

Bacton & Edingtonthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13th November 2017 @ Bacton Village commencing 7pm

Present: Susan Holden (Chair), Richard Barr (Vice Chair), Sandra Emerson, Ian Witham, Tricia Myles and John East

Apologies: Pauline Paterson, Richard Kimble and Bill Kerr

Others: Barry Smith - NNDC, Nikky Debbage - NNDC and PC Liam Fitton
No members of public

1. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda & receive Pecuniary Dispensations and authorisations**
Ian Witham - prejudicial interest - re Public Rights of Way and footpaths as Open Spaces Representative.
2. **To receive any requests for recording the Meeting via filming or audio.**
The Clerk informed that the meeting was being recorded.
3. **To consider apologies for absence**
Pauline Paterson, Richard Kimble and Bill Kerr - accepted by the Council.
4. **To approve outstanding Minutes**
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- Monday 9th October 2017
Resolved that these be approved.
5. **Resolution to amend Standing Orders to reflect bi-monthly meetings for 2018**
There was discussion on this matter with various viewpoints put forward. The Chair proposed that the Council holds bi-monthly meetings for 2018 however, there was a counter proposal that a caveat be placed that this would be reviewed in 6 months this motion was seconded but had no support. It was then asked that the Clerk supply a bi-monthly report and in depth discussion took place on this however, as information was already supplied to Councillors on a regular basis via email this was not adopted. The original resolution proposed by the Chair was voted on and the majority were in favour of bi-monthly meetings. It was therefore resolved that the next meeting would be on 15th January 2018 and meetings would then be bi-monthly. The Clerk circulated a list of dates.
6. **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation (15 mins), Norfolk Police, District and County Councillor Reports**
Resolved to open the meeting to the public
Barry Smith, NNDC - informed that Wyndham Northam sent his apologies as he had been ill. Barry had attended the Sandscaping signing of contracts and expressed his support of this scheme as it should be beneficial to both Bacton and Walcott.

Liam Fitton - informed that there had been a “live” exercise on 9th November and asked if anyone was aware of it. Information should have been passed onto residents however, it appeared that this had not

happened. Crime remains extremely low and if there is an emergency call 999 or 101 for general matters. There is a rise in hare coursing and again call the Police if this is observed. Discussion took place on whether “lamp” shooting was allowed or not and Liam outlined the legal procedures on this.

The Clerk read out Ed Maxfield’s report which is attached at Appendix 1.

7. To receive presentation from Nicky Debbage, NNDC on the Community Housing Fund

Nicky Debbage - highlighted the opportunities available for communities who had in excess of 10% second homes/holiday homes. Bacton & Edingthorpe had been identified as having 19% of homes in this category which excluded holiday complexes and caravan sites. Currently there are 68 households with a connection to Bacton waiting to be housed. The planning policy is tight however the Community Housing Fund will allow communities to be more involved and in control of housing funding and development within their boundaries if they qualify. Exception schemes are also available with a local connection being within this Parish/Paston/Witton & Ridlington and Walcott. This would be community led housing where the community via a trust takes control and management of the stock. The Council indicated their strong support of this initiative and would work with NNDC to explore this avenue further with a consultation event being held when appropriate. If progressed a steering committee would need to be set up. Bids would be made for funds from the Government, land identified and sold to the steering group and then leased to a housing association. There would be no right to buy and the homes should be affordable for ever. A question and answer session took place and the Council resolved to explore this scheme further. A small development of approximately 8-10 houses might be appropriate for the Parish. Trimmingham had recently held an open session which was well supported. Out of the 40 people who attended Trimmingham’s event 90% were in favour of this project.
Clerk to arrange further details with NNDC. EP

Resolution to close the meeting to the public

8. To review and consider planning if received

17/1746	Woodbine Cottage, Pollard St	Erection of single storey side ext	No objections from the Parish Council
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9. To consider and review correspondence list

Clerks & Councils Direct
 Vattenfall the consultation dates had been released
 NNDC re Vattenfall and they will be responding directly
 NCC - re Parking Order on the B1159 outside Gooch Close
 Norfolk Police Newsletter - Clerk to forward to Richard Barr EP
 Resident letter re speeding Clerk to respond EP

