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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Pennoyer Centre, on Tuesday 14th December 2021, commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Scanlan (Chair), Cllr Yaxley and Cllr Freeman. The Clerk and District Cllr Hudson were also in attendance.

Parishioner A Cleveland, Chair Pennoyers Trustees, attended, to provide an update and answer questions.

1. Welcome, consideration of apologies and reasons for absence.

The Chairman welcomed Council and apologies were accepted from Cllr Ellam, McDaniel, Langshaw, Burrige and Clarke.

2. To consider declaration of interests and dispensation by Councillors.

No additional declaration of interests received on matters for consideration.

3. To approve minutes of the last meetings of 9th November 2021.

The minutes of 9th November 2021 were ratified as a true record of the meeting and a copy signed by the Chairman.

4. To consider Co-option to fill current casual vacancies.

Not required

5. To discuss matters arising from the last meeting – for information only.

Parish Website.

News items and statutory records have been updated on the Parish Council website.

Village/CIL Maintenance and Projects.

Norse are providing a quote and details of requirement to install CCTV near the pond. This matter will be discussed at the January meeting.

Tree work on the exterior of North Green play area has now been completed. The tree report for the Chestnut trees on St Marys Terrace is booked for 13/1/22 and replacement bench for the playground is estimated to be delivered 20/12/21.

Correspondence on Broadland and South Norfolk Council accommodation consultation has been circulated to Council. The District Cllr to provide an update in his report.

Volunteer working on shrub area in front of Post Office, have advised a mini digger would be required to remove roots. This matter will be included on the January agenda.

Approval has been received on the online faculty submission and work can now move ahead with the War Memorial clean/repair.

Kings Head

The District Cllr attended the purchase notice hearing and provided a brief summary. The inspector will make a site visit and conclude her response in due course.

6. To receive the Chairman's Report.

The Chairman was pleased to see the Christmas tree in front of Pennoyers, he noted thanks for all involved and to the volunteers for their work.

Next year the Chairman would like Council to continue supporting the community, giving consideration to projects from local community groups and where possible and within the Councils powers provide assistance to facilitate.

The Chairman wished Council a Happy New Year.

To receive County & District Councillors Reports.

The County Cllr provided a report. (Attached)

District Cllr Hudson noted the festive display within the village.

Council should continue to promote details of SNC Help Hub, who are able to offer support to anyone experiencing problems or financial hardship. In particular there are gifts for children, available for distribution to families in need. Calls can be made (anonymously if preferred) to 01508 533933. The Help Hub will be open throughout Christmas.

The District Cllr reported on the District Councils, across party support for reinstatement of ability for Local Council (Parish Councils) to be able to hold hybrid meetings, if required. ***(Amendment 3/1/22) Current legislation does not allow Parish Councils to carry out business remotely.***

The Broadland and SNC accommodation review meeting on 12/11/21, postponed decision, pending full consultation with Parish Councils/Residents.

The District Cllr has currently provided support from his Local Members Grant to Scole, Pennoyers Silver Sunday event and Pulham Market Memorial Hall towards ongoing work.

7. Public forum

AC – thanked Council for previous support and identified the importance of continued support over the coming year. Cllr Scanlan requested copy of the accounts to allow Council to fully consider support during 2022/23, prior to setting the budget and precept request.

AC and District Cllr Hudson, left the meeting

8. Items for discussion and ratification

• Current Planning Applications

2021/1498 – Foot path order FP10 – Considered at the January meeting, no objection raised.

2021/2267 and 2268 The Old Malsters, proposed install of air source heat pump at rear – Approved with condition 30/11/21

2021/2288 67 Norwich Rd, two storey extension and alterations to dwelling – Following a site visit a request to consider for approval was submitted.

2021/2348 28 Poppys Lane, front and rear dormers to bungalow rear – Request to consider for approval submitted

New Applications

2021/2519 The Kings Head – Demolition of chimney stack, cap at roof level. (retrospective) Dismantle boundary wall, rebuild to same height and style and redecoration and cosmetic repair with change of colour to front elevation to buttermilk - No objects raised, request to consider for approval to be submitted.

- **To receive correspondence from Saffron housing.**
Council considered correspondence and are happy to support Saffron Housing, who are taking multi agency approach addressing ASB and promoting community adhesion within the local area.
- **To ratify Eon, Streetlighting increase from 1/12/21.**
Cllr Scanlan proposed acceptance of an increase from 25.4p to 33.8p per kWh for unmetred supply, this was seconded by Cllr Freeman and unanimously agreed.
- **To consider/ratify cost to replace lamp Col 33**
The lantern in streetlight col33 has previously been repaired by installer but has again failed. The lantern is now out of warranty, it is not possible to replace with exact like for like model and Councils current contractor has recommended a Urbis Schreder Axia 3.1. Cllr Freeman proposed acceptance of quote to supply and fix new lantern at £325.00 + vat, this was seconded by Cllr Yaxley and unanimously agreed.
- **To receive Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation**
Council received consultation from Norfolk County Council, no comment required.
- **To receive correspondence on the Innovation Resilience Fund**
Council received correspondence. Further information will be received during December, this matter will be moved to the January Meeting.
- **To receive budget update for 2021/22 and proposal for 2022/23**
Council received copy of the budget review for 2021/22 and proposal for 2022/23 prepared by the Clerk. Council confirmed they understood information provided.
- **To consider precept request the 2022/23**
Moved to the January meeting

