

**TROWSE with NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held on Wednesday, 24 April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Manor Rooms, The Street, Trowse**

**Present:**

	Cllr N Roberts – presiding	
Cllr R Herring	Cllr J Harrop	Cllr C Riseborough
Cllr F Sarson	Cllr H Smith	Cllr T Lewis
Cllr J Peart	Mr I Braid	Revd R Braby
Mr J Braby	Ms C Wilson	Ms C Ender
Mrs H Bowers	Mr C Bowers	Mrs G Roberts
Mr P Greenizan	Mr D Price	Mr M Watts
	Ms A Coonan	

Gina Lopes – Clerk to Trowse with Newton Parish Council – in attendance

**2019/1) Election of the meeting Chairman & Welcome**

On the motion of Cllr Herring, seconded by Cllr Riseborough, it was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Roberts as meeting Chairman

**2019/2) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from PC Sansbury, Mr G Overland, NCC Highways, Mr Sharpe, Norfolk Snowsports Club, Mr Odell, Trowse Primary School, NCC Cllr Thomson

**2019/3) Minutes of the 23 April 2018 Annual Parish Meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 April 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman

**2019/4) Annual Report of Trowse with Newton Parish Council**

The Chairman read the Annual Report as follows:

The Parish Council has met monthly throughout the year to consider many issues within the Village, these include planning and notably the Norfolk Homes development and Arminghall proposals.

Councillors and the Clerk have also liaised and held meetings with several external bodies, in particular discussions regarding parking and traffic in the village, solutions continue to be sought to ease the current problems.

All Councillors work on a voluntary basis and give up much time to serve the parish and represent residents on local matters. There has been a significant change of Councillors this year and thanks must be expressed to all the previous Councillors and to those who have joined more recently. Further thanks to South Norfolk Cllr Trevor Lewis and Norfolk County Cllr Vic Thomson as they also work hard for the village. The important work of the local Police and Fire Officers is also noted, as well as the contribution of others within the Village such as the Church, led by Revd Braby and formerly, Revd Scott, and the local School headed by Stuart Odell and Mary Brookes with "Trowse Villager".

Two significant achievements this year have been the donation and installation of the new play equipment on the Common from Norfolk Homes. Also a donation of £10,000 towards the maintenance of the new street lighting for the new development.

We continue to maintain the Common, closed churchyard at St Andrew's, the cemetery and the two allotment sites. Additional planting has been agreed for the cemetery and tree works are to be carried out at the cemetery as well as the Common and churchyard.

We now face election for the first time in many years and the Council will change again and no doubt face further challenges in the coming year as Trowse continues to thrive and grow.

