

Minutes of the Meeting of Winterton-on-Sea Parish Council
Wednesday 17th July 2019 7.30pm Winterton-on-Sea Village Hall

Present: Eric Lund (Chairman)
John Allen
Roger Jarvis
Catherine Moore (Parish Clerk)

Also attended: Borough Councillor Noel Galer, County Councillor Ron Hanton and 21 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Marie Hartley, Mark Bobby and Nigel Coe.

2. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2019 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

4. Update on matters arising from the minutes

a) Grass and Weeds on Allotment Access

The church were checking with their gardener whether the access road came within their remit.

5. Public Participation

Standing orders were suspended to allow Borough and County Councillors, and members of the public to speak.

a) Public Participation

A member of the public asked permission to erect sleepers around the new In Bloom planting area next to the Village Hall. This was **agreed** and she was thanked for this.

A member of the public asked whether a dropped kerb could be installed outside the playing field as it was not suitable for mobility scooters. It was suggested that the County Councillor could provide funds to do this. It was also suggested that street lighting was required outside the playing field.

It was suggested that a fixed vehicle activated sign was required on Somerton Road as well as Bulmer Lane, and that the SAM2 should be deployed to Somerton Road. The Chairman replied that once the VAS was installed into Bulmer Lane, if this went ahead, it would free up the SAM2 to go back to places like Somerton Road.

A member of the public asked what was happening with the village hall, as he had heard it would be closed. He also asked what would be happening to the money. The Chairman replied that there appeared to have been some misinformation circulating, and that there were no plans to close the village hall. Members of the public were welcome to attend Village Hall Committee meetings, with the next one scheduled for Thursday 26th July at 11am.

A representative of a hirer of the village hall asked why they had been told to move all of their equipment from the kitchen, and why they could not have a cupboard in the kitchen. The Chairman replied that a close cupboard had been made available to hirers who wished to use their own equipment, however the kitchen would only contain crockery belonging to the village hall which was available for all to use. Regular users were welcome to use the crockery supplied in the village hall kitchen. Eric noted that a lot of work was going into bringing the village hall up to a suitable standard for hiring, and that Committee members had put in a lot of work. The kitchen had been deep cleaned and was stocked for users, and space had been made available very close by for those who wanted to use their own equipment. The Hall was being improved so that more casual and regular hirers would want to use it. In response to questions raised about hirers who had recently left the Hall, it was confirmed that the Carers had left because the parking and mobility access was not suitable, as well as a swelling of numbers attending, so they had moved to Scratby. It was confirmed that the price change had been agreed by the old Committee before they stood down, and that the new Committee had engaged with all regular hirers with a view to reviewing the impact of this on them. The plan was to replace the kitchen floor, and the leaky roof had recently been repaired and the mould cleaned up. The plans to extend the kitchen were on hold as the £24,000 cost was not commensurate with the level of hire currently. It was planned that the village hall funds would be used to improve the existing facilities, within budget.

A member of the public reported that parking was getting bad near the church, with access problems for the buses. Cars were being parked on the path over the zebra crossing and causing issues for mobility scooters. In response, the Chairman noted that anyone observing this should call Parking Enforcement at the time of it occurring. If there was a regular problem, Parking Enforcement would schedule a visit at the key time. It was noted that the proposed white lines in front of dropped kerbs would help, and it was more economical to install multiple of these. The Police would only prosecute if they witnessed the parking issue first hand.

A member of the public asked for an update on the cricket pavilion changing rooms extension. The Chairman replied that this was still being investigated, however another £2,000 would be required to draw up a full planning application. Other options including converted shipping containers were being explored. Advice had been received stating that it was unlikely that the Council would be successful in receiving funding for the £150,000 required for the proposed brick build, and a discussion needed to take place as to whether councillors would support this being funded through council tax. A container set up could cost around £60,000 including installation, and a loan could be taken at around £3,000 per year (10% of current precept). If shipping containers were used, they would be placed in the existing location. The drainage also needed to be considered as it was at the end of its useful life. It was **agreed** that the plans for the potential extension would be displayed on the notice boards.

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A member of the public asked whether signs could be put up on North Market Road requesting that dogs were kept on leads. It was suggested that the enquirer speak with Mark Bobby, Vice Chairman, to agree a suitable size and location, then permissions could be obtained.

b) Borough Councillor

Noel Galer reported that the future of the Marina Centre was being discussed,

concerns had been expressed about disabled access however other examples had been seen around the country. The existing facility had serious structural issues. The Council was looking to gain control of land on North Quay for redevelopment. The outcome of the planning permission for Pontins in Hemsby was not as hoped, and it was felt that this would have a negative effect on the local economy. A group was currently looking at coastal erosion issues, including managed retreat and inland flooding. The Flegg Community Land Trust was a new initiative being led by Noel, who was happy to give further information.

