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

**PRESENT**

Cllr Bowers (Chair), Cllr P. Greenizan, Cllr A. Greenizan, Cllr Long, Cllr Haynes, Cllr Owen, Cllr Barnes, and Kate Leggett (Clerk)

Cllr Thomson (County) Cllr Neal (District)

**026 (001) APOLOGIES**

Cllrs D. Price

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

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

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

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th June were **AGREED and signed.**

**029 (004) PUBLIC FORUM**

**4.1** Discussions around the implementation of the proposed Parking scheme took place. One hour was set aside for these discussions and many residents were in attendance to make their views known. More detailed notes are as an appendix to these minutes.

**There was a short break following these discussions for refreshments and comfort. The meeting resumed at 8.30pm**

**4.2** A resident raised concerns around speeding in the village. The Clerk and Cllr Bowers took time to explain what the Parish Council are looking to do about engaging with officials and getting a police monitoring camera set up in the village. The clerk also made those present aware of possible funding from NCC for road safety issues which may result in road speed changes for Whitlingham Lane and increased signage.

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

5.1- Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk has been advised by SNDC that there was no call for an election so they are free to Co-opt. Applications can be submitted to the clerk and should be received before 10th August for discussion at the September Full Council meeting.

**031 (006) COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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**Finance Committee update.**

-Cllr Haynes took those present through the details of the latest finance committee meeting which took place just before this meeting. Finance committee have gone through the audit report and are making action plans to deal with points raised by the auditor.

**P and Comms update.**

-The second Parish newsletter has been distributed and feedback is good. The clerk is seeking articles for next month’s edition.

**Open Spaces update**.

* In the absence of Cllr Price, the clerk to took present through details of the latest Open Spaces meeting and any necessary actions.

**032 (007) Finance**

7.1 – Bank reconciliation had been sent to Cllrs in advance.

7.2 – Agree payments for June 2022. **All agreed**.

7.3 – To agree new signatories for all bank accounts including Santander and Nationwide.

The clerk to arrange a letter from our accountant Trevor Brown, stating that all current signatories are to be removed and the new signatories, Cllrs Heather Bowers, Paul Greenizan, Nicola Barnes and Morgan Haynes be added. **Resolved to accept. ALL in favour.**

7.4 – Cllr Bowers took those present through the details of the audit report, recommendations and action plan. Copies of the audit report and the action plan had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**033 (008) ANY OTHER BUISNESS**

Access to Private land on Whitlingham Lane.

Due to the recent hot weather, it has been noted that many people have congregated on the Water Meadow on Whitlingham Lane. This has caused some damage to trees, river banks, greenery and gateways. Vast amounts of litter had also been left behind. With this in mind and the risk to the area from BBQ’s fires, Whitlingham Trust has made the decision to closed the Water Meadow for the time being. This was thought to be temporary to allow the ground to recover. **Clerk to investigate with Graeme Hewitt from Whitlingham Trust.**

**034 (009) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is 19th September 2022 at 7.15pm in The Manor Rooms.

**Meeting closed at 9.06pm.**

Parking Scheme comments:

* Resident stated that she had never had a problem parking in the village and believes there is no issue with parking from employees of County Hall. Feels there may be an issue with Russell Terrace and Block Hill following conversations with other villagers.
* Resident of Barn Meadow. Against the scheme but believes there is an issue with Russell Terrace and Block Hill. Believes scheme is hugely restrictive. Moving the school has largely sorted out the parking problems. The implementation of the full scheme will limit public parking. Could Deal Ground be used for Match Day parking?
* Resident of Julian Drive. Problems are caused by home owners having more than one car on Russell Terrace. Bowls club and businesses will be penalised with the implementation of the full scheme. What will the costs be?
* Cllr Neal replied to the question of cost. Permits will be £50 each for 12 months. Visitors permit will be the same cost.
* Resident of Russell Terrace. Is a motorbike considered the same as a car? Problem is multiple ownership of cars which is causing a strain. The scheme is going to be a financial burden on those who are already having problems with rising price rises of fuel etc. County Hall parking problems are self-inflicted as they do not provide enough paring for their employees. Doesn’t believe the problem is bad enough to warrant the scheme.
* Resident of Julian Drive. Problems access Julian Drive due to the narrowing of Kirby Road and parking where double yellow lines used to be. Bin lorries frequently have issues getting up to Julian Drive because of inconsiderate parking.
* Cllr Neal replied to gentleman about double yellow lines on Kirby Road, stating that this is on the programme of works for SNDC. They are also aware of bin lorry issues.
* Resident of Devon Way. Is this a done deal? If there are enough objections will the scheme be dropped?
* Cllrs Thomson replied stating that this is the final stage. Back in 2018 a lot of people complained about the parking issues. The Match Day parking is still an issue and County Hall not allowing employees to park was for environmental reasons. But with the recent letting of a whole floor of County Hall and more people returning to the office the parking is going to become an issue once again. Can’t make people use the Park and Ride. In the process there will be a TRO after which a further consultation will take place.
* Cllr Neal stated that the then Parish Council (2018) approached SNDC about parking and consultations were held in the Manor Rooms, after which adjustments were made. The school asked for changes to Pepperpot Drive. There will be a 28-day comments window. If whole roads comment in the negative it is **possible** that these roads will be removed from the scheme.
* Cllr P. Greenizan asked about the plans for Phase 2 of the Norfolk Homes development. Cllr Thomson stated that a further consultation may be needed when these dwellings have been built.
* A resident asked if some provision for visitors could be made at the YMCA building. Cllr Thomson replied by stating that NCC and Colmans are looking to open the facilities of the YMCA building and therefore the car park will be needed.
* Resident of Whitlingham Lane commented that a lot of time and energy was spent on removing the overnight parkers from Whitlingham Lane and introducing the scheme will open it up to illegal parkers once again. She believes the scheme is a retrograde step and that residents currently seem to find parking spaces. She asked that Pay and Display not be put on Whitlingham Lane and the lane be “left alone”.
* Resident of Chapel Place. Could restrictions on parking be in place 9-10am and 2-3pm meaning that County Hall employees would not be able to park all day but allow visitors to the village outside of those times.
* Resident of Barn Meadow mentioned that there had be a discussion about introducing permit parking down one side of the street but that the 8 vehicles at the top of Barn Meadow would struggle to park and this may cause anxiety.
* Resident of Newton Close. Reflected on how bad the parking was pre pandemic stating that it was a big issue. Covid did change that but County Hall workers are beginning to return and County Hall will get back to full occupancy once again. It is not always an option to use the Park and Ride if you have to leave work to collect children from school at certain times and can’t reply on the busses. The emergency services would not be able to access parts of Newton Close if the parking went back to pre-pandemic levels. The gentleman thought that if we were to back pedal against the scheme now, we would be in the back of the queue for any future requests to Highways.
* Resident of Newton Close thought that having no restrictions after 3pm didn’t bode well for them.
* Cllr Haynes commented that everyone was given 3 options (permit, 10am-3pm restricted parking or Double Yellow lines) and that Newton Close were the only part of the village that chose the 10am-3pm restrictions.
* Resident asked if the village can be consulted again as a lot of people have come and gone since 2018.
* Cllr Neal and Cllr Thomson both stated that SNDC and NCC will not want to reconsult as many hours of work has already gone into this and that, so far, NCC has done this work for free.
* Resident of Julian Drive asked Cllr Thomson why County Hall could not provide enough parking for their employees.