### **2019/5) Guest Speakers**

The following reports were received and accepted:-

### **Trevor Lewis, District Councillor, South Norfolk Council**

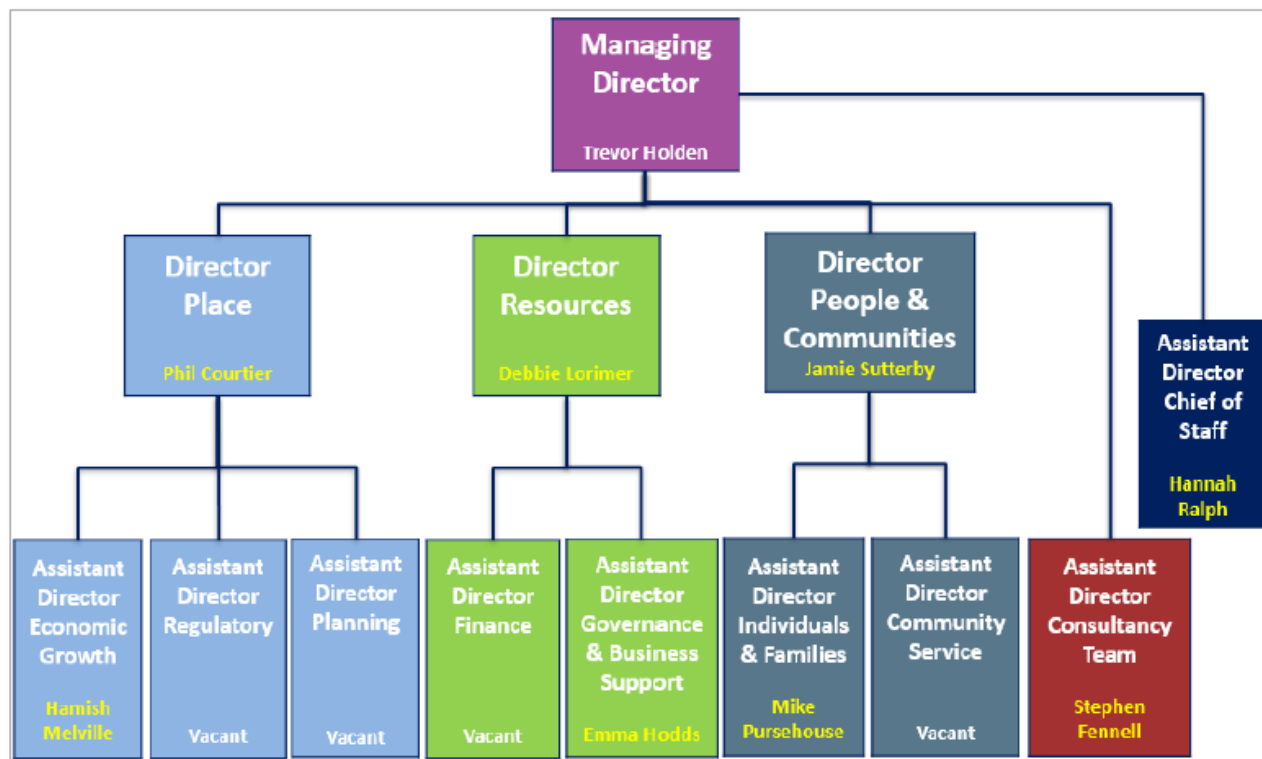
#### DEVELOPMENTS AT SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL

#### MERGER OF THE STAFFS OF SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL AND BROADLAND COUNCIL

South Norfolk (District) Council and Broadland District Council agreed last year to merge their staffs – 'two councils, one team', and the process is now well under way.

There were several drivers for doing this, the most tangible being financial, because of the continuing reduction in government funding for local authorities. Roughly, it is expected that a 25% staff reduction – normally through natural wastage – can be achieved. It also offers economies of scale, with strengthened joint purchasing power – and it is hoped that the greater management responsibilities will help with the recruitment and retention of top-quality officers.

The first step was to appoint a Joint Managing Director to lead this, and Trevor Holden took the Managing Director post at the start of 2019. Trevor came to the Councils from heading the much larger Luton Borough Council. The senior management team under him is now being formed, the initial appointments being internal, and the other posts are being recruited



The two councils remain separate legal entities. This process of merging staffs of two or more councils is happening more and more often. The councils will continue to operate out of their two main premises – South Norfolk House in Long Stratton (‘the House’, for short) and Thorpe Lodge, Yarmouth Road ‘the Lodge). There is no current intention to change this, nor indeed to merge the councils themselves. Nevertheless many councils who have embarked on staff mergers have proceeded to full council mergers, notably on our doorsteps Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils that are now East Suffolk Council, and St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath District Councils that are now West Suffolk Council.

The staff merger process was helped by many broad similarities between the South Norfolk and Broadland councils. There are nevertheless significant differences. South Norfolk has a substantial Leisure offering, with centres at Wymondham, Diss and Long Stratton – Broadland does not. South Norfolk Council still runs its own refuse collection operation, whereas Broadland’s is contracted out to Veolia.

### THE NEW LOCAL PLAN

The Local Plan, that, amongst other things, identifies needs for housing, commercial and industrial growth, is in the middle of being refreshed. It is the Greater Norwich Local Plan, one plan for all of South Norfolk, Broadland and the City of Norwich. The current plan in forcetakes us to 2026, and the refresh will extend that to 2036.

The most controversial element of any Local Plan is the amount and location of new housing. The process is a ‘top-down’ one, starting with an objective assessment of new housing needs by 2036, and deducting those already expect to be built by 2026. This new additional requirement is relatively small compared with the current rate of housebuilding – less than an extra 8,000 houses across the three districts. One of the options under consideration is the

creation of one or more whole new 'villages', and that alone could gobble up much of the new building needs.

