

TROWSE WITH NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 18th September 2023 in The Manor Rooms, Trowse at 7.15pm.

PRESENT

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

041 (001) APOLOGIES

None received for this meeting. It was noted that Cllr King was absent.

042 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs on the Manor Rooms Management Committee, those with allotments and those on the Trowse Historical Society committee.

043 (003) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st August 2023 were **AGREED with an amendment to the date and signed.**

Cllr Bowers asked Cllr Thomson to clarify that works to the overhanging hedge on White Horse Lane were indeed going to be done by Highways. Cllr Thomson to investigate.

044 (004) PUBLIC FORUM

a)

District reports – at the end of these minutes - report added to website.

County report – at the end of these minutes – report added to website.

b) **Public**

A resident asked about a noticeboard for Pepperpot Drive. The Clerk informed her that the board was waiting to be installed after a decision about where to place it had been approved by the Council. It was thought that to the right of the school gate would be a good location. **Clerk to make investigations with Highways as to placement location approval.**

A resident asked if the White Horse Lane development was going to be added to the Conservation plan. The Hopkins Home development in upper Trowse has been added and it was thought that the Norfolk Homes Development should be included in this too. **Clerk to make investigations.**

A resident asked about the landscape plan that was implemented by Norfolk Homes on the White Horse Lane development. The Clerk stated that she was unaware of any such plan but would welcome the information so as to make proper provision for the site.

PA for meetings. A resident asked if any further progress had been made about application for meetings. The Clerk mentioned that a hearing loop might be something that the Manor Rooms consider installing for all users of the hall, but Cllr Bower stated that in the interim she has an amplifier that could be used.

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

Decisions/Actions	Delegated to
Landowner investigations White Horse Lane	Clerk liaising with Cllr Thomson

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PSPO response	Clerk
Churchyard tree works.	Clerk
Planning response for May Gurney application	Clerk

046 (006) COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1 Personnel and Communications

In Cllr Barnes' absence the Clerk took those present through the activities of the Personnel and Communications committee.

- Discussions had been held at P&C regarding the use of personal emails. It was thought that all councillors should now be using their Teams email address for council correspondence. Cllr Bowers suggested a meeting for those with issues to iron out any problems.

6.2 Finance

Cllr Haynes gave those present an update of the Finance Committee.

- Cllr Haynes mentioned that there was an underspend on some ear marked projects that that the Finance committee will be recommending to Full Council that these underspends be redistributed to Tree works ear marked reserves. **Clerk to action this on the October Full Council meeting agenda.**
- An update was given on the Santander account.

6.3 Open Spaces

Cllr Owen gave a run down of discussions held at the most recent Open Spaces meeting.

An extra ordinary meeting has been called for the 26th September to discuss allotment management.

- To discuss and agree tree works report and agree any actions. Cllr Bowers took those present through the details of the previous report which was carried out in 2018. Council has since employed a different contractor to do another more in-depth survey with a view a different management approach to the trees. The recommendations of the new report are going out to tender.
- To discuss and agree the provision of new benches on the common. **It was agreed that a sum of £5000 of CIL funds be ear marked for the replacement of benches on the common. The replacements benches will be a like for like replacement of what has been removed with the addition of a children's picnic bench. Clerk to action.**

047 (007) MANOR ROOMS

The chair of the Manor Rooms committee gave an update on activities in the Manor Rooms. Following the receipt of the building survey, some remedial work has been identified as in need of doing. The Manor Rooms only has limited funds and the chairman urged local resident to use the facilities available in the village or risk losing them.

The bowls club have not renewed their tenancy of the bowling green and associated buildings so the Manor Rooms has lost a big contributor to funds.

048 (008) FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1- To agree Payments for August 2023 as circulated. **AGREED AND APPROVED.**

9.2 – To agree bank Reconciliations for August 2023 as circulated. **AGREED AND APPROVED.**

049 (009) PLANNING

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The Clerk took those present through an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately, the latest draft at the Regulation 16 consultation has not been approved by South Norfolk DC so the working group will be meeting to discuss the way forward.

050 (010) POLICIES

None for this meeting.

051 (011) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is **Monday 16th October 2023** at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Decisions/Actions	Delegated to
Landowner investigations White Horse Lane.	Clerk liaising with Cllr Thomson
Ear marked reserves surplus on October agenda.	Clerk
Churchyard tree works quotes.	Clerk
Benches on the common.	Clerk
Noticeboard on Pepperpot Drive	Clerk
Conservation area to include White Horse Lane development.	Clerk

District and County Reports

District

District Councillor Report – September 2023

Lisa Neal

Solar Together:

Broadland and South Norfolk Councils are offering residents the chance to be part of a scheme to help make it easier for homeowners and small businesses to buy solar panels for generating energy.



The councils, along with other councils in Norfolk, have once again partnered with bulk buying specialist iChoosr to set up Solar Together Norfolk, which is a group-buying scheme where the more people and businesses who join, the better the price should be of the installation.

Register by 27 October, 2023, and then pre-vetted UK solar PV installers will participate in an auction. They are able to offer competitive pricing as the volume and geographic concentration makes it possible for them to realise greater efficiencies, which they pass on with lower prices for installations.

Pride in Place Grants

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We have just opened up round two of the above grant scheme.

Following a successful round one scheme we still have some funding left for feasibility and revenue which is what is available in this second round.



Round 2 - Pride in Place Community Gra



Powerpoint Pride in Place & T&P Summit

Nutrient Neutrality:



After receiving an announcement that the Government had finally decided to try and deal with NN so that LPA's could finally release planning decisions and get house building back up and running, it was disappointing that the House of Lords blocked it.

NPPF:

We received a welcome letter from The Secretary of State advising of their remove the 5yr land supply, as long as LPA's have an up to date Local Plan.

SNC have this so we will benefit from this, as we don't currently have a 5yr land to NN we have been receiving speculative applications from developers in areas NN catchment area, which are more difficult to refuse as we don't have our 5yr supply.



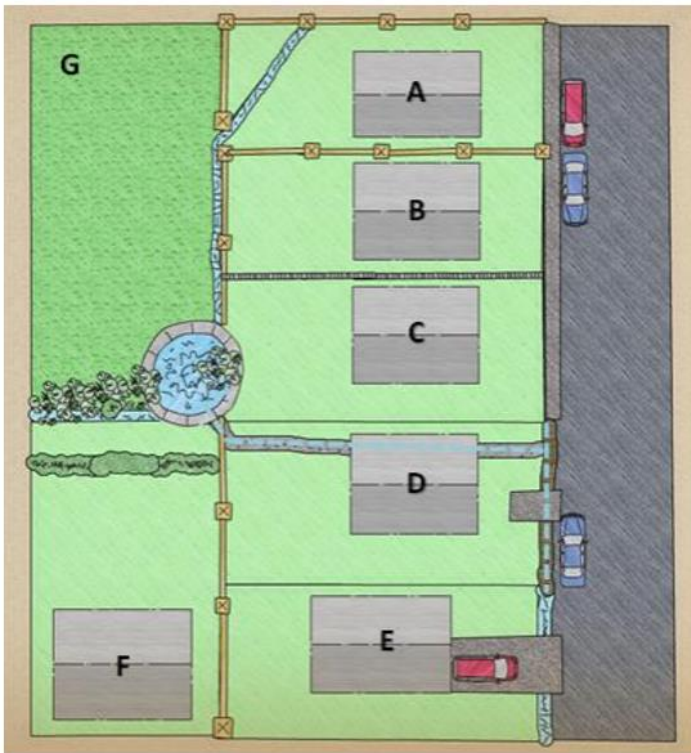
proposal to

supply due outside the land

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House A is responsible for the all of the watercourse running through their garden.

House B is responsible for the watercourse behind the fence at the bottom of their garden.

House C is responsible for the watercourse behind the fence AND the pond.

House D is responsible for the culverted (piped) watercourse buried in the ditch in front of their land AND the underground pipe which runs beneath their property to the pond.

House E is responsible for the open ditch in front of their house AND the piped section under their access bridge.

House F is responsible for the watercourse at the end of their garden behind their hedge.

Landowner G is responsible for both the watercourses running along the edges of their land AND the pond.

I have also attached a leaflet below and a link to the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance.



GREEN WASTE AND SURFACE WATER.doc

[Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance - Norfolk County Council](#)

To report flooding:

Flooding Hotline call 0344 800 8013 to report flooding anywhere in Norfolk or email: water.management@norfolk.gov.uk

New South Norfolk MP:



Yesterday I sat on a panel of 13 who interviewed six shortlisted candidates to stand as the next South Norfolk MP.

Three were then selected to attend the evening session where Members of the SNCA could ask them any questions they wanted.

After a secret vote Poppy Simister-Thomas was selected to stand.

District Councillors Report : Nicola Fowler – September 23

After a relatively quiet summer, Council business is now starting to pick up again. I have attended a meeting with Vicky Edge from Help Hub in order to have a better understanding of what support is available in our local

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community, undertaken training so I am ready to start attending the Finance committee meetings from next week & reviewed local planning applications.

I would like to remind everyone that I have a £1,000 Member's Ward grant to be paid out during the year. Also the Community Action Fund is available to apply for as well. Please keep in mind if you are part of a group that needs funding to talk to me about it.

County Report.

Norfolk County Council is closely monitoring the local and national position in relation to RAAC in schools.

As of 6 September, one Norfolk school was closed to pupils due to concerns over the presence of RAAC. The school, Thomas Bullock Academy, delayed the start of term so that checks could take place in the school hall.

The council first became aware of possible issues with RAAC in 2018 and worked with all its maintained schools to assess if the material was present and if any action was needed. Further checks have been carried out following the [government's updated guidance](#). All of Norfolk's maintained schools remain open to pupils.

The Department for Education is also carrying out its own checks to ensure it is satisfied that no further works are needed. The guidance is changing regularly, so the council will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Most Norfolk schools are academies, which are independent of the council and are responsible for their own buildings. However, the council wants to ensure the safety of all of Norfolk's children and has reminded academies to complete the DfE survey on RAAC. It has also offered practical help, where academies might need it.

The situation is changing regularly and, should any further closures be required, they will be published on the [school closures section of the website](#).

Schools and academies will be in touch with parents if any issues are identified in their child's school.

40,000 Discounted Trees Available as Part of Norfolk's 1 Million Trees Scheme

Residents, landowners, community groups and schools in Norfolk are being encouraged to join a new push aimed at increasing the number of trees planted throughout the county.

As part of this initiative, 40,000 trees will be available to order at a reduced price offering a great opportunity for individuals and organisations to contribute to the environment and make a significant impact with each tree being 'one in a million'. Tree packs will be available at seven collection points across the county including Norwich (County Hall and Broadland Country Park), Acle, Long Stratton, Watton, Fakenham and King's Lynn.

With over 270,000 trees planted since 2019, I am proud of the progress we have made. Now, we are determined to achieve an even greater impact in the upcoming 2023/24 planting season."

Those wishing to purchase a tree pack will be able to apply online from 13 September. Packs will be ready for collection in the planting season between December 2023 - February 2024.

Once trees have been planted, we're asking people to use our online system to notify us where the tree is, so that can be counted towards our ambitious goal of planting 1 Million Trees in Norfolk over five years.

Further details and the application process for tree packs can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/subsidisedtreepacks

Steps residents can take to improve drainage and reduce flooding risk

With bird nesting season over, people across Norfolk have a chance to do their bit to stop flooding and keep water flowing across their properties.

Small, simple steps that ensure water can drain away from your home can cut down the likelihood of flooding, starting with tasks as simple as keeping drains, ditches, and watercourses clear and able to flow freely. After a year's growth,

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many ditches and watercourses will benefit from clearing branches, and cutting back new undergrowth. Now bird nesting season is over, early autumn is the prime time for property owners to put in a little work to keep their properties safe.

A build-up of flood water with nowhere to drain can quickly turn a minor incident into a disaster for the home. By starting off small, and checking drains for any blockages such as mud, leaves and stones, residents can take the first step towards mitigating the impact of flooding.

Outside the home, if residents spot any blocked or broken drains on Norfolk's highways, they can report it via www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding, allowing Norfolk's Highways Team to clear them and keep our roads open.

Norfolk County Council Net Zero

Encouraging more people to use the bus travel and other sustainable options is key to our ambitious aims of achieving net-zero in Norfolk by 2030.

Norfolk County Council has committed to achieve 'net zero' carbon emissions on its estates by 2030, but within its wider area, to work with partners towards 'carbon neutrality'. This also supports the government's ambition for a net zero country by 2050.

We will achieve this by implementing carbon conscious ways of working across our buildings and supply chain; putting in place the right infrastructure across the county to support the move towards net-zero; and by working together with partners to lead and inspire our colleagues, citizens, communities, and businesses to take action and play their part in protecting Norfolk for future generations.

Charcoal Line moves to seven day service in latest bus service improvement

Bus Services between Bungay and Norwich are moving to seven days a week thanks to money that Norfolk County Council secured from the Department for Transport (DfT) to improve bus services across the County.

The changes, which come into effect on Sunday 3 September, will see the Charcoal Line - the service that includes the 40, 40A, 41, 41A and X41 bus services - running an hourly service every Sunday, Starting at 08:10 and running through to 17:10.

This is the first time the Charcoal Line will run on Sundays, giving users a service into the city centre.

For many people Sunday is as busy as any other day of the week. Whether it's getting to work, doing some shopping or just heading out for a meal with friends and family, the enhancements to the Charcoal Line will give people an easy, affordable option to get into the city and will let more people make the choice to leave the car at home."

The new service will run from Hillside Road West in Bungay through to St Stephens in Norwich, with stops in Bungay, Ditchingham, Hedenham, Woodton, Kirstead, Brooke, Poringland, Stoke Holy Cross, Framingham Earl and Trowse on the route.

The change follows on from enhancements to the Charcoal Line introduced earlier this summer, including the move to half-hourly bus services running on Monday to Saturday between Bungay and Norwich since 24 July.

This is one of a number of service enhancements which are being funded by the £49.55 million funding which Norfolk County Council was successful in securing from the Department for Transport (DfT) to use on improving bus services across the County over the next three years.

Approximately £12 million of the funding has been allocated to provide new or expanded bus routes and increase service frequencies on key routes, including more evening and weekend services.

The new timetables for the Charcoal Line can be found on the [Firstbus website](#).

Norfolk Bus Service Improvement Plan

Norfolk received the sixth highest allocation in the country and the funding consists of £30.9m of capital funding and £18.6m of revenue funding.

The plans outline 17 new measures across the county which give buses priority on the roads. These include new bus lanes in Norwich, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth and redesigned junctions across the county.

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New or improved travel hubs are proposed for Sheringham, Cromer, Diss and Hunstanton which will provide better waiting areas with real-time information to help to give passengers a better experience as well as being integrated with walking and cycling facilities.

There will also be a county-wide review of bus stops with upgrades to improve access for people with disabilities, to provide more real-time information and a programme of works to reduce delays to buses.

Improved services already announced:

[Lynx 35 and 36 service](#)

[Sanders - X55 and 210 service](#)

[Konectbus - 5b and 11a service](#)

[Konectbus - 512 service](#)

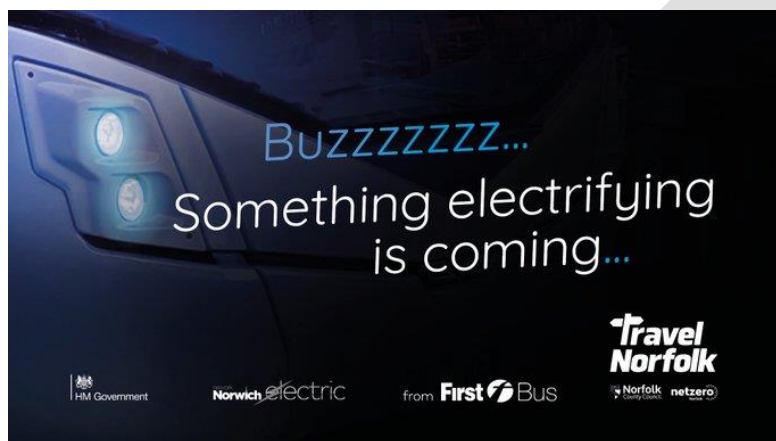
[Konectbus - Fab4 service](#)

[Sanders - X40 service](#)

[Konectbus - 35 Canary Konect service](#)

[Lynx 35/38/48/49 services](#)

[Go To Town - 3H Town Link, King's Lynn](#)



We're excited to announce that the first two fully electric buses have arrived in Norwich.

[@FirstBusUK](#)

is working hard getting drivers trained to drive the new vehicles so keep an eye out and you might spot them around the city!

- [Scam Alert - Fake prize win emails](#)
- [Scam Alert - Contacts claiming to be from the Financial Conduct Authority](#)
- [Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep Cold Caller claiming issues with properties' roof](#)
- [Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep Cold Caller offering mattresses](#)
- [Link 5 - NCC Scams Page](#)
- [Recall Alert - River Island is recalling their 'Girls White Embellished Graphic T-shirt' with the product number 457981 as the decorative embellishments may contain Lead in levels that exceed the recommended level](#)
- [Recall Alert - The Compleat Food Group is recalling various chilled pastry products sold at Sainsbury's, Asda and Aldi as they may contain pieces of metal and plastic](#)
- [Scam Alert - 'Payment declined' scam emails](#)
- [Scam Alert - Fake parcel delivery emails and text messages](#)
- [Scam Alert - Fake competitions and promotions on Facebook](#)
- [Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep Cold Callers offering driveway work](#)
- [Lidl recalls their 'McEnnedy Corn Dogs 530g' with the best before dates of 28 April 2024, 10 June 2024 and 10 August 2024 due to the possible presence of Listeria monocytogenes](#)

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