

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF CORPUSTY AND SAXTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM (ONLINE)

Present:

Imogen Waterson, Diane Oliver, Stephen Fenny, Andrew Brown, Marty Jacobs and Tony Barnett
Steffan Aquarone (County Councillor)
Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk)
Members of the public - 3

21/20. To consider accepting apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted for Tim Buddle.

21/21. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None.

21/22. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021.

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

21/23. To receive update from Steffan Aquarone, County Councillor.

Not much business has taken place at the Council, as it is election time. A meeting was expected this month about the Western Link, but this has been delayed for three months, as no contractor has been appointed yet. The budget has been passed, with the County Council raising the precept by almost the maximum allowable. The election is due to take place on 6th May. The ring main was discussed briefly. Cllr Fenny asked why the covid funding has been moved to non-covid finances. County Cllr Aquarone has put in a FOI request, which has been rejected. The Council has put this money into reserves, so he is still asking questions.

To receive update from Andrew Brown, District Councillor.

A report was emailed prior to the meeting. In addition, District Cllr Brown has taken over the temporary Chair of a local Parish Council.

Guy Hodgson & Sophia Hodgson arr. 19:42

District Cllr Brown attended a webinar regarding alternative power recently. It was noted that European countries are extremely keen on offshore transmission networks, as they feel this supplies cheaper energy and energy security. There is a new UK / EU power supply agreement. Very little was said in the seminar regarding the environmental impact of the windfarm projects. The Broadland Housing development and the public open space it will provide was discussed, and it was agreed that it follows the Neighbourhood Plan, although not the Sites Allocation Plan. It has been advised that the Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence, so the layout BHA have come up with should be OK. Cllr Barnett stressed that the Parish Council need to remain clear with Duncan Baker MP with the Parish Council objectives with the windfarms. He agreed the green space at BHA is very important, as is the placing. District Cllr Brown advised there was a development committee meeting regarding an application in Ludham, where there were possible flooding issues. The Internal Drainage Board were very helpful in this application and could possibly help with the BHA project. Cllr Barnett proposed writing to them for assistance, seconded by Cllr Brown.

To note updates from the police.

The emailed police report was noted.

21/24. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation.

A Parishioner who is new to the village was in attendance. She was previously a Parish Councillor in another area. She asked if the responsible authority could be approached to ask the vegetation etc to be cut back, rubbish cleared and the heras panels removed on the Street, and the 30mph repeater reinstated. She suggested a planter at the base of the base of the welcome to Corpusty sign. Cllrs agreed a planter would be a good idea. Cllr Waterson advised that the area which needs clearing is in the hands of Enforcement.

A Parishioner offered to help with any litter picks etc which take place, and agrees that the property in question needs to be improved.

County Cllr Aquarone offered to help with clearing etc. He will find out what areas are Highways for hedge cutting etc.

County Cllr Aquarone left 20:02.

21/25. Matters arising from previous minutes for information only – Adams Lane right of way / village maps / empty property in centre of village / electricity cables on the Green, footpaths

Adams Lane right of way – Cllr Brown advised that he has spoken to Bob Wade, Head of Service on Enforcement. They had a long conversation regarding the adjacent property and various planning breaches.

17th November 2020

North Norfolk District Council feel it is a County Council right of way encroachment issue. The right of way has now been finalised as a restricted byway, so the Councils need to decide how to proceed, although it is not a priority for either. Cllr Brown will continue to chase. It was agreed that a fence has been erected across a public right of way to create a garden for the homeowner, causing an obstruction. This needs to be an immediate issue for the Highways department, as the matter has been going on for four years. Cllr Brown has already made this case to Highways, but they are not forthcoming. Cllr G Hodgson asked for correspondence between both Councils and Cllr Brown, to see what can be done.

Village Maps – Still no update, as Cllr Waterson needs to visit the map makers.

Empty property in centre of the village – Despite indicating that she would attend the meeting, the owner was not in attendance. Correspondence between the Clerk and the homeowner has been circulated to Cllrs. The owner had promised to carry out a certain amount of work to the property, but this has not been done. She advised that she is unable to sell the property, as probate is still ongoing. It is thought that this should have been finalised some time ago. No council tax is being paid on the property. Cllr Brown stated that there was an agreement with the buyers of the adjacent property that the owner would use the proceeds of the sale to complete renovations of the house in question. He suggested a probate search to see what stage of probate the estate is in. He advised that there is a responsibility to keep the property in a safe condition, even while probate is ongoing. Tidying the garden and putting glass in the windows would be inexpensive. It was asked what pressure could be put on to ensure this property is brought back into use, and legal orders were suggested, including getting the property recognised for council tax purposes. As the property is considered uninhabitable, it would not come into the council tax penalty scheme, as it is not capable of being lived in at the moment. It was asked why a repair order has not been put on the property. It was agreed that this would be the solution, but NNDC have not advised Cllr Brown what is happening. He will ask the housing team and council tax revenue section for further information. It is thought that grants are means tested, and the owner has suggested that no grant funding is available. Concern was raised that the authority is not doing what they should be, and Cllr G Hodgson offered to assist in chasing the District Council for action. Cllr Brown will liaise with Cllr G Hodgson.

Electricity cables on the Green – Cllr Fenny has been unable to further this to date. Will be carried forward to the May meeting. He is corresponding with someone regarding clearing the river, all agreed for Cllr Fenny to proceed with this.

Footpaths – Covered.

21/26. To update on the Hornsea Three, Dudgeon, Sheringham and Vattenfall projects.

A Zoom meeting took place with Duncan Baker MP, and correspondence has been sent to the Prime Minister. Orsted have confirmed that they are likely to proceed with HVDC, which is a step in the right direction, but the pathfinder project will be too far away for them. The Parish Council will continue to chase for the offshore transmission network. It was agreed that any alternatives will be too late for Orsted, as the DCO has already been granted, but pressure will continue for further projects.

21/27. To update on Highways issues, and to update on the Parish Partnership scheme.

Another meeting is being arranged with Martin Wilby, and the PC are waiting to hear if the funding bid has been successful. The Clerk advised she has reported various Highways issues which hadn't been dealt with. She asked Steve White what is happening, and he has promised that these will be done. A streetlight has been reported not working on Post Office Lane, close to the Street. The Clerk will report.

21/28. To receive reports from the Village Hall and School representatives,

School – There is no longer a School link Parish Councillor. Cllr Waterson has heard from the headteacher that the windows will be replaced over Easter. No updates have been given by the police regarding the windows broken at New Year.

Village Hall – There is a new member on the committee. There was a break in to the toddler group shed, and a drain broken on the Station Building over lockdown. Cllr Waterson is expecting some grant funding papers to sign, on behalf of the parish Council, for improvements to the car park. There is no update on the action points raised by the Parish Council following a meeting between Cllrs G Hodgson and Waterson and Village Hall trustees. Cllr Oliver will request this, and will forward to Councillors.

21/29. To update on the current situation regarding Covid-19.

There have been no calls for assistance this lockdown.

21/30. To agree a date to plant snowdrops on the verge outside the church wall.

Following a village resident's request to plant snowdrops along the wall outside the church, all Councillors agreed this would be a good idea. A planting will take place this Saturday 20th March at 10am.

21/31. To arrange a date for a litter pick.

The Clerk has obtained quotes for litter pickers. It was agreed to purchase 10 pickers and hoops (prop. Cllr G Hodgson, sec. Cllr Barnett). Cllr Brown can arrange for collection of bags once filled.

21/32. 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 –February salary and expenses (inc. HMRC)	£326.16
K Cotgrove – March salary and expenses (inc. HMRC)	£326.16
CGM – grass cutting February	£97.36
CGM – Grass cutting March	£97.36
E.on – February electricity	£59.41
E.on – March electricity	£53.66
K Cotgrove – Zoom monthly subscription Feb	£14.39
K Cotgrove – Zoom monthly subscription Mar	£14.39
Cozens – quarterly lighting maintenance	£216.00
NALC – annual subscription	£164.54

21/33. Planning –

To agree responses to applications – (i) PF/21/0317. Land to the south east of Lime Kiln Farm, Holt Road, Corpusty – Concern was raised of an identifiable public health issue relating to this application. There is the potential of avian influenza converting to human influenza. Corpusty is only 1km away, and there are a number of properties in close proximity. Access onto the main road is not considered safe. The financial viability of the scheme was questioned. Cllr G Hodgson proposed that Cllrs Brown & Barnett liaise to form an objection. Concern was raised that the smell would be extreme and the associated property is too big.

(ii) PF/21/0305. Horseshoe Corner, The Street, Corpusty – The PC have no objection to this application.

(iii) PF/21/0327. Horseshoe Corner, The Street, Corpusty - The PC have no objection to this application.

To record planning decisions made between meetings – None

To consider Late Planning applications- None

To receive decisions from North Norfolk District Council – None.

To update on planning breaches – There is concern that a large two storey shed as been erected, along with excavations and the possible completion of an extension which has not yet received permission. A meeting is due to take place later this week with the Head of Planning, to see what can be done regarding planning breaches. It was suggested that the Planning Department look to see if the development to date falls within planning permissions already given. Cllr Brown has spoken to the Enforcement Officer, who is waiting for the outcome of the most recent application, prior to any decision of further action. The application in question should have been resolved in December. Cllr G Hodgson suggested writing to the District Council to ask them to look into the case. Cllrs G Hodgson and Brown will put together a letter for the Clerk to send out on behalf of the Parish Council to ask if work already done is correct, and what is permitted development. The applicant could take the case to the Planning Inspectorate under non determination by the District Council.

21/34. Correspondence

(i) Creative Arts East taster pack – A Parishioner has forwarded this to Cllr Waterson. A Parishioner has packs to distribute.

(ii) Census 2021 – will take place on 21st March. Letters have been sent out, for people to respond online.

(iii) Registration for postal voting for elections in May 2021. People can register to vote on 01263 516046 or postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

(iv) Adoption of North Norfolk Landscape Character Assessment & Landscape Sensitivity Assessment. Noted.

(v) Request for bottle bank profit. A local community group, which aims to provide cook at home kits for children has applied for the bottle banks profits. All agreed.

(vi) A Parishioner has written to the Clerk today regarding HGVs on Heydon Road. It is thought this will be for only a few weeks each year. The Clerk will reply to the Parishioner.

(vii) A Parishioner, who owns the property attached to the lorry business, has been in contact with Cllr Waterson to ask if she can apply for the property to no longer be tied. The Clerk has advised that this cannot be considered until an application comes in.

21/35. To receive items for information

17th November 2020

The gritter has been located and is in the barn of a previous Councillor. It was agreed that the gritter needs to be located in the village, and a buggy is required to pull it. A number of local farmers have an appropriate vehicle. Cllr Jacobs will do further research regarding storage and where to locate it.

Clerk advised re virtual / physical meetings. From 7th May until 21st June, there is no provision for virtual meetings, but physical meeting will still not be allowed. She will keep the Councillors updated.

A Parishioner advised that her husband is a trained first responder, and is happy to help if there is an emergency in the Village.

Cllr Jacobs will order defibrillator pads.

21/36. To receive items for the next agenda

None.

21/37. To close meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:39.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 18th May 2021, 7:30pm in the Village Hall or via Zoom, regulations depending.

Should regulations not change, this meeting may take place on Wednesday 5th May 2021, 7:30pm via Zoom.

Signed

Dated