

TROWSE with NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the meeting of Trowse with Newton Parish Council
held on Monday, 22 October 2018 at 7.15pm
in the Manor Rooms, The Street, Trowse**

Present:

Cllr K Prentice – presiding
Cllr A Greenizan Cllr J Smerdon Cllr R Herring
Cllr A Brown Cllr J Harrop
Gina Lopes – Clerk to Trowse with Newton Parish Council – in attendance
12 x public
Cllr V Thomson, Norfolk County Council

2018/057) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted as below:

Cllr D Benterman

Cllr S Cattee

Further apologies noted from SNC Cllr T Lewis

2018/058) Declarations of interest

None received

2018/059) Suspension of meeting for Public Participation

RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to invite members of the public to speak – see “Public Participation Notes” attached

2018/060) Minutes of the meeting held 24 September 2018

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman

2018/061) County Councillor’s Report

NCC Cllr Thomson presented his written report as follows:

Consultations closing

A47 Dualling consultation: BLofield to North Burlingham

Consultation on the dualling of part of the A47

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>

Children’s Centre Services:

A consultation about the services provide because the contracts for all 53 centres is up for renewal.

Centre for your area is in Lakenham.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/childrenscentres

NCC response to PCC taking control of the Fire and Rescue Service.

- Removing the fire and rescue service from the County Council presents a significant financial risk to the service, and therefore a risk to public safety.

-The claimed £10m efficiency figure is speculative and misleading.

- The medium-term financial plan figures are flawed.
- It is not clear which service (police or fire and rescue) will benefit from any claimed savings and additional investment.
- The proposal makes several assumptions and untested claims.
- The cost and disruption of change is unquantified and untested.
- The proposed changes to operational response are not clearly articulated and have not been risk assessed, and therefore there is a significant risk to their deliverability and ultimately public safety.
- The claimed benefits could be achieved without a change in governance, and without the associated cost and disruption.

In summary, the County Council's clear view is that, based on the evidence and information set out in the 'A Case for Change' document, there is no case for a change in governance arrangements for the Fire and Rescue service in Norfolk.

We do not believe that the case published by the PCC would meet the statutory tests of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness.

We have concerns that the proposal, if implemented, would create a real risk to public safety.

Therefore, the County Council cannot support the proposal.

The Consultation has now finished, and we are waiting to see what steps, if any, are taken by the PCC Mobile libraries.

Currently you have a mobile service.

Thursday every 2 weeks: 18.10 60 18.40

You can use other mobile services stops

Nearest village with a service:

Kirby Bedon, Bramerton, Stoke Holy Cross, Surlingham

You can access these services provided you have your library card.

One new(ish) service is Libby, where you can download e books and audio books for free from Norfolk Library Service (if you are a member) on phones, e readers etc.



Fly tipping: Paying someone to take your waste

If you are asking anyone other than your District Council to collect any waste from your home:

Ask to see their waste carrier licence issued by the Environment Agency. Anyone removing waste from your property must have a licence.

Ask what is going to happen to your waste. You have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent someone dumping your waste unlawfully. A legitimate, professional waste carrier should not object to these questions.

Record the vehicle registration numbers of any vehicle used by a private waste carrier to take your waste away. If waste is found dumped illegally and traced back to you investigators will be able to trace the registration.

Ask for a proper invoice and receipt. Residents have ended up paying again to have their fly tipped waste removed and disposed of correctly.

We need the help of our communities to stop fly tipping.,

Scams

You can sign up to receive this information at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams>

E mail claiming to be from TV Licencing

E mail claiming to be from DVLA regarding Vehicle Tax overpayment

Cold Calling about fitting insulation

Flyers offering Driveway work

Cold calling to "clean driveways and patios"

Cold calls claiming to be Lloyds Bank

Cold calls offering household cleaning products

Telephone cold calls claiming to be from BT

Telephone call claiming you have paid too much Council Tax

Scam Alert – Emails claiming to be from ‘DVLA’ regarding ‘Vehicle Tax Overpayment’

Cold Calling Alert – Doorstep cold caller offering household cleaning products

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from BT about ‘slow broadband’

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls regarding ‘loft insulation’

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming you have ‘paid too much Council Tax

Cold Calling Alert – Doorstep cold caller enquiring about your properties ‘insulation’

Email scams and phishing alerts

Look out for the following email scams which are circulating:

Phishing email claiming to be from Apple stating ‘your Apple ID has been locked’

Scam Alert – Telephone cold calls claiming to be from ‘Telephone Preference Management Services’

Rogue Trader Alert – Doorstep Cold Caller offering to undertake ‘driveway work’