That small requirement (which, like the whole new Plan itself, has to be tested at a public inquiry) has not stopped an avalanche of sites being offered for consideration for development, notably in Stoke Holy Cross and Caistor. The planners can afford to be choosy! (Did you know that what is now the Caistor St Edmund ward of the new Caistor St Edmund and Bixley Parish extends right to Harford Bridge, and most of the big Harford Tesco is in Caistor St Edmund, as is the farm land behind it – that site has been offered for commercial development.)

There will be a public consultation later this year where the planners will propose where future development should take place.

### **CURRENT HOUSING LAND SUPPLY**

Some years ago central government decided that the lack of new houses being built was the fault of local authorities running the planning system either incompetently or with a view to deliberately hindering the planning process. So it said that new developments could take place outside development zones in the Local Plan if the Local Plan was out of date, or if there was not locally enough zoned land or land with planning permission for developers to have a certain 5 years of land for immediate development between them - a '5-year land supply' - provided that an unzoned site was capable of being adequately provided with social and physical infrastructure. Previously, South Norfolk was unable to show a 5-year land supply, and several large applications had to be approved, with regret.

South Norfolk Council now believes that it can show a 5-year land supply. This is now calculated on the total area of South Norfolk DC, City of Norwich Council and Broadland DC, and a common figure of a 6.6-year land supply has been calculated. This will help the Council to refuse applications for unzoned land. This announcement has had an immediate effect – a big planning application for Norwich Road, Brooke has been withdrawn, as has an appeal over refusal of another big application at Burgate Lane, Poringland.

### **CHANGES TO PARISH COUNCILS**

As a result of Governance Review, Caistor St Edmund and Bixley Parish Councils have been merged to one single parish council, with a small pocket of Bixley being transferred to Poringland.

### **CHANGES TO DISTRICT COUNCIL WARDS**

This May's elections are being fought on new boundaries, following a review imposed on us by the Local Government Boundary Commission with the intention of evening-up the number of electors per district councillor. As a result, nearly every Ward in South Norfolk has changed, and this Stoke Holy Cross Ward disappears, with Stoke Holy Cross being added to the Mulbarton ward (to the puzzlement of nearly everyone concerned), now electing three rather than two district councillors: meanwhile Trowse, Caistor St Edmund and Bixley are added to Poringland and the Framinghams, to form the Poringland, Framinghams and Trowse ward, also with three district councillors.

### **BUS SERVICES**

First Bus has, in effect, driven Konect off the routes via Poringland, resulting in a net loss of services for Poringland, only an hourly service via Upper and Lower Stoke and Trowse, and only limited services for Arminghall, including no buses at all from Norwich to Arminghall. Bus provision is actually a County Council matter, although, unless the County subsidises a service, the decision as what routes to operate is in the hand of the likes of First Bus. (Subsidised services round here include the Konect 84 from Harleston via Lower Stoke, and the evening,

Sunday and Bank Holiday First Bus services via Poringland, Upper and Lower Stoke and Trowse.)

I have tried to get First Bus to route one services an hour via Arminghall and Trowse, rather than running it down the Trowse Bypass. So far, no luck! If I remain a district councillor, I will keep trying. If I don't, I hope my successor will keep up the pressure.

### **PARKING IN TROWSE**

Trowse has two parking issues. It is difficult for many residents to park near their homes, and there is an increasing number of 'traveller' vans and caravans now parked in Whittingham lane. We are awaiting proposals from Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council for new arrangements. There is some funding to assist with working up any new arrangements, but the much of the substantial cost of any new Traffic Regulation Order would have be met by Trowse Parish Council.

I had concerns that new proposals would not address all the issues, and I have called in South Norfolk Council to drive a co-ordinated process. There are several players in this game:

- The Parish Council has to support any new proposal, and any arrangements involving paid-for parking permits (one of the options that might come forward) would require majority support by residents.
- Norfolk County Council puts in parking restrictions (time restrictions and yellow lines) via Traffic Regulation Orders (but never wants to pay for them!)
- South Norfolk Council is responsible for 'civil enforcement' of such parking restrictions – 'parking fines' - which it delegates to a County-wide Parking Partnership.
- Norfolk Constabulary is responsible for dealing with criminal actions, such as obstructive parking, as we sometimes experience on Norwich City match days.

