**Minutes of the Meeting of Trowse with Newton Parish Council, held on 25th April 2022 in The Manor Rooms, Trowse at 7.15pm.**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Bowers (Chair), Cllr P. Greenizan, Cllr A. Greenizan, Cllr Price, Cllr Long, Cllr Haynes, Cllr Owens, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Peart, Cllr Neal (District) and Kate Leggett (Clerk)

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**001 (001) APOLOGIES**

Cllr Thompson (County)

**002 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllrs on the Manor Rooms Management Committee and Cllrs who are allotment holders.

**003 (003) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March were **AGREED and signed.**

**004 (004) PUBLIC FORUM**

4.1 District report from Cllr Neal

* Nominations are being taken for the Community Champion Awards. Details on the SNDC website
* Love Local/Spend Local SNDC initiative with local business to get customers to try and spend with local firms
* Two new social media campaigns: What your Council does for you and Jubilee Jewels
* Support for Ukrainian refugees. Two schemes running with 112 visas being granted for the South Norfolk area.
* Local Government corporate peer challenge. An independent look at how councils work and offering recommendations.
* Nutrient Neutrality. A halt to all planning applications until pollution implications can be assessed for the river Wensum and the Broads. This will affect the 5 year land supply if not resolved quickly.
* YMCA building is NOT to be turned into residential dwellings.
* Council tax rebate. Homeowners in band A and D properties with receive automatic refund on their council tax if pay by Direct Debit, but will receive a letter if they pay by other means. Only scammers will phone and ask for details so residents should be aware.

4.2 Public

- Resident raised the issue of the village sign. KL and Cllr Bowers gave an update on the situation. Clerk informed that details are on the website.

- Wildflowers have been planted on the common and will look different to last year due to perennials being planted. Might have to look at what is planted next year.

- Volunteers will be needed to water the new trees on the common if the dry weather continues. Cllr Long stated that her watering hose could be used to aid the filling of watering cans. Member of the public mentioned a tap by the horse trough. This is to be investigated.

- It was noted that is has become increasingly difficult to hear councillors when they are speaking. Could investigations be made into a table mic?

- Resident asked when the street lights were last painted and cleaned as they look bad. **KL to investigate.**

- The hedge on the Northern side of White Horse Lane near the flyover is becoming overgrown and growing into the road. Resident has raised the issue with Highways already but nothing has been done. **KL to contact Highways again.**

- Solar panels. It was thought by a resident that the PC were to receive some financial benefit from the solar panels. **KL to investigate.**

- Speeding in the village. Resident raised the issue of speeding traffic, especially down White Horse Lane. Cllr Bowers explained that we are seeking a safety survey and possible traffic mitigation for the whole village.

- Resident raised the issue of the Dell allotments being used as a cut through to the new estate. It was wondered if a fence could be erected to stop this before it becomes a main throughfare. **KL to put this item on the next Open Spaces Committee agenda**.

**005 (005) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (UPDATE FROM THE CLERK)**

5.1- KL gave those present an update on the recent meeting with the planning officers involved in the ENR/Deal Ground regeneration. Obviously, any application will now be subject to the Nutrient Neutrality investigations as mentioned in item 4.1, but no official plans have yet been submitted. However, permission has been granted for the phasing application.

Cllr Long asked what is happening to the May Gurney site at present as windows are now open and people are removing wiring from the building. It is believed that PC Locke has been informed.

5.2- Committee members. Cllr Barnes is to join the P and Comms committee and Cllr Owen to join Open Spaces and Finance committee. **KL to send out a full list of committees and their members to Councillors.**

**006 (006) COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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**P and Comms update.**

-Villager magazine is going to be a quarterly publication from now on and PC are committed to doing an article and covering some of the costs. This means that the Parish Council Newsletter will go out monthly as planned, stating with a May edition with information on the jubilee party.

- Website. The updating of the website is a work in progress and things are generally being added more frequently.

Microsoft Teams. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of Teams. **VOTE: ALL IN FAVOUR OF IMPLEMENTING THIS APPLICATION.**

**Open Spaces update**.

* All topics are on the agenda for discussion at item 10.

**007 (007) PLANNING**

Nothing for this meeting.

**008 (008) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

KL gave those present an update on the Neighbourhood Plan’s progress.

**009 (009) FINANCE**

9.1 – Payments approved. All Agreed.

9.2 – Balances agreed. KL to come up with an expenses process to be agreed by Council.

**010 (010) OPEN SPACES**

**COMMON**

10.1 - KL gave update on the table tennis table for the common

10.2 - Gym equipment installation taking place on the W/B 09/05/2022

10.3 – Cllr Bowers/Price took those present through a recent meeting with the church and it was thought that communications have been an issue in the past and this is to be rectified going forward. It was also thought that if permission was sought for a variation of condition to the church’s planning application for a car park, there might be the possibility of making it useable for some residents of the village. Parking provision for the church is to be maintained at all times for services/weddings/funerals etc.

10.4 – Discussion took place around the PC provision of grass cutting for the Church car park. **Vote was held 5 for, 3 against, motion carried. KL to ask contractor to add the church car park to the list of tasks.**

10.5 KL to chase SNDC about planning application to relocate the Defib to the phone box.

**ALLOTMENTS**

10.6 - KL asked for some clarification regarding the £500 fund for the allotments. It was explained that the fund was originally there to encourage community spirit and develop a communal plot for a place to meet and socialise. Plot 1 on Block Hill was going to be the communal plot but it is now unusable again due to detritus from plot 2 being dumped on there. It is also thought that plot 1 can only be used for raised beds due to the presence of asbestos in the ground. **KL to investigate getting rubbish removed from plot 1**. Any expenditure for the communal plot is to be agreed and approved by Open Spaces committee.

10.7 – KL gave those present an update on the trees on Block Hill. Awaiting planning approval before work can go ahead.

10.8 – KL explained the tap issue on Block Hill has been sorted out in the short term with further investigations needed in the winter months when the allotments aren’t so busy.

10.9 – This item was put on the agenda at the request of a Block Hill allotment holder. It was thought that there may be an alternative access point for wheelchairs/buggies etc in the future from the new estate. Cllr Hayes suggested that if we had any wheelchair users that wanted an allotment they be placed on the waiting list for The Dell allotments and this has better access.

**CEMETERY**

10.10 – Cllr Price made a proposal that the pergola project for the cemetery be halted. **ALL AGREED.**

10.11 – KL gave an update about the installation of signs for the cemetery.

10.12 – Cllr Bowers to collect the mirror from the previous clerk so reinstallation can progress.

**011 (011) EVENTS**

11. 1 – Cllrs Bower/Long and KL gave those present an update of the planned Jubilee event. A resident mentioned that he might be able to get hold of an old bus to do village drive throughs.

Resident mentioned that the church is having an Away Day on the 21st May on an open top bus, leaving the village at 10.30pm and returning at 4.30-5pm. The cost is £15 per head which includes lunch. Anyone interested should contact the church. **KL to put this item on the parish website.**

**012 (012) ANY OTHER BUISNESS**

Cllr Long requested we set a date for the Christmas light switch on as things are already starting to become booked up. Date agreed: Friday 2nd December 2022.

The Parking Scheme information is to be added to the parish website. **KL to action this.**

**013 (013) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is 16th May 2022 at 7.15pm in The Manor Rooms.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm.**