade track and with the entrance from the Coast Road being especially dangerous . The Camping and Caravan Club have not inspected the land yet and it is felt that the site will not be approved by them as they have certain criteria that are not met.

3) Application PF/24/0436 for barn –land south of Coast Rd. This application is for the same area of land as above . This has been made by owner of the land who says needs a barn to develop her small holding for sheep/alpaca etc She has stated the land is 4.3 acres but it was established with her previous application that it is 3 acres. The Parish Council will meet to discuss this application as it came in too late for the agenda. The same issues with access exist. SPC will ask for a site visit . Cllr Carey has written to Cllr Vardy asking him to check ownership of allotment track . A FOI is needed to find out what conversations have been had about the allotments, access , etc between County Estates and Ms Curley.

4) FYI the walnut tree associated with planning application PF/23/2533 has been give veteran status for the purposes of this application . This means it will be protected within a radius of 15 metres .

10) Beach Road – The TRO for banning overnight parking for motorhomes has been objected to by the Camping and Caravan club. They want evidence that these are responsible for the dumping of chemical waste , littering etc . Evidence to be collated .

11) Highways – potholes etc to be reported to Highways.

12) Parking -Parking on the village green by builders has caused problems but there are measures in place to try and mitigate it.. Parking by builders at the Purdy St development will be on site . It is suggested that we have a Construction and Parking Management Plan like Cley PC . Cllr VH to provide copy.

13) Financial Matters. – Bank balance current a/c is £6198.61 and savings a/c £4787.33

Cheques issued ;

Aileen Beck - locum clerk £1168.75

S Hutchinson – IT support Oct £61.25

The auditor suggested by John Stibbons to be asked to do internal audit .

14) Toad Patrol signs –Parish Council to pay half . Cheque issued for £71.00

15) Playing Field Inspection. – Cllr BG reported that nets were down and dog sign put back up

16) Training needs – Cllr CC to pursue this

17) Allotments - 3 people now on list . If you want to get on list write to John Stibbons . There are no spaces at present but one allotment may be coming available. Ben Wells who has the allotment at the top of the field has agreed to allow a community orchard to be planted there.

18) Correspondence –

a)The police informed us of 2 separate intruders at Cross St building sites.

b) Anglia Water are looking into the PC letter regarding sewage odours .

16) Date of next meeting - Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.00pm

17) Date of AGM - to be held in May . Date not yet arranged .