

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORPUSTY AND SAXTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM (ONLINE)

Present:

Imogen Waterson, Diane Oliver, Stephen Fenny, Sophia Hodgson, Guy Hodgson, Andrew Brown, Marty Jacobs and Tony Barnett

Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)

Members of the public - 0

20/73. To consider accepting apologies for absence.

There were no apologies.

20/74. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None.

20/75. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2020.

The Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. They were duly signed.

20/76. To receive update from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor.

County Cllr Aquarone had emailed his apologies, and a report, which was distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

20/77. To receive update from Andrew Brown, District Councillor.

District Cllr Brown emailed a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. He noted that there was an accident in the village this morning, and the driver involved was urged to report the incident to the police. The Broadland Housing Development was discussed, and it was noted that BHA have purchased the meadow on the opposite side of Norwich Road, for run off from the development. The run off will filter into a reed bed system, then into the Bure. Cllr Brown is due to meet BHA and will discuss this further.

Cllr Buddle arr. at 7:39pm.

Concern was raised that Anglian Water do not appear to be doing anything about the sewerage despite the current system being inadequate. Cllr G Hodgson thanked the sub committee who have been working with BHA.

District Cllr Brown advised everyone that the computer systems are being updated at the District Council, but planning services will be continuing. The new system will go live on 7th December.

The ongoing enforcement action regarding a property in the village was discussed at length. Concern was raised that NNDC are not actively pursuing the planning breaches which have apparently taken place, having delayed further enforcement action until March 2021. New areas bordering the right of way have been concreted over, and the height of fencing was also discussed. It was agreed that District Cllr Brown will go back to the Enforcement Officer to ask that he pursues various issues now, rather than delaying. Sarah Price at County Hall is looking into the right of way, to see if current boundaries are compliant.

20/78. To note updates from the police.

The emailed police report was noted.

20/79. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation.

The owner of the empty property in the village had sent her apologies and an email to explain why little work has taken place on the property since she last attended a meeting. She has raised dangerous parking issues regarding her next-door neighbour. The Clerk advised that anyone concerned about dangerous parking should contact the police on 101 to report it. Issues regarding registration of the property with different agencies were discussed and it was agreed that pressure needs to be kept on NNDC to ensure the property is brought back into use. It was agreed to write to the District Council to request they continue to keep chasing this enforcement issue, and to keep on the agenda.

20/80. Matters arising from previous minutes for information only – Adams Lane right of way / empty property in the centre of village / village maps / pelipods

Adams Lane right of way – Dealt with in Andrew Brown's report.

Empty property in the centre of the village – Dealt with in public participation.

Village Maps – Cllr Waterson is waiting to hear back from Maddisson Graphics that the maps are finished.

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Pylons – Cllr Fenny sent round photos of the cables around the Green, and representations of the same areas without the cables and pylons. He has spoken to a nearby homeowner who managed to get his cables put underground, who has supplied some contact details. The Clerk will forward the UK Power Network emails to Cllr Fenny, who will investigate further.

Litter pick – The pick had to be cancelled as the department who lend the equipment at NNDC are currently not operating. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain quotes for the Council to purchase equipment.

20/81. To update on the Hornsea 3, Dudgeon, Sheringham & Vattenfall projects
Sheringham Shoal have sent a consultation report out, and a representative has been in touch.

20/82. To update on Highways issues, and to consider & if necessary, approve the Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership scheme bid

The minutes from Highways meetings have been distributed. Various issues were identified, and 5 were taken to Highways to see what can be actioned. Highways have confirmed that gates can be installed in four locations in the village; Heydon Road, Briston Road, Holt Road and the link road, close to the Saxthorpe sign. It was noted that there have been a number of close misses, involving illegal overtaking on the link road, and some incidents were witnessed during a site visit with the head of Highways. Chris Alston have offered to trial a recording system, to record speeding and dangerous overtaking close to the Irmingland Road junction, and Cllr Barnett has agreed that his Wi-Fi can be used, subject to security. Councillors are also keen to change the priorities on the Briston Road / Holt Road junction. Chris Alston has indicated that this is a possibility subject to a feasibility study, which would cost in the region of £4000. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a roundabout, and safety concerns of a mini roundabout were raised. On a proposal by Cllr Barnett, seconded by Cllr Oliver, it was agreed (eight in favour, one against) to spend a maximum of £10,000 on gates and a feasibility study, but Parish Partnership funding will be sought by the Clerk if there is sufficient time. It was noted that it must be stated to Highways that any roundabout must be substantial enough to prevent HGV traffic driving over it.

20/83. To receive reports from the Village Hall and School representatives.

