

# **Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council**

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 7pm -Meeting ID: 676 248 9687

**Present:** Susan Holden (Chair), Tricia Myles (Vice Chair), Richard Kimble, Pauline Paterson, Jan Rush, Nigel Lee and Richard Barr  
**Others:** Clive Stockton, NNDC (partial) - 1 member of the public

### **THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

1. **To receive any requests for recording the Meeting via filming or audio.**  
No requests were received.
2. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda & receive Pecuniary Dispensations and authorisations**  
No declarations of interest or dispensations were requested.
3. **To consider apologies for absence**  
No apologies had been received by the Clerk prior to the meeting.
4. **To approve outstanding Minutes  
Bacton & Edingthorpe Ordinary Parish Council Meeting  
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
It was resolved that these be approved and signed as soon as possible.
5. **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.

A member of the public informed that they had joined to find out the Council's view on a planning application.

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

Resolved to close the meeting to the public.

6. **Finance**
  - 6.1 **To consider the purchase of the replacement whale at the play area (£660 plus VAT)**  
The Clerk informed that the unit had been removed as it had been highlighted that repairs were necessary. Upon inspection it was found that the springy whale needed more work than originally anticipated. It was resolved that a new unit be purchased and an allowance of £660 plus VAT was agreed. The Clerk would arrange the installation.

EP

**6.2 To consider expenditure to repair Bowls Club fence (£500)**  
 The Clerk informed that the estimated costs by the handyman were around £500 as that the posts needed strengthening in order to stop them be pushed over due to the weather. Other remedial works would be completed during this time. Discussion took place with regard to the long term use of the area and the Clerk would contact the Men's Shed Association again. EP

**6.3 To consider donations to:**

- **Norfolk Citizens Advice - (£50 19-20)**  
 It was resolved that £50 be donated - Clerk to arrange. EP
- **NNCT - (£100 19-20)**  
 It was resolved that £100 be donated - Clerk to arrange. EP

**6.4 To approve monthly payments**

Indigo Waste Services	61.20	
Fenland Leisure	89.40	
Elaine Pugh - expenses	188.32	
CT Baker	18.28	
MK Garden Services (caretaking)	140.00	
NPTS	170.00	
JH Withers & Son	62.40	
Norfolk CAB	50.00	
NNCT	100.00	
ICO	35.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>914.60</b>	
Reconciled balance		26,816.69

**Resolved to pay enbloc.**

**7. To consider and review correspondence list**

NNDC - Response dates to planning	Noted
EON - electricity renewal	Noted
Request from resident to plant tree at playing field	Agreed
NNDC - request to lodge issues with sand on website	Village News
Resident re comments on planning at 3 St Georges Close - acknowledged	Noted
NNDC - Tree preservation order - Edingthorpe Hall - circulated	Noted
Thank you re flowers	Noted
Complaint re Edingthorpe planning comment - Clerk responded	Noted
Gas Terminal - venting information - circulated	Noted

**8. To review and consider planning if received**

21/0365	Jacaranda, Meadow View	Insertion of roof lights and 1st floor window to facilitate conversion of loft to habitable space, single storey extension	No comment/objections
21/0363	Mayfield Cottage, Coast Rd	Two storey rear extension	No comment/objections

**9. Clerk report and report on Matters Arising (updates and for information only)**

**GENERAL**

**9.1 Carving of Bacton & Edingthorpe Village Signs - Bacton due at end of March - progress can be viewed online at Facebook page FinnWoodcraft.**  
 The Edingthorpe sign would follow through and a final price forwarded to the Council.

**9.2 Play Equipment repairs - minor repairs have now been completed.**  
 Damaged fence posts - repaired. The springy whale will be replaced. EP

**9.3 Land at Edingthorpe - the questionnaire had been circulated and responses were being received by the Clerk.**

- 9.4 **Pavilion** - this had been completed and Nigel Lee was thanked for this work.
- 9.5 **Good Neighbour Scheme** - coffee morning/leaflet drop this was on hold for the foreseeable future however, members were keen to progress this.
- 9.6 **Allotments**  
Invoices had been sent out together with the information relating to the large gate. Funds were being received. Nearly all allotments had been numbered and the rest would be completed in due course. There was one small allotment available.
- 9.7 **Signage directing vehicles to the new car park** - NNDC had confirmed that these signs would be installed in due course.
- 9.8 **Children's Easter Event (April 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>)**  
It was agreed that this would need to be delayed for the foreseeable future. It was hoped that a summer event could be held.

