

Minutes of the Cley Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 8th June 2023 at Cley Village Hall, the Fairstead

Attending: Cllr Holliday (Chairman and NNDC District Cllr), Cllr Allen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr High, Cllr Williamson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Baker, Cllr Deane and Parish Clerk Gemma Harrison.

14 members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence.

1.1 County Cllr Eric Vardy gave his apologies.

2. To receive declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations by councillors in any of the agenda items listed.

2.1 Cllr High declared an interest in Newgate Green and Cllr Baker stated that he is a member of the Harbour Committee.

2.2 Cllr Holliday will abstain from the planning discussion on PF/23/1043

3. Co -option – To Co-opt a new Cllr onto the Parish Council as per the CPC Co-option Policy.

3.1 Two interested candidates put themselves forward for co-option and addressed the Parish Council giving their reasons for wanting to be a Parish Councillor.

3.2 The two candidates left the meeting whilst the voting took place. Cllr Baker PROPOSED Richard Deane, this was SECONDED by Cllr High and AGREED on a majority vote. Cllr Holliday abstained from the vote.

3.4 Richard Deane was asked to join the Parish Council and signed his declaration of office, Clerk to email the register of interest form. GH

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2023 to be approved.

4.1 The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, they were PROPOSED by Cllr Holliday and SECONDED by Cllr Baker and AGREED by all.

5. Matters Arising on the Minutes (for information only and not included on the Agenda)

- Newgate Green Restoration Works – Design work ordered; Clerk will report back at the next meeting. GH
- Heritage Walk – Now waymarked.

- Dog Fouling signage – it was AGREED to put signs on the west and east bank and boardwalk.
- NWT passes – residents to collect from Visitor Centre.

6. Receive and Discuss Reports

- Police Report - none received
- County Cllr Reports - £2 bus fares extended
- NNDC – Report can be seen at Appendix A.
- Allotments – Allotment inspection has taken place. £12.85 received on the allotment stall.
- Harbour Report – Canoe rack filled with canoes kayaks and boards, and is now more accessible for residents. The Committee tried a sailing taster day for 14 people which was well received.
- Village Hall Report – None received.

Public Participation

An opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and request to speak on agenda items

- A resident congratulated CPC on the Heritage Walk which has been a huge success.
- A member of the public asked for an update on the obstruction of the Coast Path adjacent to Riverside House. Clerk to request NCC inspect. **GH**
- A member of the public congratulated CPC and the Allotment Committee on the number of items being achieved. The resident asked for the newly planted whips to be inspected as some may have died and requested the overgrown plots to be cut. Clerk to get quotes on the cutting of the two plots. **GH**
- Barn Drift Hangs Path, Signpost along the Coast Road is still needed. There was a report of difficult access through the hedge (overgrown and uneven) to access the long footpath going down on the Hangs. Clerk to report to Sarah Price. **GH**

7. Planning

7.1 The planning report for May 2023, (planning application PF/23/1043 Hammer Hill, Bridgefoot Lane) was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Richard Deane abstained from the vote and discussion along with Cllr Holliday. The report was PROPOSED by Cllr High

and SECONDED by Cllr Williamson and AGREED by all. Clerk to respond to application online. GH

7.2 Cookes Marsh – planning application was refused, unfortunately the rendering has already taken place. The temporary stop notice was not served. Cllrs are disappointed by the lack of action which has allowed the rendering to take place. Cllrs were keen to register a complaint to NNDC outlining Cllrs frustrations on the lack of enforcement action, this was PROPOSED by Cllr High and SECONDED by Cllr Baker and AGREED by all, except by Cllr Holliday who abstained. Clerk to draft the response. GH

8. Finance

8.1 The payments and receipts were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Holliday PROPOSED the payments of £6812.11 and receipts of £14,613.53 this was SECONDED by Cllr High and AGREED by all. Clerk to arrange for the payments to be made. GH

9. Correspondence

9.1 Note consultation on a registration scheme for short-term lets in England. Responded as deadline was 7th June.

9.2 Note consultation on an introduction of a use of class for short term lets and associated permitted development rights.

9.3 Noise Disturbances – some complaints have been received about noise disturbances in the village. Security guards are on site at Barn Drift to monitor decibel levels. The Environment Team at NNDC have stated that there is no set decibel level in law, but noise levels are assessed by how it affects the enjoyment of residents. It was stated that nighttime hours in law are 11pm – 7am. CPC requested the Clerk to write to the owner of Barn Drift and request that events finish at 11pm to mirror the legislation. GH

9.4 Toad Watch nominated for a Biodiversity Award – Cllr Allen to attend the event.

9.5 Coast Path Obstruction - Fencing from Riverside House was reported, Clerk to contact the letting company and NCC. GH

9.6 Removal at Hilltop – A household has contacted CPC to ask for permission to park moving vans at the bottom of Old Woman's Lane (for 5 days) to assist with their move. Cllrs stated this was not feasible. Clerk to report back to the moving company. GH

