

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022

Present Cllrs. Dr. S. Dawson,(chairman) C. Horwood, N. Cary, J. Wright. D. Harrod.
County Cllr. E. Vardy, District Cllr. V. Holliday. Nine members of the
public. J.Stibbons(clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

A presentation of the COVID MEMORIAL PLAQUE to Salthouse Parish was made by Mr. Carter, D.L. on behalf of the Lieutenancy of Norfolk. He was making the presentation as the representative of the Queen. The plaque was to mark how all parts of the county had come together in time of need. It will be a memorial for future generations.

The Plaque was accepted on behalf of the village by Dr. Dawson who thanked Mr. Carter. This was applauded by all present.

1. There were no apologies.
2. Declarations of interest. S. Dawson, C. Horwood and N. Cary Item 7 planning.
3. There were no comments or questions on the agenda from members of the public.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022.were approved by the members present and signed by the chairman.

5. Report

Dist Cllr. V. Holliday.

Coastal – The Environment Agency is planning a refurbishment of the tidal gates at Cley, refurbishment of the west Wells sea defences and a flood risk management project for Weybourne (exact dates to be decided).

Housing – As of mid Dec, 35 households were in temporary accommodation in North Norfolk, including 7 rough sleepers. NNDC now has 16 homes as temporary accommodation. 165 new affordable homes are planned for 21/22. There are 2596 households in the housing list.

Well-being – Social prescribing referrals (for any well-being issues) are up. There is also a new North Norfolk Help Hub to access benefits, housing and domestic abuse support. The number to call for support is 01263516353.

Leisure – The new leisure centre in Sheringham, The Reef, opened the end of November, and has been very well received.

Sustainable growth – NNDC continues to distribute additional government COVID grants of £760,000. This is supporting business resilience, digitalisation and the visitor economy. A social care recruitment project has started to encourage more workers into the care sector with bespoke training and mentoring.

Environment and climate change – The taxi business in North Norfolk have asked for a review of fares due to the fuel price increase. This will go out to consultation. The civil contingencies team

has arranged training for volunteer Flood Wardens. Continued issues with waste collection are under close scrutiny with Serco.

Estates – The new public toilets for Wells and Sheringham will be open May 22.

Planning – The local plan comes out for the second round of consultation in January. You will be able to give your views – your Parish Clerk will have more details. The planning department have introduced a new online enforcement reporting form.'

We should have outcomes of the trial of the additional rapid response vehicle based in Fakenham by February.

I'm meeting with the NNDC CEO and stakeholders to discuss campervan tourism in one of the coastal parishes, so hopefully we'll get some strategic direction as to how best to accommodate this growing trend.

County Cllr. E. Vardy

Norfolk pilot scheme helps pregnant women quit smoking
Researchers at East Anglia University (UEA) and the University of Cambridge have developed an anonymous text service designed to help mums-to-be quit smoking. MiQuit provides free support, sending tailored advice and information directly to their phones. The results of this pilot being run in Norfolk may help the service be taken up across the country, helping many more people live healthier and happier lives.

Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service

A Team of 16 young people in Norfolk are heading for a brighter future after learning new skills with Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service.

The young people undertook a 12-week personal development course, at Norwich and Dereham, and their hard work has seen them earn the Prince's Trust Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills, as well as Emergency First Aid at work. The learners also did work experience with local charities.

All young people aged between 16 and 25, who are not in work, training or education are eligible to take on the Team challenge and learn new workplace skills to help get them into employment or aid in finding volunteering and training opportunities. Participating does not affect any benefits. Travel costs are reimbursed.

The Team programme is delivered from Norwich, Dereham and Kings Lynn.

Anyone wanting to enrol in the Prince's Trust Team Programmes in January should email youthdevelopment@fire.norfolk.gov.uk

6. Matters arising from the Minutes. The chairman welcomed Dr. Nat Cary on his re-joining the parish council.

7. Planning.

Ref IS2/21/3142 Development of land at East of Cross Street to provide six dwellings. This is a Pre-planning notice. A request to the planners is to be made for more detailed information.

8. Heath Trustees

The new "Constitution" rewrite is underway and the first meeting to prepare a draft for review is planned within the next few weeks.

The PC appointed members will meet to decide on co-opted members of the management group.

Work is continuing with the topping programme to increase the grass cover and reduce gorse and bracken regrowth in addition to tree regrowth.

Work to be done in next 2 months: - We had hoped to carry out burning of scrub removed on Cley corner and sections within the radar site but the wet weather has prevented this. We hope to carry this out in the coming weeks before the March 1st HLS deadline. We also hope to carry out the final section of roadside clearance across the Salthouse Heath. We plan to carry out fence line and burial mounds clearance for which we will be seeking volunteers for raking and clearing of arisings.

All of these actions will be posted on the website for information, volunteering and safety aspects.

The next Trustee meeting will be planned over the next week or so with an additional site meeting later January or early February for setting the work programme.

The dead red deer hind was apparently hit by a car and managed to clear the fence where it died. There was no evidence of it being trapped in the fence. Due to its weight it was dragged into the heavy Gorse where it will naturally decompose.

The management group as we are now also need to decide on barrier purchase and install as requested by the police and install warning signs for dogs to be on leads during the bird breeding season of March 1st and July 31st and at all times around livestock. We will also designate areas for tree removal for wood fuel.

9. Financial matters.

Bank Balances at 11/1/22 Current a/c £5443.86 Savings a/c £4752.63

The following invoices are due for approval and payment:-

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| J. Stibbons | Purchase of Grit Bin | £151.13 |
| C. Horwood | Slabs for grit bin | £70.70 |

10. Marl Pit

From the maps the Marl Pond at the top of Cross Street is designated as part of the Heath responsibilities and the base will be cleared with hand tools early February with trees to the west side pollarded to let light in.

11. Playing Field

Safety check carried out on 30th December. Walnut, Fruit and Beech trees will be planted on the boundary.

The Native Oak tree is to be planted in the centre of the new graveyard to commemorate the Queens Jubilee

12. Correspondence

Donation request from Citizens Advice. It was proposed by Cllr. Dawson that a donation of £150 should be given. This was seconded by Cllr. Horwood and approved

Report of Fly tipping on the Heath