#### HIGHWAYS

- 9.9 **NCC 50/50 Scheme** - PLA 376 Ben Hanlon - Keswick Road drainage scheme - being dealt with by NCC/NNDC - survey being undertaken and land ownership being clarified.
  - 9.10 **Additional drainage works along Coast Road where Bacton meets Walcott** - a drain outlet needs to be directly out to the sea. Ed Maxfield was in discussions on this. Concern was raised with regard to the condition of the "pumphouse" as it was falling into disrepair. This was difficult as no one had agreed who owned the structure however, this would be monitored.
  - 9.11 **White entrance gate - 50/50 scheme application completed and forwarded to NCC** - the council were waiting the outcome of their application and it was hoped that this information would be officially released soon.
  - 9.12 **Application to Highways for yellow lines along the Coast Road - cost circa (6k)** - funding agreed waiting for works to commence. This could take up to 18 months due to the necessary consultation.
  - 9.13 **Double yellow lines outside Bacton School** - waiting feedback from Highways and a site meeting is to be arranged.
  - 9.14 **Footpaths and public rights of way**  
No report had been forthcoming.
10. **To Receive Reports from Councillors and items for the next meeting**  
It was drawn to the attention of the Council that a family had recently needed help and that this had been provided via various sources. It may be that a foodbank could be set up in the village. However, this would need serious consideration and management. The concept was discussed on how this could be worked and Jan Rush agreed to explore the way forward. It might be that the Parish Council could link into Cromer Cares in order to work as a cohesive group. JR
11. **To confirm the date of the next meeting -**  
**Bacton & Edingthorpe Annual Parish Meeting followed by the**  
**Bacton & Edingthorpe Annual Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Bacton Village Hall 7pm or VIA ZOOM**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

### The County Council budget

The council voted on its budget on 22nd February and (unsurprisingly given the numbers) they adopted the Conservative administration's budget proposal without amendment. The headlines are:

- 4% increase in Council Tax
- The savings/cuts for the year are mostly focused on Children's Services and Adult Social Care through already planned 'transformation' plans and rejigging contracts with suppliers
- My amendment that would have put money into planting more hedgerows and upgrading footpaths and cycleways between North Walsham and the coast was not accepted.

Overall, to be honest, I think the Council's finances are not in as desperate a state as I thought they might be but funding for services has been cut to the bone to balance the budget and there's not a lot of spare for extra spending on the sorts of projects we often talk about. It is also not clear whether government funding will cover the full cost of the Coronavirus pandemic in the coming financial year.

### The weather

County Highways has been battling to catch up with work tackling flooding problems since the bad weather we had around Christmas. I have raised a number of issues around my division with the team and hopefully most of them have at least temporary fixes. Quite a few need longer term solutions though and I will keep nagging away about those.

More recently of course we have had snow! A local highways officer told me that Mundesley division seemed to have more problems with blocked roads than most places. I was able to pick up and pass on information about real problem spots – especially as a result of residents posting details on community groups on social media.

I'm also told that a second round of filling grit bins should be completed soon.

As always, I am keen to hear feedback about how the County Council performed in dealing with things like flooding, gritting and snow clearance so I can pass on comments good and bad.

### The elections

The government has made it clear it wants the County Council elections to go ahead in May. Polling day will be Thursday 6th May but lots of people are deciding it would be safer to vote by post. You can get a postal vote by contacting North Norfolk District Council (the elections are for the County Council but they are run by the District Council). Call them 01263 516046 or email [postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk) to request an application form. Or write to: Electoral Services, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN

### Any Other Business?

The County Council has taken the decision to cut back on the number of meetings it holds before May so that council staff can concentrate on urgent matters like dealing with the pandemic. The next meeting of the committee I am a member of has been cancelled as a result. I am still able to raise any issues relating to council services on your behalf though.

Ed Maxfield, County Councillor for Mundesley division