

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Neatishead Parish Council held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at 7.30pm at New Victory Hall, Neatishead

Present: Cllr Michael Godfrey (Chairman)
Cllr Robert Hanger (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Alex Craker
Cllr Ben Mullard
Parish Clerk Laura Bateman

Also present: Cllr Richard Price – South Smallburgh Division, Norfolk County Council
5 members of the public were also present

1. Apologies

Cllr Jane Rutter – Neatishead Parish Council
PC Matt Pritty – Norfolk Constabulary

2. Declaration of Interest and applications for dispensations

Cllr Hanger declared an interest in the Poor's Trust

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Location of the October meeting in the minutes was incorrect. Minutes amended and agreed

Proposed Cllr Craker, seconded Cllr Godfrey, all in favour

4. Public Speaking

a. County Councillor

Cllr Price reported the recent meeting held by Duncan Baker MP, focusing on speeding in rural areas, had been well attended and informative. Possible legislation changes to manage repeat speeding offenders were being considered. Cllr Price is trying to obtain an Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera to trial in his parishes for a year. The highways department and the police would agree suitable locations for the device which would be operated by two volunteers. Cllr Price provided an update on the distribution of extra funding available for sea defences in coastal areas.

He confirmed the Road Safety Community Fund the parish council had applied for in October 2022 for a reduced speed limit in the village, had not been successful. The fund was paying for new roundels in the village. He suggested the parish council apply for the Parish Partnership Scheme funding to pursue other speed control management options. It was agreed the clerk would look into this.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

b. District Councillors

None

c. Police

The clerk read a report submitted by PC Pritty: *No crimes of note over the past month, we have had three calls to the police from the Neatishead parish, 2 x were nonattendance and 1 x was an unfortunate death on a boat at the staithe (nothing suspicious) I've been doing my usual patrols around the school with no issues to report. On more than one occasion recently the local camp/caravan site on School Lane has had the sign defaced, this is obviously causing concerns for the owner as it happened more than once and the owner is keen to know why they are being targeted, this is being looked into as criminal damage and*

harassment , luckily following a recent incident our crime scene investigator has managed to secure some DNA evidence from the scene.

d. Public

A member of the public expressed concerns on behalf of a fellow resident, regarding planning application PF/23/2016. A previous application was rejected and they did not feel the new application addressed the reasons for the rejection. The scale, size and light pollution from the proposed building were the main areas of concern. The applicant was in attendance and explained for the campsite to be viable, the existing facilities were not adequate and more modern facilities were needed. The applicant stated the light pollution would not cause a problem and the neighbours would not see the proposed building. Many changes had been made to the original plans to satisfy the planning department's concerns, including size, location and colour. The applicant also stated the campsite had planning permission to be a campsite a long time before the neighbouring properties were built. Cllr Price highlighted decisions for planning applications were the responsibility of North Norfolk Council.

5. Matters Arising – TO RECEIVE UPDATES

a. To agree details of climbing wall opening

The opening of the climbing wall was set for Friday 20th October at 3.30pm. Ribbon and a plaque had been sourced and councillors had been encouraging the attendance of residents. A Facebook post has been published to promote the occasion.

b. To update on progress of application for defibrillator funding

The clerk had started the application but needed confirmation of the exact location in Cangate. It was AGREED it would be on Cangate Road at the junction of the unadopted road. It was also AGREED that the other two locations defibrillators were wanted were the staithe and the green opposite the school. The clerk would apply for other funding available to source this.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

c. To update on the quote received for clearance of the permissive footpath

A quote had been received for £250 for ten cuts of the path between April and October or £50 for a one-off clearance. It was AGREED the community should be asked for their views on the parish council paying for the path maintenance.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

d. To agree parish council meeting dates for 2024

It was AGREED the dates for the full council meetings would remain as the third Thursday of each month.

e. To agree budget planning for 2024/2025

It was AGREED that the clerk would produce a draft budget and distribute to the councillors for consideration and input before the next meeting.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

f. To review allotment fee for upcoming year (currently £22)

It was AGREED to increase the allotment fee to £24 for the forthcoming year and for this fee to be reviewed annually.

Proposed Cllr Hanger, seconded Cllr Godfrey, all in favour

- g. To confirm risk assessments are now due

The clerk reported the risk assessments were due and would be circulated accordingly.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

- h. To discuss excess advertising signs in the village

The clerk reported this matter was discussed with the highways department who confirmed it is their responsibility to remove the posts and this will be actioned when resources allow.

