

Minutes of Trowse with Newton Parish Council

Held on 21st March 2022 in the Manor Rooms, The Street,
Trowse at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs P Greenizan (chair for this meeting), A. Greenizan, M. Haynes, D. Price, J. Peart, R. Long
Clerk: Mr. T Leggett and Mrs. K Leggett.

1. Attendance

Apologies from Cllr Bowers (appeared via Zoom link)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS.

Allotment holders: Cllr A. Greenizan and Cllr R. Long. Cllr P. Greenizan and Cllr Long declared an interest in any matters pertaining to the Manor Rooms.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st February 2022 were **AGREED AND SIGNED.**

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 DISTRICT AND COUNTY REPORTS

District Report from Cllr Lisa Neal.

Economic Development Scheme had been very successful during Covid awarding £56m to over 3000 Norfolk businesses since 2020 and £900,000 in Leisure Grants to over 300 applicants.

Harleston Town Council are in collaboration with SNDC to improve the town centre for pedestrians.

Norwich Research Park currently has one building on the market for tenants and there is thought that more buildings will be built there.

SNDC are looking to double the number of Electric Car Charging Points and this also goes for charging points for boats.

Finalists for the BDC/SNDC Business Awards have been decided and winners will be announced at a ceremony on Wednesday 23rd March.

Following a paper submitted by Cllr Neal, it has been agreed that the district will get its own Parking Enforcement Officer which will mean more coverage for Trowse and weekend monitoring.

HM The Queen's jubilee: Beacon will be lit on 2nd June and 7 oak trees will be planted to form part of the Queen's Canopy. SNDC has announced that small grants are available for groups that are putting on celebrations and Parish Councils can bid for up to £200. SNDC are also putting on a summer treasure hunt.

Cllr Neal also reminded those present about the council tax rebate for people in Band A - D properties.

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County report from Cllr Vic Thompson.

There have been discussions around bus service improvements, which is a national strategy with plans to grow bus patronage (back to pre-pandemic levels), more reliable services, greener vehicles, better punctuality and increase in rural services.

Discussions around the Government's Levelling Up white paper on how to spread opportunity more equally across the UK.

Cllr Thompson called for people to register their electrical devices in order to ensure notification for product recall.

Plastic Free Village – more information to follow.

Fly tipping continues to be an issue. It is the householder's responsibility to ensure that any waste taken by a third party is disposed of in the correct manner.

Call from the Fire Service to check smoke alarms.

Reuse shop is open for business and there is currently a recycling survey going on.

Face coverings are still advised as Covid numbers are still on the rise.

There is a discount on Broadband available to those on Universal Credit.

Scams are still playing a part in local life and residents are warned about the dangers of spam emails/telephone calls, doorstep scammers and most recently scams involving the ongoing situation in the Ukraine.

There is currently no facility for registering to take Ukrainian refugees locally but it can be done by central government.

4.2 - A resident queried if the mirror was going back opposite Dell Loke. **TL to action**

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 - First meeting held with Andrea Long regarding the ENR. We are looking to sit down with Tracy Armitage from Norwich City Council to discuss this further. **Action required.**

5.2 - Bidwells Development. Responses to Bidwells presentation at the previous meeting had been sent off. We are now waiting for formal application to be submitted before any further comments can be made.

5.3 - Councillor vacancies. The closing date for applications was the 14th March.

5.4 - Play equipment is now on order but there is a long delay on the benches and notice boards. Phil Hunt will install once we have a delivery date confirmed. There was a short discussion around the location of the benches on the common.

6. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

6.1 - Applicants Guy Own and Nicky Barnes presented themselves to councillors.

6.2 - Councillors asked applicants questions

6.3 - Co-option of Councillors vote.

Nicky Barnes – All in favour

Guy Owen – All in favour

Agreed and accepted that Guy Own and Nicky Barnes be co-opted as Parish Councillors.

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7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 - Due to committees being non quorate, there has been no Open Spaces or Finance meetings. KL gave a brief update about Personnel and Comms. KL thanked TL for all his help with the staff handover.

8. PLANNING

8.1 - Already dealt with under item 5.2

8.2 – TL took councillors through small amendments to plans.

8.3 – No decisions for this meeting.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

9.1 KL updated council on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. We are coming around to Year End reporting and new grant applications will have to be made, AECOM continue to be problematic, but progress is now being made and the NP steering group hope to hold a meeting with them in the next few weeks.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 – TL took council through finances. Payments agreed

10.2 – First precept payment will be in the next few weeks and will be paid into Unity Bank. Still ongoing issues with access to Santander account. Discussion held about action to be taken as this has been ongoing for nearly 3 years. TL suggests once issue is resolved, close the account and move funds to Unity.

11. ALLOTMENTS

11.1 - Nominations for allotment reps. Still waiting on a rep from Block Hill. Christine Ender has put herself forward for The Dell. Open Spaces Committee to decide on location of new notice board.

11.2 – TL gave an update on the fencing for the allotments.

11.3 – KL gave an update on the sycamore tree on Block Hill. KL to forward quotation for work to Councillors. Open Spaces committee to make decision - All Agreed.

11.4 – Cllr Price to write a small piece for the Parish news about allotment plot upkeep.

Council advised that Astro turf on one of the Block Hill plots will be removed next month.

Rentokill are to put bait traps back in their original location.

12. COMMON AND OPEN SPACES

12.1 – Update on the defib relocation. TL to make SNDC aware that we would like to reposition the defib to the phone box just to clarify if planning permission is needed. It was noted that once it has been relocated the sign on the common will have to be amended.

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12.2 – KL gave update on the common tree planting. Thanked those that attended the wet planting day with special thanks to Chritine Ender, Chris Bowers and Barry from Excite solutions for all their prep work, which enabled speedy planting on the day.

12.3 – Adult gym equipment is on order. The Table tennis table decision has been deferred.

13. CEMETERY

13.1 – Fencing is on order. TL thought that this work would be completed at the same time as the allotment works.

14. EVENTS

14.1 – KL and Cllr Long gave an update on the plans for the Queen's jubilee party. Another meeting will be held once Cllr Bowers returns from holiday.

15. HIGHWAYS AND SIGNAGE

15.1/2 – TL gave council an update on the recent discussion with Gary Overland regarding pedestrian safety survey and possible speed mitigation on Whitlingham Lane. TL explained that we are still waiting for the pedestrian crossing survey for White Horse Lane.

15.2 – Council was updated and informed about phase two land ownership on Mustard Way development.

15.4 – The traffic mirror opposite Dell Loke will be reinstalled as it had been removed during the recent storms. TL asked if there was anyone available locally to install the concrete post needed.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Long informed council that the roundabout on the play area was "clunking". This item to be discussed at Open Spaces Committee. **KL to add to agenda.**

It had been reported that there was no tap at the Block Hill allotments and there were concerns that it had fallen off. **TL to investigate.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM.

Meeting actions.

TL/KL Dell loke Mirror

TL/KL arrange meeting with Tracy Armitage re ENR

TL tap on BH allotments

KL agenda for next Open Spaces meeting

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