

# **Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council**

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ Bacton Village Hall

**Present:** Susan Holden (Chair), Tricia Myles (Vice Chair), Ian Witham, Richard Kimble, Richard Barr, Nigel Lee, Jan Rush and Sandra Emerson

**Apologies:** Pauline Paterson

**Others:** No members of the public  
Clive Stockton - NNDC and Ed Maxfield - NCC (partial)

1. **To receive any requests for recording the Meeting via filming or audio.**  
The Clerk was recording this on behalf of the Council.
2. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda & receive Pecuniary Dispensations and authorisations**  
Ian Witham - prejudicial - as a member of the Open Spaces Society.  
Richard Kimble - personal - Agenda item 10 - Dog Warden.
3. **To consider apologies for absence**  
Apologies had been received from Pauline Paterson and these were accepted by the Council. No other apologies had been received by the Clerk.
4. **To approve outstanding Minutes**  
**Bacton & Edingthorpe Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**  
**- Monday 13th January 2020**  
These had been circulated and it was resolved that they be signed by the Chair.
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.**

*Ed Maxfield* - gave his report which is attached at Appendix 1.

*Clive Stockton* - expressed that he had alerted NNDC that he was unhappy with the extension for the compound planning application 20/0143 and considered that it was unsatisfactory. Concerns had been raised regarding the NCC farms and the trees. The initial permission was given reluctantly by NNDC as it was for “temporary” use and not for an additional 6 years. Equinor is a strategic infrastructure project which has been approved by the Government and NNDC needed to understand the consequences. The Clerk informed that a pre-meeting with Equinor had provisionally been agreed prior to the roll out of the formal consultations.

There was a short question and answer session which covered the NNDC building and the need to refurbish it. This was necessary work.

**Resolved to close the meeting to the public.**

## 6. Finance

### 6.1 To consider the repair and costs of allotment gate

Discussion took place on this and various options given including charging the allotment holders for this repair via the rent they pay. On balance it was agreed that the Parish Council should fund the gate and that a cost of £220 be allocated for the repairs. It would also be required that the gate is left closed. Nigel Lee and the Clerk would organise this.

EP

### 6.2 To approve monthly payments

35.00	21.02.20	ICO	d/d
26.08	09.03.20	EON	158
50.40	09.03.20	JH Withers & Son	159
23.58	09.03.20	Elaine Pugh - expenses	160

Resolved to pay enbloc.

#### FUNDS RECEIVED

Shell UK - Multisports £200  
 Perenco - Multisports £200  
 Interconnector - Multisports £200

## 7. To consider and review correspondence list - all noted

NNDC - 19/0826 - refusal of demolition - The Cottage, The Green  
 NNDC - 19/1719 - Keswick Hotel - application withdrawn  
 Councillor - objection to 20/0049 - Jubilee Barn, School Road, Edingthorpe (in Paston Parish)  
 Dial A Ride Service  
 NNDC - VE Celebrations and Battle of Britain Day  
 NNDC - Deep History Coast - Mammoth Marathon  
 Brown & Co - Land rear of the Village Hall  
 Quotation for removal of Pampas grass  
 Cromer Community Hospital and Friends - 2020 Cancer Unit Appeal  
 Pensions Regulator - acknowledgement of re-declaration of compliance  
 ICO - renewal confirmation  
 NNDC - further monitoring of survey work  
 NNDC - Coastal Forum - 2020 Spring Meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10am  
 Norfolk Police - monthly update for Bacton, Dilham, Happisburgh, Honing, Mundesley, Walcott and Witton  
 Councillor - objection to 20/143 - Contractors Compound, Paston Road  
 EQUINOR - meeting 30<sup>th</sup> March at Bacton Village Hall time 1-7pm  
 Ed Maxfield - information on unadopted Roads  
 Invitation to attend meeting with 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 3pm - 4pm  
 Shell  
 NNDC refusal of Big Society Funding for play equipment

## 8. To review and consider planning if received

APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
20/0281	Land adj to Sandiacre, Walcott Rd	Creation of vehicular access	No objections
20/0143	Contractors Compound, Paston Rd	Variation of condition 1 (expiry date of permission) of planning 17/0630 to allow development to be retained until 06.03.2026 removal of condition 3 (soft landscaping)	Letter of comment forwarded
19/2211	Interconnector, Bacton Gas Terminal	Erection of storage building	No objections

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

### 9.1 The Duke

A report had been received which highlighted that there had been an influx of interest in the property since Archant had published an article on it. No firm interest from these enquiries had been received. There is still one ongoing party looking to operate the asset as a B&B and talks are ongoing

It is hoped that this could result in a positive outcome. However discussions are still taking place with architects and planners to see what development options there are.