- i. To receive update on SAM2 data analysis

There was no data available at the meeting due to the absence of Cllr Rutter. The clerk confirmed should a new location for the camera require a post, the cost would be £195 plus possible traffic management fees. It was AGREED that feedback from the community would be sought on possible locations.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

6. Maintenance

LOCATION	ISSUE	PROGRESS
Staithe	Grass regrowth and temporary path cover	The grass is growing well. BA have confirmed they will replace the path in November.
Staithe	Gap between residents' fence and end of path, wooden capping needs replacing	BA have confirmed the capping will be replaced in November. Residents have met with Cllr Hanger to agree plan to remove and replace new fences. Quote for BA to install parish council fence to be obtained.
Allotment	Football games are damaging plot	Repair to existing fence would be more affordable and a visit will be made to see if goal posts can be moved in the other direction. Cllr Hanger to investigate

7. Planning

- a) New Applications (North Norfolk District Council)

- i. PF/23/2016 | Erection of amenity and facilities building for use in association with touring caravan site | Caravan Site Street Hill Farm The Street Neatishead Norwich Norfolk NR12 8XG

The council expressed support for the caravan site to be re-opened and noted changes had been made to the proposal from the previous application. The council also noted concerns of local residents and Cllr Godfrey urged members of the public to make comments on the planning portal website. It was AGREED the council would remain neutral with the view that technical concerns would be addressed by the district council.

Proposed Cllr Mullard, seconded Cllr Craker, all in favour

b) New Applications (Broads Authority)

- i. Application Number: BA/2023/0380/TCAA Site Location: Two Willows , Irstead Road, Neatishead, Norfolk Proposal: T1 Willow re-pollard back to previous points Lift to 3.5 meters. T2 Sycamore. Remove big decay point on main leader 2.5m off the ground. T3 Sycamore near bridge. Remove. T4 Alder near river. remove. T5 Walnut near river. remove fire damage. T6 Sycamore near fire pit. remove fire damage. T7 Sycamore near fire pit. remove fire damage.

The council AGREED to support this application

Proposed Cllr Godfrey, seconded Cllr Mullard, all in favour

c) Decisions and Appeals (North Norfolk District Council)

- i. CL/23/1835 | Certificate of Lawful Use for the use of land as garden land (Use Class C3) | Land To The North-west Of 1 Chapel Corner Neatishead Norwich Norfolk NR12 8YG APPROVED

d) Decisions and Appeals (Broads Authority)
None

8. Correspondence and consultations
None

9. Financial matters

a) Financial Update

Main Account – Balance as at 13th October 2023	£6,320.74
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Income

15/09/2023	Staithe water	£315
25/09/2023	NNDC – Recycling credits	£461.56
29/09/2023	NNDC – 2 nd precept instalment	£5023.50
13/10/2023	Sandpit rent	£52.00

Payments

18/09/2023	Countrystyle Recycling LTD	£21.00
18/09/2023	Countrystyle Recycling LTD	£12.00
25/09/2023	Anglian Water	£38.00
25/09/2023	Laura Bateman expenses	£36.15
25/09/2023	Laura Bateman salary	£695.04
10/10/2023	Finding Fitness LTD	£7410.00
12/10/2023	St Peters Church	£250.00

Saving Account – Balance as at 13th October 2023	£2,968.56
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Income

09/10/2023

Interest

£2.73

b) To consider payment of the following:

L Bateman	Salary Sep – Oct 2023 24 hours @ £14.48	£347.52
L Bateman	Expenses (phone/allowance/stamps/sign/ribbon)	£71.51
New Victory Hall	Room Hire September	£19.00
NNDC	Dog litter bins	£222.30
Poor's or Fuel Allotment Charity	Rent of playing field	£275.00

All AGREED to be paid. Clerk to confirm the period of rent for the playing field invoice.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

Proposed Cllr Godfrey, seconded Cllr Mullard, all in favour

10. Financial Quarterly Update

The figures provided by the clerk were noted. Cllr Craker confirmed the income from the staithe water likely to be under budget. It was noted expenditure for miscellaneous included the climbing wall which had not been budgeted for and it was distorting the figures.

11. Other matters

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.30pm Neatishead Primary School, Neatishead

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

CHAIRMAN