### **Revd Rosemary Braby, St Andrew's Church**

We have services every Sunday and Evensong, all details are on the website. We have events throughout the year and have a reputation as a warm welcoming church. I have only been in post for three weeks but have been at the Church for many years and it is a privilege. I have roots here and live in the village and am here to serve you, please feel welcome to make contact. Unfortunately we cannot leave the Church open because of vandalism but always phone one of the keyholders. We have a coffee morning every other Wednesday and always do services at the Dell. We provide the "Villager" free to each house, any contributions are welcome. We want to provide a welcome pack when the new houses are built and for all to feel welcome. Details are in the "Villager" and I can be in touch any time and am available for those that are ill or bereaved.

### **Mr Paul Greenizan, Manor Rooms Management Committee**

Mr Chairman, members of the Parish Council, fellow villagers. Firstly apologies from the chair of the manor Rooms Management Committee, Nigel Hodge who has a prior engagement tonight

Briefly for new members of the Council, the Manor Rooms Management Committee has been in place since 2002 and is responsible for the management of the Manor Rooms for the benefit of the Parish of Trowse with Newton with the

objective of improving the conditions of life for them – possibly the same aims that were in place when the Manor Rooms were built some 140 years ago.

Membership is open to all. There are currently 6 trustees, 5 of whom reside in the village plus a treasurer, and meetings are held quarterly

The Committee supervises the maintaining & letting of the Manor Rooms to Trowse based (and outside) community groups for sporting, cultural and social activities and it is the intention of the Committee to widen the scope of these in the coming year e.g. a knitting group and possibly, by working in collaboration with the allotment holders, to try and organize a monthly “farmers-type” market where fresh produce from the allotments can be sold. The Manor Rooms is a benefit to the residents of Trowse as a venue for organized activities e.g. yoga, pilates, or residents can use the Rooms for their own activities e.g. children’s parties. Trowse residents benefit from reduced hire rates – for example Children’s Birthday parties are £30, and Trowse Community Groups can hire the manor Rooms for £7 per hour - we advertise every month in the Trowse Villager.

In terms of finance & income, lettings were unfortunately down by £2,500 from the 2017 year and it is these lettings which cover the day to day running costs and routine maintenance of the building.

We asked for a reduced Precept from the Parish Council this year, down from £3,600 to £2,500; the feeling was that there is a contingency fund in place for large unexpected expenses e.g. replacement gas heaters at up to £1,500 each, roof repairs, fire alarm repairs, fence repairs / replacement but major expenditure on decorations has been met (£6,000), and is not due again until 2021/2022. – and £100 per month is set aside to cover future redecoration costs. We also replaced a failed water heater in 2018 from our contingency.

So going forward, we are fortunate in having a very soundly constructed building to operate from and a building surveyor as our Chairman. Praise too, to our Caretaker who also co-ordinates lettings and pursues debtors in a very efficient manner. Through diligent housekeeping we are keeping utility bills in check and chasing those users who are remiss in turning off the heating when they have used the building. The Manor Rooms will have a fresh marketing campaign this year together with alterations in the kitchen and decoration to encourage new hirers. Presently the Manor Rooms are running at a small profit and it is anticipated that the gaps in the lettings schedule can be filled to further boost income together with maintaining tight controls on expenditure, especially utilities.

## **Cllr Vic Thomson, Norfolk County Council**

### Re-use shops at recycling centres:

Bigger reuse shops are on the way for Caister and Dereham recycling centres, and Wells and Bergh Apton recycling centres are getting reuse shops for the very first time, thanks to a project starting next week.

Our popular reuse shops help to make sure good quality items are not thrown away and are given a new home instead. Providing new and bigger reuse shops means we can boost the range and number of things people can donate and buy. It's marvellous to see how popular the shops are and it's always great fun to have a look to see what bargains you may find."

The first step is for the current Caister and Dereham reuse shops to be removed and replaced with bigger shops to reflect the growing popularity of the scheme including sofas, bikes, tools and garden ornaments.

And with reuse and recycling at the top of the agenda the shops that are currently at Caister and Dereham will be taken away for refurbishment before they are then installed at their new homes at **Bergh Apton** and Wells later in the year.

In 2017/18 the network of reuse shops made a £184,210 contribution towards the £6.5million annual cost of Norfolk's 20 Recycling Centres. In the same year 833 tonnes of items passed through the reuse shops, an increase of 93 tonnes on the previous year.