County Councillor

Ron Hanton reported that initial site surveys would be beginning shortly for the third river crossing in Great Yarmouth. There would be some local disruption for traffic. The A47 Alliance continued to look at the proposals for duelling the A47, and was pressing for progress. The NDR Western Link had recommended Option C for approval, providing a viaduct across the Wensum Valley and connecting the NDR with the A47 at Honingham. Ron would be happy to meet with the person concerned about the lack of dropped kerb in Somerton Road, but noted that new Traffic Regulation Orders were between £6 - 8,000. Norfolk County Council expected this to be paid by the body that had made the request.

Standing orders were reinstated.

6. Co-option to two vacancies

There were no co-options made. An expression of interest had been received.

7. Planning

a) Applications Received

- i) 06/18/0714/CU Winterton Primary School: Change of use from Class D1 (non-residential) to Class C2 (residential) in connection with use of field study centre (amended).

There were no comments on the revised plans.

b) Planning Decisions

None.

8. Correspondence and Consultations

a) Footpath between Winterton Valley Estate and Long Beach

The Chairman reported that this was currently with the legal team at Norfolk County Council, and it was understood that this was progressing, with a decision expected soon.

b) Footpath No. 8: Error on Definitive Map

The Chairman reported that there was an error on the definitive map, which had been referred to Norfolk County Council twice. It was understood that there would be legal costs involved in amending the map. The Clerk was asked to refer this to Norfolk County Council again.

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c) Email from Resident: Village Matters

The resident confirmed that his concerns had been addressed in public participation.

9. Finance

a) Receipts, Payments, and Bank Reconciliation

The bank balances at 30th June 2019 were:

- Current account - £3,394.95
- Deposit account - £60,220.60

This included the ring-fenced Village Hall balance of £21,058.32 and earmarked reserves of £20,848.97. Free funds were £16,035.19.

b) Accounts for Payment

It was **agreed** to pay the following accounts:

C Moore	Salary July 2019	£989.11
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£96.84
Norfolk Pension Fund	Superannuation	£306.42
K Brown	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£40.00
P Lynham	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£40.00
C Moore	Expenses	£35.46
E Lund	Chairman's Allowance	£180.00
E Lund	Shelving	£80.00
Norse Eastern Ltd	Playground Maintenance	£97.20
Jubilee Coaches (Rollesby) Ltd	Paper Hand Towels	£23.22
Eon	Playing Field Electric	£51.38
Whistles	Deep Cleaning	£200.00
Norfolk PTS	Councillor Training	£55.00
Norse Eastern Ltd	Playground Maintenance	£97.20
E Lund	Paint	£10.00
Vortex	Grounds Maintenance	£255.00
K Jones	Maintenance	£146.00
SLD Electrical	Electrical Testing	£220.00
Dorringtons	Playing Field Septic Tank	£180.00
	TOTAL	£2,922.83

10. Committees and Advisory Groups

a) Village Hall Committee

Eric Lund reported that the meeting had been postponed to Thursday 25th July. The job description for the new Caretaker was considered, and it was **agreed** to advertise the post at 6 hours per week, £9 per hour.

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b) Safer Neighbourhood Action Group

The next meeting would be 25th July 2019, John Allen would be attending.

c) Patient Participation Group

John Allen had not heard anything about this.

d) Allotment Advisory Group

A meeting for allotment holders had been put together however no-one attended.

e) Playing Field Management Committee

The discussion regarding spending money on new changing rooms was deferred until the next meeting when more councillors would be present.

f) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Advisory Group

It had been determined that a SEA and Habitat Assessment was not required. Comments on the draft plan were expected from GYBC shortly.

11. Other Matters

a) Erosion Update

The Chairman reported that money had been spent moving sand to the front of the cafe, however the huts were bearing the brunt. The beach level was very low, making high tide dangerous.

b) Flegg Community Land Trust

Noel Galer briefed the meeting on the move to set up CLTs around the country. These promoted affordable home, and looked for new parcels of land for development. The Flegg CLT was inviting parish councils to join, and Noel could set up a presentation or an invitation to a briefing. It was **agreed** to discuss this further on the next agenda.

Clerk

c) Vehicle Activated Sign on Bulmer Lane

Prices had been received and this would be explored further during the budget setting process for 2020/2021.

d) No Cold Calling Zones

It was noted that currently only George Beck Road was a No Cold Calling Zone. It was felt that cold calling was a problem in the parish, and suggested that specific areas could be targeted to be set up. It was **agreed** to discuss this further at the next meeting.

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e) Twinning Opportunity with Camperduin, Netherlands

The Chairman reported that, following interest in the Camperduin video showing comparisons with Winterton-on-Sea, a suggestion had been made that a twinning could be set up. Funding was available to facilitate this, and a meeting was taking place in September where it could be discussed further. Contact would need to be made with Camperduin Council, and this could be taken forward if they showed interest. It was **agreed** to discuss this further at the next meeting.

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12. Action Log

The action log was noted. Keith Jones would be asked for a price to level out the concrete blocks for the wheelchair access, which could then be made permanent if it proved popular.

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13. Councillor Feedback and Items for Next Meeting

John Allen reported that the pavements in Cobbleways, Spindrift Close and Green Courts were not level and needed inspecting. Clerk to report to Norfolk County Council.

Clerk

14. Date of next meeting:

- Wednesday 21st August 2019 7.30pm Winterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN