

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held after the Annual Parish Meeting on March 8th at the New Victory Hall

Present: G Neave, M Mills, D Dean, A Wilton, S Maxwell, H McFadyen and D Bradley Clerk

Also present: G Mancini-Boyle as NNDC representative and 4 parishioners

Apologies for absence: J Fletcher, PC Gibbs was hoping to attend if not called out

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. The Council agreed they were a true record, and the Chairman duly signed them.

Matters Arising:

Wildlife East Group

Two representatives attended to receive endorsement from the Parish Council for management of the Common, following receipt of Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Report. They confirmed the correct name as NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages. The Report suggests to encourage wildflower diversity, and associated wildlife, in the marshy grassland. Grass cutting is a main concern, with suggestions to cut areas at different lengths. Also, to restore the three ponds, with the two corner ponds to be cleared out, with trees around being managed by carefully coppicing and pollarding. The Report recommends the slubbing is taken out of the ponds and, if permission can be agreed with landowners, for it to be spread on fields. Dredging of the ponds will not take place till much later in the year if funding is available. NWFV will obtain estimates for work, and applications are to be made for grants. NWFV are to arrange a schedule of works and timetable. The Council voted in favour.

BA 24 hour mooring lease update

The Council has proposed to take back three quarters of 24 hour free mooring, and await a response from the Broads Authority, which envisages difficulties with the Planning Department. It's agreed the quay heading will not need to be as robust as that used by large cruisers, and therefore not too costly particularly with increasing costs of steel etc.

Black Shed update

The Surveyor's report has some omissions, including a priority list. A meeting is to be held later in March to focus on the repairs. The Clerk was asked to withhold payment of the invoice from Canham Consulting Ltd.

New Victory Hall

Cllr Fletcher had submitted a report in his absence. All hirers are now back, including some new groups including the Ukulele and Craft groups. Bookings for events such as children's parties are increasing. NVH is financially good. Repairs are planned for rendering in the next year which will be quite costly.

Highways – Sam2

The data from the speed management sign has been downloaded and distributed to Councillors. Reassuringly the majority of road users are on or below the speed limit, with a few exceptions at high speed. The Sam2 sign is to be moved to another area in the village, then passed to Neatishead Parish Council.

Irstead Staithe

Lease - A newly worded lease is still to be drafted by Barton Turf Charity for Relief in Need.

Light pollution - This continues to be a concern to local residents at Irstead Staithe following a reduction in bulb wattage on the electric charging point. The Clerk is to request the Broads Authority deal direct with the residents to resolve their concerns.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June

Progress continues with planning of events for the weekend 2nd to 5th June. The Councillors have been tasked to find out the number of all children aged 11 and under within the two villages, who are to be presented with a Jubilee mug at the street party on Sunday 5th June.

Reports:

NNDC – Cllr Mancini-Boyle had to leave following the APM as he had another meeting to attend. NNDC are producing a Levelling Up paper showing how Councils are run. The Government is keen to give all powers to the larger Councils. The good news is that leaflets are to be sent out with the Council Tax bills about the £150 discount to be given to residents in Bands A-D properties, and those in Bands E-H will be able to apply for the £150 discount. A 4th Covid programme vaccination is to take place around Easter, commencing with those over 75 years of age.

There had been no reports received from Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Police.

Finance:

Monies paid since the last meeting:

Subscription to Norfolk Parish Training & Support Council approved payment.	£73.50 (10% of 2022/23 Precept) Cheque No. 100898
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Planning:

PF/21/2510 - White House, Pennygate Lane – Single front and rear extensions – application withdrawn.

BA/2022/0330 – Shoals Cottage, House Extension – No objections by Parish Council

BA/2021/0484 – Herongate – Detached garage – Approved by BA

BA/2022/0025/COND – The Old Boat Yard, Hall Road. – Change of external materials for Plot 3.
No objections by Parish Council.

PF/22/0480 – White House, Pennygate Lane – Single front and rear extensions and Juliet balcony.
No Objections by Parish Council.

NEW - BA/2022/0097/TCAA – Driftway Lodge, Hall Road – Works to Trees in Conservation area.
Decision to be made once all Councillors have seen the application.

NEW – PF/22/0501 – Berry Haven, Berry Hall – Two storey rear extension. Decision to be made once all Councillors have seen the application.

Any Other Business

Cllr McFadyen reported that a tree on Irstead Staithe was unstable following recent gales and a possible danger to nearby property. The Parish Council agreed that if any tree is a danger to life or property it should be removed. A decision is still to be made about the position of a new tree in Irstead to mark the Jubilee.

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is arranged for April 19th at 7pm in the New Victory Hall.