9. Presentation of income and expenditure for December 21

Cllr Yaxley proposed receiving the accounts for December, this was seconded by Cllr Freeman and unanimously agreed. The balance following presentation of the following receipts and payments entered in the accounts for will be £55,396.43

Income

Allotment rents – Plots 9,7,18,11,17,19 £199.56

Expenditure

Barriers Direct, Replacement Bench £503.90

Eon, Streetlighting Nov £60.24

BT, Broadband and call package to 23/12/21 £18.92

L Shulver, Salary £429.35

L Shulver, Expenses £17.80

Stationery – Ink £12.94

HMRC, PAYE Months 7,8,9 £321.80

ACTION the Clerk will raise bank transfers required for December payments, to be approved by Cllr Ellam.

10. To receive other reports.

Sports and Recreation Committee.

No further report

Footpath Warden.

Cllr Freeman advised the 'Bull Signs' on FP17 have now been removed.

Tree Warden

No further report.

SAM.

No further report

Armed Forces Champion.

No further report

To consider the date of next meeting

The January meeting will be held at the Pennoyer Centre on Tuesday the 11th January 2022, commencing at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 20.45

Signed

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County Cllr Wilby Report

The new Norwich South recycling centre has opened at the Harford Park and Ride site off the A47/A140 replacing the Ketteringham site which has now been closed. The new centre is the sister site to the Norwich North one that opened earlier in the year. Norfolk County Council says the move to a larger site allows room for a one-way system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, while low-level bins mean people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste. In the spring there will be a large reuse shop open on site which will further boost reuse by stopping quality used items from being thrown away. Norse Environmental Services (NEWS) will manage this new recycling centre on behalf of NCC.

New farmers are being sought for six Norfolk farms, with 750 acres available to let. NCC is keen to attract those new to farming to allow them to get their feet on the farming ladder. Training days will be run in January by Norfolk County Farms to help applicants with the process. These training days are being designed to assist new entrants and those unfamiliar with business plans. The council is keen to see applications that include proposals for diversification and environmental enhancement. Any successful applicant will be required to retain and maintain the existing margins, hedges and trees planted on the holding. All information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/countyfarms. The closing date for applicants is Monday February 28th.

Winter Update.

We are well prepared to help keep Norfolk moving over the coming months with all of Norfolk's salt domes fully stocked. Each full 3-hour gritting run in Norfolk sees 2,200 miles of roads treated. All A and B-class roads and some C-class roads are treated with a focus on commuter and major bus routes and as far as possible one route into all villages. The A11 and the A47 are gritted by National Highways. The county council's experienced team will be keeping a close eye on detailed specialist forecasts and weather sensors across the county that help inform when and where gritting will be taking place throughout the winter. People can check which roads are on the council's gritting routes for the 2021/22 season on the map at www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting. On the same map people can find the locations of around 1,900 grit bins in the county that are filled up by the County Council which people can use on public pavements, cycle paths and roads.

An ambitious blueprint to make our county even better has been unveiled by the county council. Better Together for Norfolk charts the county council's priorities over the next 5 years, to guide how it will work with partners to boost the economy, protect the environment, help people live healthy and fulfilling lives and support communities. NCCs leader Andrew Proctor said "Better Together for Norfolk is our ambitious five-year strategy, which sets out our priorities for the county. I am keen to work with you and other key partners to capitalise on this pivotal point in time – making the most of opportunities for recovery, renewal and resilience and the Government's Levelling Up and environmental agendas".

The Priorities are:

- A vibrant and sustainable economy
- Better opportunities for children and young people
- Healthy, fulfilling and independent lives
- Strong, engaged and inclusive communities
- A greener, more resilient future

A copy of the strategy is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/togetherfornorfolk

NCC has launched its annual budget consultation. This is your chance to have your say on NCC's budget proposals, which set out our spending plans for the 2022/23 year. Consultation on the council's proposed share of Council Tax and its savings proposals will take place up until 30th December. The council is consulting on the level of Council tax and adult social care precept. People can also comment on the proposed budget approach and savings proposals. Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk for more information.

Looking forward to 2022 I hope that we will enjoy the many celebrations connected to the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

My next surgery is at HIP on Saturday February 5th at 10am - Best Wishes Martin