10. To report on Matters Arising (updates and for information only)

10.1 Website update - Richard Barr
 The website had received 2,263 hits in the last month and more information was being placed onto it on a regular basis.
10.2 Footpaths and public rights of way - Ian Witham
 RB2 was still overgrown. The Clerk would report this again. EP

- 10.3 NCC Parish Partnership Scheme** - proposals from Council for small works within the scope of the fund. IE drainage at the bottom of Keswick Road - meeting held and awaiting guidance. Clerk would remind NNDC of the need for feedback. EP
- 10.4 Eden Hall bench** - installed - plaque had been ordered.
- 10.5 Invitation to NNDC Councillors to meetings** - reminder sent

11. Finance

11.1 To approve monthly payments

AMOUNT	DATE	PAYEE	CHQ
55.18	13.11.17	EON – Pavilion	2018
26.74	13.11.17	Hall Farm Forage	2019
16.75	13.11.17	Richard Kimble (Flood Wardens)	2020
0.00	13.11.17	CT Baker	2021
150.00	13.11.17	Kevin Richardson	2022
564.66	13.11.17	Glasdon (Eden Hall Bench)	2023
78.00	13.11.17	MK Garden/caretaking	2024
120.46	13.11.17	Elaine Pugh (expenses)	2025

Resolved to pay enbloc

FUNDS RECEIVED

Allotment rent £20

11.2 To review budget and set Precept for 2019-2020

The Clerk had circulated a budget to members and after careful consideration it was resolved that the Precept be held at £16,000 per annum. The Clerk would forward the paperwork to NNDC. EP

12. To Receive Reports from Councillors and items for the next meeting

The Clerk informed that 2 parishioners had volunteered their services for Speedwatch and they had been informed that this may take some time to co-ordinate and wait for others to come forward.

Children’s Christmas Party this was arranged for Saturday 2nd December from 5pm to 7pm. The funding paperwork completed and returned to the Gas Terminal Companies.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting - Monday January 15th 2018 - Bacton Village Hall at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Appendix 1

Norfolk County Councillor's Report - November 2017

Since my last report there has been a meeting of the full council which, predictably, was dominated by the debate about the Council's budget.

Lib Dem councillors voted against £5 million cuts for Children's Centres over the next two years and against the proposed 40% cut in mobile libraries. One part of the Council's strategy is to look for opportunities to share buildings and space – for example putting Children's Centres and libraries on the same site perhaps. I will be monitoring this carefully as the proposals are fleshed out to make sure it doesn't lead to a loss of valuable services.

Another area that has concerned me – I was quoted in the press about it – is the way the Council has drawn up its savings plans, front loading the cuts across the four year cycle. If you were cynical you might suggest this has been done to leave 2021 – election year – with no cuts but what it means is that we bear the costs earlier which means over time more is cut from spending.

A proposed £500,000 cut to bus services is a worry but my colleagues on the Environment, Development and Transport committee have at least blocked a plan to make Parish Councils pay for grit bins in the future.

Colleagues are also working hard to challenge the plan to cut all of Norfolk's Police and Community Support Officers and reduce counter services at police stations in North Norfolk.

I am really keen to hear the Parish Council's views on all of these issues and anything else affecting the County Council's budget plan.

In other news, I was delighted to have the chance to attend the National Children's and Adults Services Conference along with the leadership of Norfolk's Children's Services. It was a great opportunity for me to learn more about these services and to link up with councillors from across the country who are trying to get to grips with the challenges of delivering the services in a time of reducing budgets.

Norfolk County Council is investing £12m in a scheme to improve services for children in the county – particularly those with additional needs. I will be keeping a close eye on this as it is implemented, particularly as a new director of Children's Services is starting work this month and will need to take forward the plan.

The Council has also launched a Market Towns Transport Strategy. North Walsham is included in the first group of towns to be included in the review. I have put a survey on my website (www.edmaxfield.org.uk) – if you have any thoughts about transport priorities for North Walsham please do let me know.

Finally a plea to let me know if you have any projects that you think could be funded from the £6,000 highways 'pot' that I have been allocated to spend in Mundesley division. The projects can be co-funded from the Parish Partnership scheme too. A fair chunk of my fund for this year remains unallocated at present.

Ed Maxfield, November 2017 edward.maxfield@norfolk.gov.uk

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