

# **Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council**

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 @ Bacton Village Hall @ 7pm

**Present:** Susan Holden (Chair), Tricia Myles (Vice Chair),  
Richard Barr, Ian Witham, Nigel Lee, Coral Salih,  
Jan Rush, Richard Kimble and Ralph Bell

**Others:** Donna Dixon - County Broadband, 3 members of the public

1. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda & receive Pecuniary Dispensations and authorisations**  
Ian Witham as member of Open Spaces - prejudicial.
2. **To consider apologies for absence**  
All members were present.
3. **To approve Bacton & Edingthorpe Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**  
It was resolved that these be approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **To receive short presentation from Donna Dixon, County Broadband**  
Donna Dixon from County Broadband updated the Council on the current scheme which was being targeted at small rural villages who suffer with poor broadband speeds. The aim is to build a system which gives ultimate speeds to residents in the future. They were currently in the lead generation phase and needed 25% of the village to pre-order so the scheme could be taken to the next stage. Currently there are 53 orders (7%) with a 32% expression of interest. The project is running until the end of June when a decision will be made as to whether it progresses. Webinars are being held for residents and will cover the villages of Trunch, Southrepps and Knapton. Costs vary on the speeds required. There is a gigabit voucher system which the company will utilise to access resident's properties. There is free installation, no line rental and free usage during the transfer over period.

There was a short question and answer session which included the additional placement of "green boxes" together with the varied monthly costs involved.

5. **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation (15 mins), Norfolk Police, District and County Councillor Reports**  
It was resolved to open the meeting:

The public asked questions regarding County Broadband's scheme.

A member of the public informed that the Edingthorpe plinth to support the village sign needed significant works carried out. The Clerk would investigate and organise a quotation. EP

As Ed Maxfield was not present the Clerk read out his monthly report.

## 6. Finance

### 6.1 To consider donation to Norfolk CAB (2021-£50)

It was resolved that £50.00 be allocated to Norfolk CAB.

### 6.2. To consider the allocation funding for Multisports 2022 - costs circa £1,600 (£750 agreed from Bacton Gas Terminal Complex)

The Council agreed to allocate £1,000 from reserves for this project and the Clerk had secured £750 from the Bacton Gas Terminal Complex and had submitted the relevant paperwork.

The Clerk would liaise with the contractor.

EP

### 6.3 To consider additional funding for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event 2022

Lengthy debate took place and in order to commit to the proposed events programmed - it was agreed that £2,250 be allocated from reserves. Funding of £750 had been agreed with Bacton Gas Terminal Complex. The Council considered that it was essential that the children had functions in their own village(s) to attend.

The working group would set up a meeting and the Clerk would confirm with the suppliers and arrange a date for the meeting.

EP

### 6.4 To approve monthly payments

Cheques to be raised at meeting	
JH Withers & Son (hedge cutting)	54.00
Gary Cheney (caretaking)	75.00
S&M Builders (Gary Cheney) Highbanks	120.20
Mick Kinder (work at Highbanks)	91.00
EON Next	26.83
Countrystyle	21.60
Elaine Pugh (expenses)	27.90
Anglian Water (Business)(allots&pavilion)	139.95
CHT (defib battery & items Coast Rd)	372.00
EON Next	32.39

**Resolved to pay enbloc.**

## 7. Clerk report and updates on Matters Arising

(updates and for information only)

### GENERAL

7.1 **Carving of Edingthorpe Village Sign** - Work in progress. The contractor had provided a design layout. This was discussed with members from Edingthorpe and it was agreed that there would be only one change. The first part of the roof would be thatched. All other details of the design would remain as supplied to the Council.

7.2 **Land @ Edingthorpe** - development of project - Ian Witham

Lengthy debate took place on this matter. The first stage was to decide whether to register the land as a Village Green.

Members requested that this be placed onto the Agenda for a decision.

Agenda

7.3 **Allotments** - invoices due to be sent out and one will be re-allocated.