- 9.2 **NCC 50/50 Scheme** - completion form forwarded to NCC for the work to be carried out for the Keswick Road drainage scheme. NCC had responded and highlighted that the project needed a feasibility study and informed that in order to progress this further this stage must be completed. The Parish Council considered this and agreed that unless the feasibility stage was undertaken then the project would not progress. The Clerk was asked to instruct NCC to undertake the feasibility study. EP
- 9.3 **Carving of Bacton & Edingthorpe Village Signs** - these are now with the supplier. This would be chased again for an update. EP
- 9.4 **Multisports - May 2020** - funding had been received. A date of 19<sup>th</sup> May was discussed and would be booked with the co-ordinator. It was agreed to manage the scheme as previously utilising volunteers. It was hoped to re-instate the BBQ at the end of the 10 week period. The Council would supply drinks and beverages which Pauline Paterson would arrange. Posters would be circulated and sent out to the school. The Clerk would complete a health and safety risk assessment and provide hand sanitizer for use. EP
- 9.5 **Additional works along Coast Road where Bacton meets Walcott** - a drain outlet needs to be directly out to the sea. This was highlighted to Ed Maxfield that storm drains needed to be installed near to the Bacton/Walcott end of the village near to the Poachers Pocket. The road does not drain away. Ed Maxfield would report back on this.
- 9.6 **Play Equipment Funding** - NNDC had refused the Council's Big Society Application on the basis that the equipment was not all inclusive/disabled friendly. Members were extremely disappointed as the application stated that if there were a need for this provision then the Council would address it. In the interim period as the Council wanted to go forward on this promptly the Clerk would approach other funders to source the difference. If this failed the members would be prepared to hold an extra-ordinary meeting and allocate funding from reserves. The Clerk was asked to respond to NNDC informing them of the Council's thoughts on this matter. EP
- 9.7 **Land at Edingthorpe** - the Clerk informed that the only way to remove the Pampas grass was to cut it down, burn it in situ and then treat it with high grade Roundup with a subsequent second treatment as necessary. Members considered this and did not feel that it was appropriate to do this. As no one knew really what to do with this land and no definitive responses had been received from Edingthorpe residents a survey would be prepared by the Clerk and delivered to residents to ask them for their views.  
Ian Witham agreed to undertake this task. IW  
The removal of the 2 posts was also agreed. IW  
The Wayleave payment was being investigated. EP
- 9.8 **Pavilion** - the grill box ordered materialised as white external box and therefore needed to be changed. Nigel Lee agreed to assist with this as it had to be returned back to the supplier. NL

**9.9 Good Neighbour Scheme** - coffee morning/leaflet drop  
The Chair spoke passionately and implored members that there needed to be a concerted effort in order to get this community initiative off of the ground. On the face of it there appeared no support from residents for this however, all were keen to progress the scheme. It was agreed to hold a coffee morning in July when the better weather was here. Agenda

**9.10 Footpaths and public rights of way**  
The Clerk reported that FP14 had been cleared - funded by NCC. FP12 the post has been straightened, RB2 the footpath has been walked and the width is 6ft and not restricted. There is 20 yards approximately where it is not and this maybe because the farmer is in a stewardship scheme.  
RB2 Priory Road to Abbey Street was completely blocked. There were still issues with FP14 at the northern end. Photos had been taken and they needed to be supplied to the Clerk via email for forwarding to NCC so that they can visually see the issues.