School – No report.

Village hall –. Some Parish Councillors met with Village Hall Trustees for a useful meeting. New volunteers have been found, and the committee has a new Chairman. It was agreed that the current governing document is inappropriate and needs updating, as it only covers the old Village Hall, and doesn't take into account the field, new hall or station building. Costs for previous legal work relating to the trust were paid by the Village Hall, and it was noted that they have received a Government grant of £10,000. Cllr Waterson has been approached by a committee member to see if the Parish Council can help towards the cost of resurfacing the Village Hall car park. Upon discussion it was noted that the quotes they have received are for completely tarmacking the car park, where remedial work would be more cost effective. Cllr Waterson will contact the Village Hall committee to let them know that the Parish Council will not be donating toward it at this stage.

20/84. To consider a request for crowdfunding for a judicial review of the Vanguard windfarm permission

A number of emails had been exchanged prior to the meeting, and an amount of information had been provided by Alison Shaw and Ray Pearce (the claimant). The chance of the review being a success was discussed at length, but it was agreed that any donation is as much as gesture of solidarity as anything else. Concern was raised that the Parish Council could be liable to further legal costs should the case be lost, but assurances had been given by Mr Pearce that this is not the case.

Cllr Oliver left the meeting at 9:20pm.

On discussion, it was agreed that a donation would be appropriate, but on the basis of showing solidarity to other Parishes, rather than for an expectation of success. On a proposal by Cllr Fenny, seconded by Cllr Buddle, it was agreed to donate £500.

Cllr Barnett left the meeting at 9:32pm.

20/85. To update on the current situation regarding Covid-19

The helpline remains open for anyone who requires assistance.

20/86. To update on recent concerns regarding contamination of the River Bure

Agreed to defer until January meeting.

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20/87. To update on the possible Broadland Housing development, including Parishioner's concerns regarding sewerage

Covered in District Councillor's report. District Cllr Brown is due to meet with BHA representatives on 18th November, so further information should be obtained then.

20/88. Finance -

(a) To receive the current financial position

A bank reconciliation and budget considerations sheet had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

(b) To approve payments to be made and made between meetings

The list of payments made and to be made was attached to the agenda. The following payments were authorised / paid between meetings:

K Cotgrove –October salary and expenses (inc. HMRC)	£326.16
K Cotgrove – November salary and expenses (inc. HMRC)	£326.16
ICO – data protection renewal fee	£35.00
CGM – grass cutting October	£97.36
CGM – Grass cutting November	£97.36
E.on – September electricity	£59.41
E.on – October electricity	£57.49
K Cotgrove – Zoom monthly subscription Oct	£14.39
K Cotgrove – Zoom monthly subscription Nov	£14.39
Indigo Waste – glass recycling	£23.40

(c) To approve the 2021-22 budget

The draft budget was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to add a budget line for £10,000 for Highways projects, and £500 for S137. On a proposal by Cllr Fenny, seconded by Cllr Brown, the budget was approved.

(d) To approve the 2021-22 precept

Following discussion, on a proposal by Cllr Fenny, seconded by Cllr Brown, it was agreed to keep the precept at £17,716.

20/89. Planning –

To agree responses to applications – None.

To record planning decisions made between meetings – (i) PF/20/1587. Horseshoe Corner, The Street, Corpusty. This application was withdrawn

(ii) PF/20/1939. Saxthorpe Hall, Blickling Road, Saxthorpe. The Parish Council recorded no objection to this application between meetings

(iii) PU/20/1884. The barn at Holly Heath Farm, Heath Road, Corpusty. The Parish Council recorded no objection to this application between meetings

(iv) PF/20/0409. 1 Manor Farm Barns, Norwich Road, Corpusty. The Parish Council objected to this application between meetings.

To consider Late Planning applications- None

To receive decisions from North Norfolk District Council – None.

20/90. Correspondence

(i) NCC budget consultation - Noted.

(ii) Support to help people to self-isolate – NCC have a support line available for anyone who has been asked to self-isolate, to offer financial and practical support. Please contact 0344 800 8020.

20/91. To receive items for information

Two streetlights have been identified as not working. The Clerk will report. There are some large cracks and a broken fence on the railway bridge on Heydon Road. The Clerk will report these to Highways. Concerns were raised that the verge along the link road is so overgrown, people must walk on the road. The Clerk will report.

20/92. To receive items for the next agenda

Electricity cables on the Village Green. Empty properties in the village.

20/92. To close meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.55.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 19th January 2021, 7:30pm in the Village Hall or via Zoom, regulations depending.

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Signed

Dated