

MINUTES OF WINTERTON ON SEA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 27 October 2021 at 7.30pm

Public Participation: Updates from Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) and Norfolk County Council (NCC) Councillors.

GYBC Councillor Noel Galer:

Fire on the Water Exhibition - People can visit Great Yarmouth's Waterways from 21 October to 6 November (excluding 1-2 November) to experience magical, blazing displays of fire installations and sculptures.

Housing - The GYBC Affordable Homes Working Group have been looking at the specifications in relation to affordable homes. He added the government are looking into how second homes are taxed in the future.

GYBC and NCC Councillor James Bensly gave his congratulations to Council who had responded very quickly to the recent erosion at the end of Beach Road. He added how the joint effort of all parties which included GYBC Councillors, Officers the local Police had seen a great community effort. Further updates included:

Wellesley Recreation Ground -Improvements had been made to the athletic track.

Spooktacular' Halloween event - planned for 28-31 October in St Georges Park.

Great Yarmouth Marina Centre Project. The Morgan Sindall Construction team will be hosting regular coffee mornings for the community to find out more about the Great Yarmouth Marina Centre project as it progresses towards its completion in Summer 2022. Updates will include an overview of the scheme, what has happened and upcoming work, as well as a chance to ask the team any questions about the project. The next 'Construction over Coffee' date is Thursday 16 December 2021 at 10:00 – 11:00am.

Support for the impacts covid19 has had on young people. Access Community Trust 'Community Circles Team' are working with GYBC by offering help with employment advice, wellbeing support and the impacts covid19 has had on young people. The team can be contacted on 07884 750520 or by emailing communitycircles@accessct.org

Chestnut fencing has been requested for the end of Beach Road as the recent weather events have left this area very exposed and potentially quite dangerous. This is being put in place as a natural barrier to signpost the general public to safe passage at the north through the car park or south of the road whilst also catching materials in the air.

Poppy Appeal – A special launch event for this year's Poppy Appeal took place in Great Yarmouth Market Gates shopping centre today. Poppies will be available from Saturday 30 October in supermarkets and Great Yarmouth's poppy shop, which will be based at Harbour Radio on King Street.

NCC Grants to help drive down single-use product and plastic waste. Schools can apply for grants of £150 aiming to cut single-use product waste in Norfolk.

Cllr Hartley commended Great Yarmouth Borough Council on how they had arranged for such a significant event to come to Great Yarmouth and for it to be held on the Venetian Waterways. The Chair added it was great value for money for the local residents and visitors.

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Present – Cllrs Mark Bobby (Chair) Nigel Coe, Marie Hartley, Marina Carr, Dawn Clegg and John Smithson. The Parish Clerk S. Kent. Twelve members of the public were also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Liam McMahon, Emma Punchard and Norman Parcel.

2. Declarations of interest for items of the agenda and applications for dispensations – None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2021

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 29 September (previously circulated to members) were signed as a correct record, **PROPOSED** Cllr Coe, seconded Cllr Hartley, all in favour.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes – information only

Broadland Futures Initiative Future Flood Risk meeting – Cllr Bobby informed Council that both he and Cllr Smithson would be attending the meeting arranged for the 4 November in Somerton Village Hall. Next meeting.

Playing field car park – Cllr Hartley informed Council that a ‘temporary short-term’ solution had been found regarding access to the playing field car park in order to support local resident’s needs. She added this would be reviewed regularly in line with the playing field area improvements and resident consultation.

Virgin Media Planning Application – The Clerk added that GYBC Officers had been informed about Council and resident concerns over access to the ‘build site’. Local residents can report issues here: <https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/article/3341/Planning-enforcement>

5. Correspondence and Consultations:

Email: Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy GYBC – Survey completed.

GYBC: Sustainability Strategy - Great Yarmouth Borough Council is inviting residents across the Borough to help shape a five-year strategy to make their coastal borough a more environmentally friendly place to live and visit. The survey opened on 15 October and will run until 5pm on 5 November 2021. GYBC Consultations can be accessed here. Noted.

Email: HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, The Lady Dannatt, MBE - Specially commissioned memorial plaque to commemorate the resilience of the community during the time of the pandemic. The Chair added that Council is keen to recognise the efforts of the local community throughout the pandemic which also saw great efforts from the ‘Covid Emergency Response Group’ formed and led by Cllr Smithson. He added that a special occasion event would be arranged in future once the commemorative plaque had been received.

The Chair added some information to note:

COVID-19 Booster jabs:

A reminder that Covid booster jabs are now available to book if there's been six months since your last dose AND you are:

- An adult aged 50+
- Living in a residential care home for older adults
- A frontline health/social care worker, including in residential and nursing homes for older adults
- Aged 16-49 with underlying health conditions that put you at higher risk of severe COVID-19
- An adult carer aged 16+
- An adult household contact of someone who is immunosuppressed

People can make an appointment for a booster via the National Booking Service if you're eligible: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirusvaccination/> or call 119 for free between 7am-11pm seven days a week.