**10. To consider - review/adopt Bacton Parish Council's dog warden scheme**  
Richard Kimble had prepared a working document which had been circulated to members for their consideration. NNDC had decided to dissolve the voluntary Dog Warden Scheme and the Parishes were on their own. There was a question and answer session which informed on the areas which were covered and the need to attract another 4-5 wardens. The role was to patrol and offer words of advice and report any frequent offenders to NNDC so that they could follow it through. It was resolved that the Parish Council adopts the voluntary Dog Wardens for the benefit of the community. £250 was to be allocated to facilitate the purchase of 6 jackets along with ID cards which would be authorised and administrated by the Clerk. EP

**11. To Receive Reports from Councillors and items for the next meeting**  
An outside keep fit area for the older generation was discussed and there was debate on the benefits. Agenda

Concern was raised in connection with the large lorries obstructing the roads when offloading sugar beet. The Clerk would ask Highways if there were any restrictions. EP

Coronavirus was discussed and it may be that the Parish Council could be a focal point for the community. Agenda

**12. To confirm the date of the next meeting -**  
**Bacton & Edingthorpe Annual Parish Meeting followed by**  
**The Bacton & Edingthorpe Annual Parish Council Meeting**  
**Monday 11th May 2020 - Bacton Village Hall at 7.00pm**

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 9pm.

# Appendix 1 – Ed Maxfield - NCC

## County Councillor's report March 2020

### County Council budget

The budget was passed at the council's February meeting. None of the opposition amendments were accepted by the administration so various attempts to increase funding for roads, schools and adults with disabilities did not pass. The council has increased its share of Council Tax by the maximum 3.99%. Overall it was a fairly quiet budget with no dramatic changes to previous years but that still means there is a big gap between the spending cuts they will have to make and what is currently being achieved. As usual they will hope the Chancellor of the Exchequer comes up with some extra cash to plug the gap.

**Governance Review** Over the last few months the Council has been undergoing to a Peer Review process where officers and councillors from another authority come in and look in detail at the way the council works. One of the pieces of work which has come out of this is a review of the way we work internally with council committees etc. It's very dry constitutional stuff but if it is done properly it might just make the council more open and responsive. Whatever changes are proposed are likely to come into operation after the next County Council elections in May 2021.

**Boundaries The review of division boundaries** – the areas we each represent as councillors – has been delayed again because South Norfolk District Council persuaded the Boundary Commission it had got its figures wrong for the number of people who would be living there by 2025. The deadline for submissions to the Commission is now mid March and they will release their draft proposals at the beginning of June. At that point there will be a consultation period that Parishes and others may wish to contribute to. The new boundaries will not be finalised til the autumn but there are bound to be changes in North Norfolk because the district will go from having 11 county councillors to having ten.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW)** I have asked the council to explain its approach to enforcement of the rules relating to PROW because they seem to have just given up having decided they don't have the money to do it. I'll report on this further once I get a reply.

**Flooding** Back in June last year I wrote to the leader of the council asking for a review of the County Council's plans for flood protection. I have raised the issue again as the review does not seem to have been carried out. Although the Tidal Surge in 2013 showed how well we coped with coastal flooding, the councils plan has not been updated since 2015 and I am worried about potential for increased river flooding. We have had five years of house building and funding cuts, we have left the EU (which used to spend heavily on flood prevention) and we have had five years of technological developments too. I will keep pressing for the council to bring its plans up to date.

**Repton Homes** There has been some media coverage recently about the council's house building arm, Repton Homes. It was set up to take advantage of low interest rates and demand for housing by creating a housing development arm for the council. I am worried about the increasing exposure the council has to debt but I have also said that if the council is getting involved in house building it should focus on affordable homes and accommodation for the over 55s.

**Norfolk Music Service (NMS)** Deep cuts to NMS were announced recently. I will be meeting the head of the service to discuss the consequences of the changes in the next couple of weeks. It's really important that children have access to music in schools and we need to be sure that the new service isn't just about saving money by making indiscriminate cuts.

**Wensum Lodge** I know it is a fair distance from Mundesley division but I am due to take a look round Wensum Lodge in a couple of weeks. It is a fantastic but very old music venue on King Street in Norwich that will benefit from a major and long overdue refurbishment. I hope everyone in Norfolk will benefit from it.

**County Lines** There's a growing awareness of problems caused by County Lines drug running where gangs recruit vulnerable kids in rural areas to be the end of the drug supply chain. The government's Drugs Tsar has called on local councils to be given more of a role in tackling the problem. I support this but it needs to come with the resources to ensure we can do the job properly. We also mustn't lose sight of the need to educate those who use recreational drugs away from their use because of the damage they are doing to the lives of some very vulnerable children.

Ed Maxfield 4 March 2020