9.7 Water pressure – confirmation this is not related to the work at Hunters. Asphalt has not been collected. Clerk to contact Anglian Water. GH

9.8 Emergency Road Closures and Bus Stops – Sanders have requested support in lobbying NCC to reduce the number of emergency closures. Cllrs suggested that utility companies

should put signs on the bus stops when routes are affected at short notice. Clerk to speak to NCC and Anglian Water. GH

9.9 Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan – Consultation NCC. CPC keen to connect to Holt and Blakeney. Clerk to respond to the consultation. GH

9.10 Cley Quay access rights regarding a property was noted. Blakeney Cottage Company have been in touch and amended the description to remove parking.

9.11 Salthouse FP1 - the path is unsafe, and the ground is uneven, Alexanders have grown up causing an obstruction. Residents have reported that the path has become a nuisance and their enjoyment of the route has been impacted. A site visit has been arranged with NCC for later this month.

10. Footpath and Loke Policy

10.1 The Draft Footpath and Loke Policy was circulated prior to the meeting. The following amendments were suggested.

- Cllrs are agreed with the aim of the policy.
- Clls were all happy with the current grass cutting contract, (15 cuts).
- The Allotment FP is looked after by Cllr Williamson.
- Taylors Loke – Cllrs were happy with the text.
- Post Office Loke – Cllrs commented on how beautiful this Loke is. Cllr Allen would like to expose the flint work. The holly may need to be taken back in winter. Tying the Hollyhocks back would help keep the path accessible. The Hollyhocks should be cut back at the end of the season.
- Long Stone Lane –Trim back on request at the end of the season.
- FP7 - Trim on request.
- Hilltop footpaths – the paths are kindly being looked after on behalf of the Parish Council by two parishioners. The Alexanders are pulled by hand.
- Alexanders should only be cleared after pollination.

10.2 Clerk to make the above amendments and put on the agenda and parish website ahead of the next meeting for adoption.

11. Phone Box Refurb and Defib

11.1 It was AGREED that a Defib was needed and that it should be funded by Crowd Funding. The anticipated cost is £1200. Clerk to set up Crowd Funding. GH

12. Items to be included on the Next Agenda – SAM2 , Neighbourhood Plan, Standing Orders, drainage ditch by Newgate Green, Asset Register, Flag, Newgate Green.

13. Time and Date of Next Meeting; 6.30pm Thursday 13th July in Cley Village Hall.

Meeting ended 20.05

Appendix A

NNDC District Report

District Councillor's report June 2023

From NNDC

Planning

NNDC is commenting on two government consultations, one on a registration system for short term lets and the other a requirement for planning permission for change of use of a dwelling to short term let. NNDC Planning Policy is in favour of both but wants the proposed change of use procedure to be much simplified and questions why it isn't also being applied to second homes.

Housing

285 households were housed in 22/23 compared to 340 in 21/22. This is worse than the average of our peers, as is the number of households on the waiting list.

69 households were in temporary accommodation as of 31/3 which is up 56% on the previous year. NNDC have purchased 18 dwellings for temporary accommodation. 13 affordable homes were provided in 22/23 which is far fewer than expected (100) partly due to covid and Nutrient Neutrality.

Long term empty properties are up to 142 from 134 due to market conditions and recruitment issues.

Spend on energy efficiency grants is well below target due to contractor availability and eligibility criteria.

Quality of life

NNDC has retained three blue flag beaches - Cromer, Sheringham and West Runton.

East Runton, Sea Palling and Mundesley now have seaside awards, indicating good rather than excellent water quality.

£782k has been spent in 22/23 on public toilets at Fakenham, Sheringham, Wells and N Walsham.

The percentage of adults who are active in the district is less than the average of our peers.

Well-being

The community connectors who have proved such an asset are now funded till March 31st 2024.

Environment

Benchmarking data shows our household waste volumes are greater and recycling volumes less than the average of our peers.

It is proposed that NNDC buy two more waste vehicles to cope with demands for commercial and garden waste removal. That should help with round completion. They possibly will be more sustainable as can run on hydrotreated vegetable oil (electric waste vehicles with sufficient range are not available at the moment).

Please still contact me regarding bin collection issues.

Cabinet is considering commissioning research into the role of Bacton Energy Hub in

Hydrogen production and carbon capture and storage.'

The future of Blakeney surgery - there have been 434 responses to Duncan Baker MP's survey to parishioners in Blakeney and surrounding villages. This is a good response given the survey was online only. 99% respondents disagree with the plan to close Blakeney Surgery, and 96% would use the surgery if full services were reinstated. The HealthWatch Norfolk survey is running till 16th June. Paper copies are available at Spar or from myself.