The £35,000 improvement scheme will take the total number of reuse shops in the county up to 11.

Since April 2018 Norfolk's reuse shops have been donating a proportion of their income to the current chosen charity, the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

To find your local reuse shop visit: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/reuseshop](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/reuseshop)

### Wherrymans Way

The Wherrymans Way, after a long period of neglect, is going to be upgraded/re-instated by NCC. This will be done in stages and the first stage will be from Trowse to the Ferry Inn at Surlingham. This section has been surveyed against the "Definitive Map" and an environmental assessment is also being completed. Over time the path has been subject to natural and man-made changes and this project seeks to re-instate the definitive Wherrymans Way route. This will also ensure the safety of the route particularly where parts of the path such as the Surlingham

boardwalk are in a very hazardous condition. Discussions are currently being held with private landowners explaining the project particularly as it affects their land. There will then be a presentation and consultation with all the Parish Councils before any work is carried out

### Norfolk Coastal path

The entire 84 miles of the stunning Norfolk Coast Path was filmed with Google's innovative backpack Trekker camera over the summer of 2018. Also captured in this unique way are sections of the Peddars Way and all the 26 miles of the Marriott's Way Norfolk Trail which reaches from the countryside right into the heart of Norwich. To accompany the launch of the images on Google is a short video telling the story of how the pictures were gathered. The film, made by a local videographer, showcases the route and range of landscapes found along the way, from saltmarshes and wide sandy beaches to rolling fields and picturesque market towns.

### Smoking dangers

Smokers are being warned about the deadly dangers of the habit - especially when tired - as Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service joins forces with other services for the Fire Kills campaign. Cigarettes and other smoking products cause just over a third of all accidental fire fatalities in the home. Smoking is also the single biggest cause of accidental fires in the home, often because of careless behaviour such as smoking in bed or not taking care after drinking alcohol. And when smokers fall asleep with a lit cigarette in hand, their proximity to the resulting fire seriously lowers their chance of making an escape. Smokers are advised to 'Put it Out, Right Out' whenever they light up; to install smoke alarms on every level of the home and to test them regularly. Without a working smoke alarm you are at least seven times more likely to die in an accidental fire in the home.

These simple steps can help prevent a cigarette fire in the home:

Never smoke in bed. Take care when you're tired - it's very easy to fall asleep while your cigarette is still burning and set furniture alight

- Never smoke when under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If your lit cigarette starts a fire you could be less able to escape.
- Put it out, right out! Make sure your cigarette is fully extinguished



- Fit a smoke alarm and test it weekly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999
- Never leave lit cigarettes, cigars or pipes unattended - they can easily overbalance as they burn down
- Use a proper, heavy ashtray that can't tip over easily and is made of a material that won't burn.

Norfolk's Chief Fire Officer Stuart Ruff said: "Every five days, someone dies from a fire caused by cigarettes or smoking materials in the UK. Despite a fall in the overall number of fires caused by these products, it's still the biggest cause of accidental fires in the home." "Bad habits such as smoking whilst in bed or under the influence of alcohol increases the risk of falling asleep before you 'put it out, right out'." "Make sure you have at least one working smoke alarm on every level of your home and test them regularly. A working smoke alarm can give you the extra time you need to escape if the worst should happen." "Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health at Norfolk County Council, said: "As well as being a fire risk, smoking remains one of the most important causes of early death and health inequalities in Norfolk." "We have specialist services that can help smokers to quit - Smokefree Norfolk will discuss the best method of quitting with you, come up with a plan and support you throughout your quitting journey.

You can contact Smokefree Norfolk at [www.smokefreenorfolk.nhs.uk](http://www.smokefreenorfolk.nhs.uk) or by calling 0800 0854113.

The vans and caravans are on an actual active highway. Norfolk County Council as the Highway Authority is responsible for Whitlingham Lane and Norfolk County Council Gypsy, Traveller & Roma Service (GTRS) acts on behalf of the Highways Team to manage and deal with highway encampments. The lane has been used by New Travellers for many years, but because it is an active highway, officers have agreed toleration is not an option that can be considered going forwards.