Scam Alert – People’s Postcode Lottery Letters

Product Safety Notice – B&Q issue safety notice for a number of their ‘Cata Wine Coolers’ due to risk of entrapment in vent at base of unit

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Look out for the following email scams which are circulating:

Email claiming to be from ‘eFax’ stating ‘You have received a 9 page fax’ – attachment is Malware

Hoax claiming to be Microsoft offering money for beta testing Microsoft email

Norfolk Futures

Vision for Norfolk in 2021 “Caring for our County”

Find it on website “Caring for our County” including video

4 Key principles

Offering our help early to reduce and prevent demand for specialist services

Joining up our work so that similar activities and services are easily accessible, done well and done once

Being Business-like and making best use of technology to ensure value for money

Using evidence and data to target our work where it can make the most difference.

7 priorities

Safe children and resilient families

Promoting independence for vulnerable adults

Local service strategy

Smarter information and advice

Towards a Norfolk Housing Strategy

Commercialisation

Are you interested in walking? In Norfolk we have some of the finest walks in the Country including coasts, broads, rivers and country side and the Big Norfolk Skies.

There is a new interactive map that shows all the walks in Norfolk and can be found at:

Norfolk Trails interactive map: <http://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/trails/>

There is also a map in the style of Harry Beck (underground map) highlighting the Norfolk Trails, available at The Forum.

Suggestion for NCC Cllr Thomson to write an article for the “Villager” regarding the fly-tipping issue

The Chairman had contacted Adam Mayo (NCC) regarding the current roadworks as it is dangerous access to her house, Mr Mayo agreed to put the temporary lights on “double red” for her to walk through. The situation is made worse by the bus gate and PC Sansbury has agreed to monitor. Has been stated that more works are to happen but the parish council have not received any notice of same.

NCC Cllr Thomson confirmed NP Law issue the notices not the Highways Officers and he will look into this.

2018/062) District Councillor's Report

No report received at this time.

2018/063) Councillors' Reports

Brief verbal reports were received as follow:

Cllr Prentice –

Welcomed new Councillor, Jackie Harrop, to the Council

Noted extra lorries coming through the Village and unsure how this could be stopped

New play equipment is being fully used by the children and is very popular

Cllr Smerdon –

Attended the Police meeting with Cllr Herring; the meeting was well attended and lots of “quality” comments were received

The SAMs machine is on the bus gate and he will download the data and write to Chief Inspector Barnard and copy in NCC Cllr Thomson and the Clerk. It was suggested to turn the SAMs machine around to face the other way

Cllr Brown –

Had a discussion with the Vicar regarding which areas of the cemetery are consecrated

Offered to attend the Remembrance Service on 11 November 2018 on behalf of the parish council and to lay the poppy wreath – the Clerk confirmed the poppy wreath had been ordered

Cllr Herring –

Had a request from the allotment tenant affected by the new sewer pipe, queried clarification of time of work, perimeter of site corridor and any compensation for the disruption

Addressed a leak at Block Hill allotments, stopcock sign had been vandalised and a need for a general tidy up of site

Has received comments from churchwardens that they are concerned about the large trees around the church and the church hall – suggest a new survey and reduction in size of trees

Attended Police Liaison meeting at Taverham Community Centre

Attended Traffic management meeting at the Pavilion, Stoke Holy Cross

Reported street light nos. 165-167 as not working

St Andrew's Church gate has hinge broken, will repair and will mend the broken bench on Common

Has carried out considerable tidying of the churchyard and replanting of flowerbeds

Reported hedge along White Horse Lane needs trimming back

The ramp to the meadow by the railway bridge needed attention – the Clerk to email Whitlingham Country Park to take action to improve

ACTION: CLERK/JS/AB/RH

2018/064) Planning matters

a) Applications received to date -

After consideration of the following applications it was

RESOLVED to recommend as below:

Y/7/2018/7011- Land off White Horse Road - Proposed New Build 1FE (210 pupil roll) Primary School and 24 place Pre-School Nursery building – Cllr Prentice has

met with the Chair of Governors of the School to draft the response. Issues with noise and air pollution have been addressed in the response letter. The entrance is a separate entrance. There was concern regarding children from Crown Point area walking all the way through the Village; would there be a separate access for them? Concerns regarding pedestrians and cyclists need to be emphasized. Noted Arminghall have shown a path through. Cllr Prentice to amend the draft and the Clerk to issue once completed

b) Decision notices received to date – Noted for information

2018/1854 – 7 Charolais Close – Works to Trees in conservation area – no objections

c) Planning correspondence –

i) 2017/2670 - Land South Of Devon Way and Hudson Avenue - Reserved matters for construction of 75 dwellings with associated accesses, parking, infrastructure, open space and land set aside for future primary school use following outline consent 2014/0981 – Response letter noted and Cllr Prentice had responded to the applicant to confirm that there was a lack of communication with the parish council

ii) Norfolk Homes – Reported that children are using the new play equipment. Cllr Prentice expressed the Council's thanks to the installers that returned after work hours to ensure the equipment installation was completed on time – The Chairman to issue a note of thanks