PLEASE NOTE: Walk in clinics are NOT currently providing booster vaccinations.

Please don't contact your GP or attend a walk-in clinic for a booster

NCC 'Streetscene' Inspectors are due to visit Winterton on Sea from week commencing 08/11/2021 if there is work identified for their attention. If there are any specific highway maintenance issues, they would be grateful for any information to ensure these issues are considered by the Inspector who will be taking account of maintenance needs of the road network in the area. The key concern is maintaining the essential elements with regard to the safety of the highway network, with this in mind our highest priority – Deadline 1/11/21.

6.Planning: To consider applications made and decisions received from GYBC for comment:

06/21/0606/F: Proposed single storey front extension to form new entrance porch and kitchen/diner, Stones Throw Cottage North Market Road. **REFUSED.**

06/21/0636/F: Proposed first floor side roof extension to north elevation. Rivendell, The Holway. **GRANTED.**

7. Village Matters

7.1. Christmas Seal Season 'on-call' rota

The Chair clarified that the item was in relation to Councillors being 'on-call' if needed throughout the busy Christmas period and in particular at the time when increased visitor numbers during the 'Seal Season' period. Cllrs will coordinate with the Car Park owner and the Friends of Horsey Seals (FOHS). It was **Resolved** to agree to an 'on-call' rota, **PROPOSED** Cllr Carr, seconded Cllr Clegg, all in favour – Cllrs to confirm availability outside on meeting when all Cllrs are able to confirm.

7.2. Voluntary Closure of the Beach: Cllr Punchard report (previously circulated to Council members) included: A voluntary beach closure at Winterton (north of café) may be necessary, depending on where seals are situated. Friends of Horsey seals will advise. Seal fencing is going in 2, 4 and 5 November. Extending the chestnut fence about 40m northwards will prevent the seals coming up over the dunes. Wardens will be stationed where they are most needed but they have the man power to help marshal beach if needed. Car parking will be available seven days a week with some proceeds going to be given to FOHS. Increased visits by GYBC parking enforcement officers during the Christmas fortnight would be of benefit.

7.3. Winterton Charity: Cllr Carr added the Charity known as the Winterton Trust Fund are up and running again. The Parish Council are independent of this organisation and support their work. Noted.

7.4. Winterton Carers Group Support – It was AGREED to defer this item to a later date.

7.5. Remembrance Day 2021 – to be held on Sunday 14 November.

It was AGREED the Parish Council would be represented with the laying of a wreath organised by Cllr Bobby who added that all Cllrs should attend if possible.

7.6. Gritting: to review the arrangement in the village

Cllr Carr gave an update from NCC. The initial application was not assessed as the responsible Officer had since left NCC. Current officers stated it was unlikely it would have been granted for this season as only 1 out of 14 requests were agreed this year due to not meeting the criteria plus insufficient resources as requested lengths were very long adding capacities had been reached for the majority of routes, both time and salt wise.

NCC Officers have said that it can be assessed during the summer for next season as the assessment period has now passed (June is the deadline) and they don't make any adjustments to the routes during the season unless absolutely essential. For this year the Clerk had supplied Cllr Carr with options for an interim solution. Cllr Smithson suggested setting up a Community Group adding the Council will be looking for volunteers. Cllr Carr added three people have been identified as possible volunteers and suggested asking residents to attend the next Councillor Surgery held on Saturday 13 November in the Village Hall at 11-12pm with suggestions of areas to grit. Further coordination is required to formulate a gritting plan as storage for items had not yet been confirmed. **Cllr Carr**

The Clerk added that Council was in need of manual gritting spreaders, wheelbarrows and spades for use to support the 'Health and Safety' needs of volunteers. Cllr Bensly stated his and Cllr Galers' ward budgets were available to support this work. **Cllrs Bensly/Galer**

Cllr Coe requested for some further communication with NCC Officers in light of the minor addition to the current schedule before the deadline in June 2022. **Clerk/Cllr Coe**

7.7. Traffic Management – Cllrs discussed arrangements for the remainder of the half-term.

Cllr Coe stated that an application for NCC Highways to add yellow lines to some junctions of the village was in progress. He added that the application was expensive so as many areas under consideration would be included initially to be cost effective. The final areas for consideration will be reviewed in consultation with residents before any final submission. Cones will continue to be used as a temporary solution at peak times with an ongoing Cllr rota in place for distribution and collection at busy times. Cllrs Carr, Clegg and Smithson highlighted they had received thanks from many residents. Bulmer Lane Closure was discussed with issues including bus time changes, limited signage to alert visitor of 'Businesses Open as Usual' and poor timing of the work during a busy half term period.