Whenever SNC officers have been made aware of New Travellers on the lane they have informed the GTRS, who have then issued a 'Direction to Leave' against the identified individual/s. This happened most recently in March and SNC officers are sighted on the preparation work being undertaken by the GTRS ahead of issuing another Direction to Leave. Direction to Leave notices have proven effective as a short-term measure, but they are only effective against a named individual for 3 months, after which the individual is able to return.

Myself and officers at SNC and the Parking Partnership at NCC, have been looking at parking problems during the day on Whitlingham Lane, and the possibility of setting up time restrictions to stop people from parking there for the whole day. It is felt that this would also help with the above problem in preventing overnight parking, and would give officers more "power" to move these individuals on. Hopefully the "Direction to Leave" notice will be issued soon and as previously will be effective and they will move off.

Unfortunately the new parking scheme will not happen overnight, it has to go out to public consultation and all the feedback considered before the final scheme is drawn up by NCC, then a Traffic Order has to be applied for before any work can start.

## Roads

Work starts week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> April on the annual spring and summer surface dressing project. This year more than 310 miles of Norfolk's roads will get a new seal to extend the life of the road and provide a new skid-resistant surface to help reduce the risk of accidents. Nick Tupper, Assistant Director for Highways, said: "This is a really important part of the work we do to maintain our vital infrastructure so this year we will be spending £10.3m on surface dressing. Our teams do this work between April and September every year while the weather is warmer, and we always aim to get the holiday areas and main roads treated first so they are complete before the start of the busy summer season." Where possible the work is planned away from busy roads during peak periods, but because the surfacing is fast-moving and may be suspended during bad weather, it is hard to give road users early warning of where the crews will be working. A thin layer of bitumen and chippings is laid onto the road, stopping water penetration and reducing the number of potholes caused by frost. The action of vehicles passing over the new surface plays an important part in helping the new surface to settle in. People are urged to drive slowly and considerately across the new surface until it is bedded in and highway teams return to sweep up the loose stones. People living along the routes which are to be given a new seal will receive notification a day or two before the crews arrive. They will be asked not to park on the road on the day of the surface dressing work, or on the following day when surplus chippings will be swept up. There is the chance for people to say what they think afterwards via the County Council's website, or on a response card which will be delivered to a proportion of residents.

A 20mph speed restriction is imposed during work and on freshly-laid surface dressing for safety reasons. The County Council thanks people for their patience while this essential work is underway. The work will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors.



Mobile Library

Just a reminder that there are changes to our Mobile Library routes from today. Keep up to date by checking here: <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/mobilelibraries>

### Scams

[Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep cold callers trying to sell items](#)

[Scam Alert - Telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'HMRC'](#)

[Food Alert - Genius recalls Cinnamon & Raisin Bagels due to undeclared egg](#)

[Food Alert - SPAR recalls Blueberry Muffins \(4 Pack\) because they may contain pieces of plastic](#)

[Food Alert: Unilever recalls Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey Non-Dairy Ice Cream due to undeclared nuts and soya](#)

Look out for the following email scams which are circulating:

[Email claiming to be from the 'Facebook Lottery Program' - Advance Fee Scam](#)

### Mr S Odell, Trowse Primary School



### Headteacher's Report to the Parish Council 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Your local school continues to be a great school. Standards continue to be very good and we are regarded as one of the best schools around. We have a very stable staff of teachers and teaching

assistants who enjoy working here and commit fully to the education of the children. The children have good fun at school!

### **Standards**

We are particularly proud of the academic standards here. We know that this takes a lot of hard work from all the staff and a lot of support from our parents. Children do best when they are well supported by all the adults in their lives and feel that home and school are working together in their best interests. The 2018 summer tests were the third year of a new style of test for 11 year olds. They were hard. Our children rose to the challenge and did very well indeed achieving attainment above the national average.

### **The Vision**

The Governing Body have reviewed the vision for the school- I thought you'd like to know what it is! If we all know (really- the whole community), then we can realise this vision.

*Our vision is to enable children to be **successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.***

*This means we aim to foster:*

- **successful learners** who will have an enquiring mind, enjoy learning and achieve their full potential.
- **confident individuals** who show resilience and are able to live safe, healthy, fulfilling and aspirational lives.
- **responsible citizens** who believe in equality, develop empathy and show kindness to all.