ACTION: CLERK/KP

2018/065) Finance matters

a&b) Summary of receipts and payments & Statement of accounts –

On the motion of Cllr Smerdon, seconded by Cllr Herring, it was

RESOLVED to accept and approve Summary of receipts and payments & Statement of accounts to 30 September 2018 to a total of £147,526.70

c) Completion of annual audit 2017/18 – The Clerk reported the report of the External Auditor was not yet available as the Auditor had been unable to provide within the statutory deadline. The required notice had been posted to enable the inspection of accounts.

d) Village Sign – Residents confirmed they had started planting around the village sign and were thanked for their efforts

2018/066) Allotments, Common, Cemetery & Churchyard

a) Allotments –

Tenant's correspondence – Cllr Smerdon offered to meet with the tenant before the next Council meeting for an informal discussion

New Sewer pipe – Members considered a letter from Anglian Water regarding the new sewer pipe to be laid at Dell site. Queries raised included:

- Access to the site whilst work is carried out
- perimeter of site corridor
- How long will the work take
- How big is the pipe/trench
- Disposal of the waste soil
- Request for markers on allotment plot/s to be affected prior to the work
- any compensation for the disruption

The Clerk suggested a site visit and will forward the above queries to Anglian Water

b) Common –

Play equipment inspection –

On the motion of Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Prentice, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the quote for annual play equipment inspections by the Play Inspection Company

Play equipment/matting repairs/quotes – further quote still awaited

Bench – Cllr Smerdon advised that a resident had offered to repair one of the benches on the Common free of charge, Councillors confirmed he should go ahead and thanked him for his efforts

Dog bag dispenser – reported as empty and the Clerk will check if any bags are in stock and advise Cllr Prentice

ACTION: CLERK/JS/KP

2018/067) Highways

a) Residents parking scheme – Noted request for a meeting and the Clerk to invite to November meeting and suggest viewing of trowseparking.co.uk

b) Community Speedwatch – Cllr Smerdon reported that 13 vehicles were found to be over the speed limit, the village is now generally quiet. Cllr Smerdon will forward a report to the Clerk for the next “Villager”

c) Six Strategic Traffic meeting - Cllr Smerdon confirmed he had attended traffic meeting and it had been hoped to hold a conference with the Police and others to discuss parking, SAMs data etc. Themes are needed and it was felt it would be better if the Police and Highways presented to the parishes instead and to identify what needs to be changed. Interested in receiving the SAMs data to consider how the traffic flows through the villages. Cllr Benterman is currently working on collating the necessary data. Councillors confirmed they are happy to share the data with the other parishes.

Concern raised that there is no viable alternative public transport available to residents.

Request Park and Ride service is revisited.

ACTION: CLERK/JS/DB

2018/068) Correspondence received to-date

a) Six Strategic Group Minutes and date of next meeting – Noted for information

b) Six Strategic Group Community Led Project – Cllr Brown will consider and report to the next meeting

c) Appointment of joint Managing Director for South Norfolk & Broadland – Noted appointment of Mr Trevor Holden as joint Managing Director for South Norfolk & Broadland Councils

d) Norfolk's Children's Centres Consultation – Noted for information

e) The 15th annual Trowse 10k road race - Sunday 28 October – Noted for information

ACTION: CLERK

2018/069) Chairman's urgent business

None at this time

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Public Participation Notes

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

Allotments:

- A former tenant circulated a written report to parish councillors and stated his objection to reallocation of his previous allotment plot because of his failure to renew
- Allotment tenant suggested cash payments be made direct to the Council and/or assisted by a tenant to ensure that renewal was immediate; this system had been operated many years ago and seemed to work

Other allotment issues raised:

- Dog waste on the site and suggestion for a dog bag dispenser
- Queries relating to the new sewer pipe – the Council to seek clarification

General queries:

- Resident asked for clarity regarding the application for car parking on Church Meadow – confirmed the applicant is St Andrew's Church and there is an application to use some of the land around the Church for parking specifically for Church use, the Diocese is involved
- Resident asked if there is a restriction on HGVs coming through the village, this seems increased – The Chairman advised she has asked for such a restriction and will continue to do so
- Reported that the bus shelter guttering is leaking and needs attention