

Bacton and Edingthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held Monday 9th September 2019 @ Bacton Village Hall

Present: Susan Holden (Chair), Pauline Paterson, Tricia Myles,
Richard Barr, Ian Witham, Ralph Bell and Richard Kimble

Apologies: Clive Stockton - NNDC

Others: 6 members of the public and Ed Maxfield - NCC

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.
3. **To consider apologies for absence**
All Council members were present.
4. **To consider co-option of additional member(s)**
Nigel Lee and Sandra Emerson's letters of application had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was resolved that Nigel Lee and Sandra Emerson be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Clerk would complete the mandatory paperwork for NNDC. EP
5. **To approve outstanding Minutes**
Bacton & Edingthorpe Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- Monday 8th July 2019
The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.
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.
Ed Maxfield, NCC - detailed his report at Appendix 1.
Highlights were given on the forthcoming budget and papers would be circulated in October. There will most probably be the maximum increase in Council Tax as well as the element for adult social services. The future of Mundesley Children's Centre will be clarified in a few weeks time with the nursery school taking over the whole building. Highways' spending is always difficult as it gets the remainder left over after adult and children's services. All are aware that the roads are a continuing problem and the need to invest in roads.

Members of the public were concerned that there appeared to be no consultation with regard to the car park at Coast Road. They would have appreciated their opinions being taken forward. The Council outlined that they had worked hard behind the scenes for many years to get the car park opened. If they wished to take this further it needed to be with the NNDC Planning Team who are responsible for the project.

An update was given on the Duke and that there had been no change. The property will remain on the market for the next few months and there should be further information in the near future.

Resolved to close the meeting to the public.

7. To consider the removal of pampas grass and wooden posts at the Land in Edingthorpe

Discussion took place on developing this area for the community. The new bench had been kindly installed by Shell as part of their celebrations. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate getting the pampas grass removed and members would consider the future use for the area. EP

8. Finance

8.1 To formally sign and accept the donation of £3,000 from the Sandscaping Scheme and additional funding applications

It was agreed that the Council would accept the contribution from the Sandscaping Scheme of £3,000. The Clerk was instructed to source other funding to make up the difference and complete the necessary applications. EP

8.2 To consider the costs involved with repair to allotment gate

There were concerns with the various costings and options for this. It was questioned if the gate really needed repair as no would close the gate if it were re-instated. The Clerk would request the leaseholders who have requested this to attend the next Parish Council Meeting. EP

8.3 To approve monthly payments supplied to Council members

AMOUNT	DATE	PAYEE	CHQ
258.24	09.09.19	Johnson Electrical	122
1080.00	09.09.19	Nigel McGrath	123
48.27	09.09.19	EON	124
238.00	09.09.19	Mick Kinder	125
118.98	09.09.19	Toucan Hire	126
231.00	09.09.19	Mr Cheney	127
340.32	09.09.19	NNDC - dog bin emptying	128
60.00	09.09.19	Bacton on Sea Village Hall	129
45.64	09.09.19	Elaine Pugh (expenses)	130

Resolved to pay enbloc

9. To consider and review correspondence list

Vattenfall -update on information
 Allotment holder regarding repair of allotment gate
 NNDC - Car park order for land at Coast Road
 Van Oord - volunteer time
 NNDC - Listing for The Cottage, Edingthorpe Green - Grade II
 Norfolk - CAB - request for donation
 Clerks & Councils Direct
 NNDC - invitation to attend Sandscaping event- Richard Kimble
 Shell - monthly update
 Resident regarding use of water at allotments

10. To review and consider planning

19/1214	11 Sea View Estate, Coast Rd	Demolition of detached garage and erection of single-storey front ext and detached workshop (revised design of 18/1697) retrospective	No comments
19/1157	Ash Cottage, Beach Rd	Replacement of part of roof at a higher ridge level to allow for additional first floor accommodation; 2 storey ext to front and rear incl first floor balcony	No comments

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

- 11.1 Sandscaping Scheme** - this had been completed and would settle over the next few months/years. The groins will appear and then disappear with the movement of tides. Signs had been put up temporarily marking groins and there are issues in defining dog areas and this is being worked on. Maps for demarcation areas are being developed for 2020.
- 11.2 Allotments** - outstanding payments made - allotments available
- 11.3 The Duke**
This is covered at Agenda item 6 and there is nothing to add.
- 11.4 NNDC - Community Housing** - meeting held with NNDC 20th August
This was progressing although slowly as it was difficult to find landowners who would sell land for this purpose. The search continues and updates will be given at regular intervals.
- 11.5 GTC benches** - these have been installed - the Clerk would write and thank Shell for these. EP
- 11.6 Good Neighbour Scheme**
The Chair and Vice Chair attended this meeting and were due to attend another to find out more information. It is a good scheme where the community helps one another to undertake small jobs for the less able; such as changing a light bulb, walk a dog or pick up a prescription. The concept is that it is to help in unforeseen circumstances not on an ongoing basis. It takes approximately 3k to set up and is a way of giving help on an adhoc basis only and could be an off shoot of the Parish Council. Details to be circulated. EP
The Clerk would ask representatives from the GNS to attend. EP
- 11.7 Bacton Football Club** - removal of porta cabin this is now being completed via the Van Oord Sandscaping Team as part of their community work
- 11.8 NCC 50/50 Scheme** - completion form forwarded to NCC for the work to be carried out for the Keswick Road drainage scheme. The Clerk would chase this through. EP
- 11.9 Carving of Bacton & Edingthorpe Village Signs** - these are now with the supplier.
- 11.10 Overgrown foliage at rear of Pavilion** - this is nearly completed
- 11.11 Additional works along Coast Road where Bacton meets Walcott**
- a drain outlet needs to be directly out to the sea - from the Bacton sign near to the Walcott promenade and the drains near to the Poachers. It was suggested that we link up with Walcott on this. The Clerk would investigate further. EP
- 11.12 Councillor Training - Saturday 14th September at Thorpe Market**
All Councillors who were on the list were reminded.
- 11.13 Sandscaping Fund - application put in for additional play equipment and voluntary work for the removal of the portacabin**
The Council had been awarded a payment from the fund and Van Oord had removed the porta cabin.
- 11.15 External WC facility had been closed**

11.16 Pavilion - Clerk had arranged repair with Electrician for the fuse box/PRI lights and general check - suggested that a grill be placed over the external fuse box to stop vandalism. EP

11.17 Footpaths and public rights of way

RB9 had been cleared north however the Southern end needed attention. EP

FP14 - Rainbows end although it has now been agreed that the footpath line does not go through the parking space, the footpath is obstructed by a marram grass mass which impedes access. There needs to be fingerposts at either end. EP

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

The footpath opposite the school is overgrown leading to Rainbows End (FP14). Clerk would report. EP

The gas terminal seem to have more regular alarms without warning and are not communicating what is going on. The Clerk would write. EP

Sandscaping - in the future it is planned that all paths along the seawall will be refurbished and flattened.

Will there be new rubbish and dog bins at the new car park. EP

An issue was raised with graffiti on a bench and it was highlighted that this had been privately placed.

Nigel Lee agreed to replace Tricia Myles as a playing field monitor.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting -

**Bacton & Edingthorpe Parish Council Meeting on
Monday 11th November 2019 - Bacton Village Hall at 7.00pm**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Ed Maxfield – NCC report –September 2019

We are only just getting back into the cycle of committee meetings but there are some things to report.

Support for disabled people

The decision to cut support payments for disabled people (the Minimum Income Guarantee, or MIG) is still proving controversial. You might have seen that Cllr Margaret Stone was forced to apologise and to resign as chair of the Health Scrutiny committee after she sent an email to affected families suggesting they were being greedy. Cllr Stone was wrong but I want to acknowledge that the leader of the council dealt with the issue firmly and has agreed to meet with the families.

Funding for schools

The government's announcement that it is increasing funding for education is welcome. It's a shame they couldn't resist spinning it to make it sound like they were spending twice as much as they actually are. And there is a real concern that the increase in funding for special needs education (SEND) will not be enough to meet growing demand. My own survey of Norfolk headteachers showed that almost all of them are having to consider reductions in staffing and SEND support.

Children's Centres

The new contract for the Early Childhood and Families Service (largely replacing work in Children's Centres) is due to start in October, with Action for Children as the service provider. It's still pretty unclear what the service will actually look like! The council has approved plans for the transfer of 13 centres to new tenants/owners. The Mundesley centre will be taken over by the Nursery School that currently occupies part of the building. The Cromer centre will be taken over by Suffield Park school.

Munhaven

Congratulations to Munhaven care home in Mundesley which has won plaudits for its Outstanding review from the Care Quality Commission.

Library reading scheme

I will be giving out the prizes at Mundesley Library again this year for the library reading scheme. It's a highlight of my year and I am looking forward to meeting lots of eager readers.

No Deal Brexit prep

Sorry, I don't want to talk about it either. But I have raised my concerns about slow progress in the County Council's preparations for a No Deal Brexit. The County Council is the lead authority on the Norfolk Resilience Forum which is responsible for ensuring that councils in Norfolk are properly prepared. Whatever your views on Brexit I am sure you'll agree we need to do all we can to be ready for a possible exit without a deal. In council terms that particularly relates to the status of EU citizens working in the care sector but there are plenty of other aspects of life that will be affected too.

Sir Norman Lamb

I was glad to have the chance to join Norman (still can't get used to the 'Sir') on his annual 'village tour' of street-corner advice surgeries when he was visiting villages in Mundesley division. Everyone will have heard that he is planning to retire from Parliament at the next election. Norman has been a friend since I was 19 and even though I know he will do great things with his new charitable fund, I am sorry that he is leaving politics. I know he will be missed by many in North Norfolk and in Parliament. And, no, I won't be running to replace him as our MP: there are enough grey haired men in Parliament already!