7.4 **Signage directing vehicles to the new car park**- Waiting for costs to install finger pointers. Clerk would chase NCC again.

EP

7.5 **Foodbank initiative**

It was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda.

7.6 **Bowls Club area** - the school have confirmed that they do not have the capacity to utilise this area. It was suggested that maybe it would be a good idea to progress the format of allotments.

EP

- 7.7 Wall at playing field** - written to local contractor waiting response - Clerk has met with an alternative builder and received a price. It was agreed to place this onto the next Agenda for a decision to be made. EP
- 7.8 Queens Platinum Jubilee Event - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Funding agreed for £750 from Bacton Gas Terminal
- 7.9 Red telephone box - refurbishment/quotes/funding**  
Despite contacting several handymen and placement of requests for suppliers no one had as yet come forward. Nigel Lee would endeavour to assist sourcing a contractor(s).
- 7.10 Defibrillator items** - these had been delivered and supplied for the unit at the Coast Road.

### HIGHWAYS

- 7.11 NCC 50/50 Drainage Scheme** - PLA 376 Ben Hanlon - Keswick Road drainage scheme - being dealt with by NCC/NNDC - survey being undertaken and land ownership being clarified. Costs circa 45k including 8k of exploratory scheme preparation. This is with Ed Maxfield and the thoughts are now that because of sandscaping and there has been no flooding from the sea that these works do not need to be undertaken.
- 7.12 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 with Highways on this.
- 7.13 White entrance gate - 50/50 scheme application completed and forwarded to NCC** - works completed.
- 7.14 Application to Highways for yellow lines along the Coast Road - cost circa (6k)** - waiting work to commence - there had been a number of objections which was delaying the commencement of the scheme.
- 7.15 NCC Parish Partnership Scheme - Double yellow lines outside Bacton School / Trod from playing field or alternative option to install crossing refuge** - Site meeting held - waiting outcome. Ed Maxfield investigating.
- 7.16 Footpaths and public rights of way**  
There were no comments on these.

### **8. To review and consider planning if received prior to the meeting**

22/0144	Ash Cottage, Beach Road	First floor ext to and front porch, demolition of rear porch	Circulated - no objections
22/0257	1 Meadow Lodge, Walcott Rd,	Single storey rear ext	Circulated - no objections
22/0389	Duke of Edinburgh	Ext alts incl replacement windows, alts to openings on south elevation, new pitched roof to ext rear ext, erection of 1.8m high fence to south boundary, double doors changed to windows.	Circulated - no objections

### **9. To consider and review correspondence list and agree action(s)**

Duncan Baker - February news	Circulated
Contractor update for Edingthorpe Village Sign	Feedback to Contractor
HMRC - tax demand	Clerk is dealing with this matter
ICO - certificate of registration	Noted
Rob Goodliffe re sandstorms and management of sand	Circulated
Ed Maxfield - monthly report	Circulated
Bacton School - re Bowls Club area	Noted
NNCT - thank you for donation of £100	Noted
Shell - regular update	Noted
NNDC - response to report on condition of steps	Noted

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

Wilds Cottage - the Clerk would chase NNDC Planning again as no response had been heard back from the last contact. EP

The issues with St Andrew's Close had been dealt with by Anglian Water - it was found that raw sewage had been discharged into the ditch.

There were problems with people parking on the pavement along the Coast Road preventing pedestrians from utilising the pavement. This would be monitored.

The Flood Wardens had been busy watching but Sandscaping was doing a good job of stopping the water from over-topping. The Dog Wardens were regularly thanked for their patrols. A member of the public wanted to install a seat at the end of Mill Lane; this was not Parish Council land and the land owner would need to be contacted.

The village pond may need further funding and assistance. The clerk would try and find out what the current situation is. EP

**11. To confirm the date of the next meeting -  
Bacton & Edingthorpe Annual Parish Meeting followed by the  
Bacton & Edingthorpe Annual Council Meeting  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Bacton Village Hall at 7.00pm**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

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SUSAN HOLDEN - CHAIR

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022