8. Village Hall Green – A request from Winterton in Bloom (WIB) to plant a hedge was considered. Cllr Clegg added further details shared by WIB. The hedge will be planted in bare rooted Hawthorn which will encourage birds, butterflies and insects. Hawthorn has Catkins in the Spring and berries for the birds in the Autumn. The plan would be to keep the height to two and half feet. WIB would incorporate looking after the hedge with the general care of the Village Hall gardens and planters. In front of the hedge, they would like to plant wild flowers grasses & lavenders to encourage Butterflies, Bees and a variety of Insects. They would like to work together for the environment. It was Resolved to agree to planting the hedge PROPOSED Cllr Clegg, seconded Cllr Coe, all in favour. The Chair gave thanks on behalf of the Council to all of the WIB group who had clearly worked very hard to improve areas of the village for everyone to enjoy.

9. Updates from Cllrs

9.1. Christmas Fair on 4 December 2021 – Cllr Smithson confirmed the event was full. The 'Artisan Fair' where people have made items to sell will be opening from 10.30-3.30pm.

9.2. Environment – a written update previously circulated from Cllr Punchard including:

Mural Project - Painting has been postponed until Spring. Funding is in place and an outline design has been circulated with a concept approved. Cllr Punchard is waiting on final design.

NCC - 1 million Trees project application - The Council have applied to NCC and Cllr James Bensly for some tree packs for the children's play area and playing field. The proposal has been written by Environment Group Members Sean Offord and Patrick Goffin led by Cllr Punchard.

Wildflower Areas for the Village - The Environment Group working with the advice from Winterton in Bloom has identified 4 sites in the village where we could encourage wildflower growth. We are currently talking to neighbours and trying to find out who actually looks after these areas before we come back to the Parish Council with a more formal proposal.

Waste Champions – Two volunteers have joined the Environment Group to become waste champions. They have already passed on ideas that have been implemented to reduce waste from Winterton Edge and have lots of ideas to reduce waste or better manage waste at the beach. Great Yarmouth Borough Council are looking to engage other food businesses in the village with its FACET programme to pilot food waste solutions. If any food business wants to get involved, please contact Cllr Punchard. Cllr Carr highlighted the following item from Cllr Punchard's 'Environment Report' which included:

Russian Vine Clearing on the South Dunes

Two days have been identified to clear the invasive Russian Vine in the valley. All welcome to come including parish councillors, even just for a short time on Sunday 14th and Monday 15th November, between 11.15 am and 3pm on Sunday and 10 am to 3pm on Monday. If you would like to help out, we'd be hugely grateful. Bring gloves, tools such as loppers, rakes, secateurs and anything else you think might help. Meet at the bottom of the public steps at 10am, or just pop along whenever you are able to during the day to lend a hand! Natural England have kindly agreed to dispose of whatever we can clear. If you would like to let us know you are coming in advance, please email cllrpunchard@gmail.com or ring 07900 376 462.

9. Financial Matters

9.1. Receipts, Bank reconciliation and Expenditure Payments for October 2021 were received.

It was **Resolved** to agree expenditure payments **PROPOSED** Cllr Clegg, seconded Cllr Hartley. - --
Expenditure payments: £3975.49.

Income: £404.80–Village Hall Hire, ICO refund £5.00. Noted.

Bank Reconciliation: as per bank statements at 30.9.21:

Unity Current Account: £43,898.09, Unity Savings Account; £49,053.25 – Total £92,951.34

Payments October 2021

Bulb	Electricity	£83.56
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£18.00
Cllr D. Clegg	Phone Expenses	£20.00
Staffing	PAYE/NI/PENSION	£2,527.28
Temporary Caretaker	Cleaning Costs	£216.00
Tyrell & Brown Ltd	Light Repair and upgrade	£133.13
Council	Mobile Phone Contract	£29.99
JK. Bowles Ltd	Cleaning Costs	£420.00
Viking	Village Hall Supplies	£70.15
Vortex	Grass cutting	£432.00
Clerk Expenses	Zoom	£14.39
Clerk Expenses	Security	£15.99
Total		£3,975.49

9.2 Community Action Norfolk Subscription – Consideration was given to an annual subscription for 2021/22 of £50-60 to support the Council working with local groups. It was **Resolved** to purchase an annual subscription for 2021/22, **PROPOSED** Cllr Carr, seconded Cllr Smithson, all in favour.

10. Items for the next agenda

Jubilee Celebrations

11. Next meeting – Wednesday 24 November 2021

The meeting closed at 20.37pm

Signed The Chairman Date

(6) 27 Oct 2021