*If this vision is realised, children will be **SAFE, HAPPY and LEARN.***

### **The Curriculum**

We have been working very hard to develop our curriculum offer for the future. How is it we prepare children for their future? We started by reviewing the INTENT of our curriculum. We have 6 key areas that we divide all 'content' into. These are shown

ENGLISH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPEAKING AND LISTENING</li> <li>• READING</li> <li>• WRITING</li> <li>• GRAMMAR</li> <li>• SPELLING</li> <li>• HANDWRITING</li> </ul>

MATHEMATICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NUMBER</li> <li>• MENTAL &amp; WRITTEN</li> <li>• MEASUREMENT</li> <li>• GEOMETRY</li> <li>• STATISTICS</li> <li>• RATIO &amp; PROPORTION</li> </ul>

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & SAFETY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAFEGUARDING</li> <li>• DEVELOPING 'CORE' SKILLS</li> <li>• PERSONAL, SOCIAL &amp; EMOTIONAL EDUCATION</li> <li>• E-SAFETY</li> <li>• RELATIONSHIPS &amp; SEX ED.</li> <li>• HEALTH EDUCATION</li> <li>• DRUGS EDUCATION</li> </ul>

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCIENCE</li> <li>• HISTORY</li> <li>• GEOGRAPHY</li> <li>• LANGUAGES</li> <li>• COMPUTING</li> <li>• RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</li> <li>• INTERNATIONAL LINKS</li> </ul>

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE</li> <li>• COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES</li> <li>• ENRICHMENT (SKI, SAIL)</li> <li>• LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES</li> <li>• 'MILE A DAY' SCHOOL</li> <li>• CLUBS (BEFORE AND AFTER)</li> </ul>

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ART &amp; DESIGN</li> <li>• DESIGN &amp; TECHNOLOGY</li> <li>• MUSIC &amp; SINGING</li> <li>• DRAMA &amp; PRODUCTIONS</li> <li>• INSTRUMENT TUITION</li> </ul>

in the diagram to the right.

English and maths are important, yes, but not the be all and end all.

### **The Core of our Curriculum**

Crucially important to the curriculum is the personal development of pupils. How do we help make tomorrow's grown-ups great members of society? Well, we focus on seven personal qualities we call 'the core of the curriculum'.



### **New School Building** **–Progress Report...**

So- where are we up to? The new school building is due to open September 2019. The school will be for year groups of 30 and is being built to take account of the fact that Trowse will have more families in the near future. We are accepting 30 children into reception this year too- as we are only one year away from a move and we have capacity in the current school building. There is such demand for places at Trowse; this year there were 60 families that put us on their 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference list.

### **Money!**

Money is getting tighter in education. I know- you hear about schools not having the money in the media all the time—but really, it's true. Over 70% of income goes on staff salaries. We can just about get by at the moment with a balanced budget, but most Norfolk Schools have struggled to provide a 3 year balanced budget this April.

### **Supporting Other Schools**

Last summer, and again this year, I was asked to support schools experiencing difficulty with leadership. This is a new role for me and something I feel helps me professionally. I have been a Trowse for 10 years and it is really good for me (and therefore good for Trowse) to get out and about. Schools who suddenly or unexpectedly find themselves without a Headteacher are, as I'm sure you can appreciate, are in a difficult position and some leadership has to come from somewhere. There is no Local Authority service any more to support this, so it has to come from other schools.

### **Things to Look Forward to....**

The summer term will be full of excitement and fun too with opportunity aplenty! There will be educational visits arranged, opportunities to compete in the sporting arena either at our own sports day, or representing the school in competition. There will be sailing and performances. Our school is a special and exciting place- I bet you wish you worked here!

**RESOLVED** the draft minutes should be published in the "Villager" when available for residents' information.

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **2019/6) Open forum**

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and comments included the following:

Cllr Herring asked SNC Cllr Lewis if there will be any CIL money for the fresh application from Arminghall and if there will there be any electric charging points put in by SNC? Cllr Lewis advised it is "early days of electrification"

Mrs Roberts referred to the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes and noted the training for the defibrillator had not been provided - It was confirmed the Councillor facilitating the training had left the Council. Management of the defibrillator to be placed on the May agenda.

Mr Braid asked SNC Cllr Lewis if others have been asked about the Local Plan eg CPRE - SNC Cllr Lewis advised this usually comes at the public enquiry stage and the Broads Authority are formal consultees as planning authority for part of the parish.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm