

TROWSE WITH NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 15th January 2024 in The Manor Rooms, Trowse at 7.15pm.

PRESENT

Cllr P. Greenizan, Cllr Haynes, Cllr Owen, Cllr A. Greenizan, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Long and Kate Leggett (Clerk). **In the absence of Cllr Bowers, Cllr Long took the chair.**

075 (001) APOLOGIES

Cllr Price, Cllr King and Cllr Bowers

076 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

077 (003) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th December 2023 were **AGREED and signed with an amendment to the attendees. Cllr Haynes was recorded as both present and absent. He was absent and Cllr King was present.**

078 (004) PUBLIC FORUM

a) In the absence of District/County councillors the Clerk read out reports.

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

Residents raised issues around the installation of the new Beryl Bike stands. They asked where in the minutes it reflected any decisions made by this council for the installation of the bikes. They were informed that as the decision to install was not one that was made by the Parish Council, but Highways and Beryl Bikes themselves, and as such nothing would appear in this council's minutes. The Clerk commented that the council had responded to requests for the bike from other residents and this process had been started pre-covid. The residents stated that they were getting no response from Cllr Thomson or Highways. The Clerk said she would make investigations as to whom they should contact at Highways.

Residents from Pepperpot Drive spoke about the proposed parking restrictions around the roundabout on Pepperpot Drive, stating that neither the school or residents want these restrictions to be put in place. The clerk informed that that this item was up for discussion as a stand-alone item later in the agenda.

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

Decisions/Actions	Delegated to
Precept request	Clerk (actioned)

080 (006) PARKING

Following the communications received from residents of Pepperpot Drive and the school regarding the proposed restrictions around the roundabout, it is the intension of the PC that they would fully support the residents to get this section of the parking scheme removed. It was thought that as the school, who had originally asked for the restrictions, where now very clear about no longer wanting it. It was the council's

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view that as the restrictions were no longer wanted it should be removed from the plans. **A vote took place on this action. All in favour. Clerk and Cllr Bowers to action a letter to Highways and Cllr Neal about this.**

081 (007) COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Personnel and Communications

Cllr Barnes gave those present an update of the Personnel and Communications Committee.

- The council is in the process of arranging who will deliver the newsletter. The Church had supplied the committee with their distribution list which enabled the council to delegate delivery zones to volunteers.

7.2 Finance

Cllr Haynes informed those present that the Finance meeting had been inquorate and therefore could not take place this month.

7.3 Open Spaces

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

- The play equipment on the common has been repaired.
- The biodiversity plan was beginning to take shape and we are awaiting the report from the consultants.
- A small working group of councillors and residents has been set up to plan the summer event. They will be meeting tomorrow evening to begin to make plans.

The Clerk gave an update on the Clean Up and Bloom Grant. She informed council that the grant application had been successful, and we can now go ahead and make plans for litter picking and planting.

082 (008) MANOR ROOMS

The chair of the Manor Rooms gave an update.

- There seems to have been an increased interest in the village to use the Manor Rooms for crafting activities, which has meant an increase in bookings recently.
- The fortnightly Quiz and Chilli nights are being very well attended.
- There is to be a review of the hire fees to take into account the increased cost of heating.
- There are discussions taking place about the future use of the Bowling Green, and how this can be used as a revenue source for the Manor Rooms. The MRMC are looking to work with the PC to maximise the potential for grants etc.
- Cllr Greenizan also mentioned that there is another Trowse Historical Society event in the Church on Sunday afternoon (21st) from 2-4pm.

083 (009) FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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

084 (010) PLANNING

Applications:

2024/0032 – 14 Newton Close – Garage conversion including raising the roof height. **No objections.**

073 (011) POLICIES

None for this meeting.

085 (012) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is **Monday 19th February 2024** at 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Decisions/Actions	Delegated to
Letter to Highways re parking scheme proposals	Clerk and Cllr Bowers
Investigation into direct contact for Highways	Clerk.

District and County Reports

District

Lisa Neal - District Councillor Report – January 2024

Domestic Abuse Training:

Not a very nice subject to have training in but unfortunately domestic abuse is still the highest recorded crime in Norfolk!

This was delivered to us by the Domestic Abuse Commissioning Manager at Adult Social Services.

We were complimented on The Sanctuary Scheme that SNC and Broadland Council offers to victims who want to remain in their own home if possible.

I have attached the presentation which gives you more details on this scheme along with other information.



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Awareness 19 12 23.p

Local Plan:



An update on the plan:

- Inspectors' report expected (draft 29th Jan)
- Considered by GNDP on 27 February

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Decision to adopt made by each of the 3 councils:

- ◦ Broadland Cabinet 19/3 and Council 28/3
- ◦ Norwich Cabinet 6/3 and Council 12/3
- ◦ South Norfolk Cabinet 18/3 and Council 25/3

Adoption 29th March 2024

Fingers crossed as I know this seems to be rumbling on for ages!

Proposed improvements on Ipswich Road:



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Road Road bus lane c



Ipswich Road-Hall
Road junction_plan.pc

Norfolk County Council have proposed introducing a bus lane southbound on Ipswich Road, on the junction with Hall Road. Although the proposed location itself is within the Norwich City Council area, it may be something that you would be interested in, so I have attached a copy of the letter that will go out to neighbouring residents, and a very basic map that I have been provided with.

Norfolk County Council are seeking to engage residents in consultation on these plans. Local residents will begin receiving letters imminently inviting them to express their views, and NCC are asking for increased participation, which would be appreciated. The consultation will close on the 29th January. Full details are available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/ipswichroadbuslane

Cold Calling – Doorstep Scam:



You may have seen on the Community FaceBook pages there have been a number of reports of a group of men knocking on doors at night trying to sell items.

They are stating they have recently been released from prison and it's part of a rehabilitation programme.

It is NOT and is a scam!

Speaking to PC Tom Goodrum they are aware and they have released the following statement:

We're urging South Norfolk residents to be vigilant following reports of suspected cold callers operating across the district.

Officers received a number of reports yesterday (Tuesday 9 January 2024) from residents in Wymondham, Poringland, Brooke and Ditchingham.

The incidents all followed a similar theme of a man knocking at the person's door, saying they had recently been released from prison and wanted to sell household items.

🔔 We advise you to close and lock your back door before answering the front door. If you do not recognise the person, speak through the closed and locked door.

🔔 If they are selling something or offering to do any work on your house or garden, tell them you are not interested and ask them to leave. If they persist, tell them you will call the police and call us on 999. If you have any doubt – keep them out.

🔔 We advise that you should never agree to buy goods from, or have work done, by someone that calls unannounced at their door, or approaches you on the street.

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Often such traders don't provide full names, trading addresses or contact telephone numbers, resulting in it being virtually impossible to trace them if there are any problems with the work or goods.

📞 Anyone feeling threatened by a cold caller should call 999 immediately. Anyone with information about suspected rogue traders should contact police on 101, or alternatively Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Please consider sharing this with your friends and family.

#BeVigilant #CrimePrevention

Town and Parish Council Forum:

I have attached the slides from the above forum we had on the 10th January.



Winter Warmer
Grants - Matt Allen Pr



Pride in Place
Update_Andy Sexton_



Autumn Statement &
Settlement_Rodney Fi

The next forum is scheduled for **Tuesday 6th February 3pm – 4pm.**

Phil Courtier's update on Planning and Regulatory issues covered:

Building up to a general election, all parties have a similar language:

- Planning Reform
- Tightening of performance
- Increase in resources
- Relaxing the 5-year land supply, so less predatory applications

The Greater Norwich Local Plan to be adopted in the next couple of months

Work due to start on the new Long Stratton bypass this Spring

Nutrient Neutrality – NEC Ltd will start trading in the next couple of weeks

Government has given £9.6million of funding for further Nutrient mitigation in the Norfolk catchment

Biodiversity net gain – will be introduced as a planning consideration shortly

Business Awards:



The finalists have been announced for the Broadland and South Norfolk Business Awards 2024.

The awards are an annual event held by Broadland and South Norfolk Councils and businesses based in the two districts were invited to nominate themselves for an award in any of the 10 categories.

Residents in the two districts were also asked to nominate their favourite retailer and their favourite pub.

With the support of our headline sponsor Birketts LLP, the Councils will showcase the best of Broadland and South Norfolk's business talent at an awards ceremony on 5 March at Norwich City Football Club.

Find out more about the finalists at www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/businessawards

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County Report

A very Happy New Year

Always a reset in January to look at issues for the new year.

The largest is the imminent budget and the public consultation finishes shortly.



Help shape our priorities over the coming years by telling us what matters most to you. The consultation is open until 15 January.

Read our proposals and have your say here:

<https://gettalking.norwich.gov.uk/budget2024-25>

The budget must take into account spending in the previous year and particularly where we have had unexpected expenses.

Children's Services and Adult services are the largest and most difficult to predict

This year the storms we had at the end of last year are going to significantly affect our next budget!

The flooding caused by the storms will require cleaning, repairs, and restoration over the start of this year adding to budget pressures.

Riparian rights

Given the extent of the storms we will also have to look at the capacity for retaining water. We had started to do that last year by reminding people of their riparian rights in relation to ditches.

County Deal for Norfolk update

At a full council meeting on 12 December 2023, Councillors accepted a £600 million devolution deal for Norfolk. The deal will also mean that decisions can be taken in Norfolk, for Norfolk.

The council voted to accept a county deal devolution agreement with the Government to transfer significant funding, powers and decisions to Norfolk.

Government funding will start transferring to Norfolk next summer if councillors vote in July 2024 to stage the first election for a leader in May 2025.

The full council agreed the following recommendations:

Council:

- Recognises the work carried out during 2023 to consult with the public, inform Members and prepare plans in relation to the 'in-principle' County Deal brought to Council in January this year.
- Commends the work undertaken by the Leader and Officers to secure additional benefits for the Norfolk County Deal and resolves that the Deal should be accepted.
- Agrees that the election for the Directly Elected Leader should be held alongside the county council elections in May 2025 to enable the widest possible engagement with the electorate.
- Agrees that the resolution adopting the new governance arrangements should be brought to the Full Council meeting on 23 July 2024 to facilitate that election date.

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When the temperature dips it can put vulnerable people in your community at risk. Check in on older or vulnerable people living nearby to make sure they're ok.

<https://orlo.uk/lbZmb>

Schools, Every Child in Norfolk to Flourish

Schools are run by either a governing Body or an Academy Trust but there are some areas that are within NCC remit.

NCC must provide sufficient places for ages 4 to 16. We have just revised our School Sufficiency Plan. This is a very difficult task with the urban and rural mix and the key data and demographics. Pupil numbers are also on decline and have been since 2019.

Schools: Parental Choice.

Now parents have a 1,2,3 preference choice but in the last intake some parents did not get any of their 3 choices. It has been agreed for 2025 that parents will be given 4 choices.

Voter ID - Voter authority certificate awareness update

Last May was the first time in England that voters were required to produce a valid photo ID or a voter authority certificate to be issued a ballot paper. The Electoral Commission found that awareness of the certificate stood at 57% in May 2023, and only 25,000 certificates were used as a form of ID on polling day.

Government agrees that everything possible should be done to make everybody who is in a position to vote aware, first, of the need for registration, and, secondly, of the possibility of applying for a certificate if they do not have other forms of photographic identification. He also said he was focusing on how he could get the awareness figure closer to 80% - 90%. Will be an election this year!

National Vaccination Strategy

NHS England, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Care, the UK Health Security Agency and other partners, has developed a strategic direction for the delivery of vaccination services, focussed on improving uptake and coverage of all vaccinations across the whole population whilst reducing disparities of uptake in under-served communities. To do so the [Vaccination Strategy](#), published on 13 December, aims to:

simplify and streamline access to vaccinations, including extending online booking capability.

improve access for people who are currently underserved by offering vaccination through community-based, targeted approaches.

deliver vaccination through flexible, integrated, neighbourhood teams that can deliver other preventative interventions alongside vaccination.

The strategy proposes that Integrated Care Boards have the responsibility and flexibility to deliver these aims through local vaccination delivery networks that are tailored to the needs of local people.

Waste centres

Norfolk residents will be able to dispose of small amounts of DIY waste at Norfolk's Recycling Centres free of charge from 31 December following changes made by Norfolk County Council.

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The change applies to small-scale projects carried out by householders on their own home, allowing them to bring a maximum 100 litres (must fit into 2 x 50l bags) for free or one single item (maximum size of 200cm x 70cm x 75cm). Each household is allowed four free visits with DIY waste every four weeks. Anything beyond this will still be charged at normal rates.

"From 31 December, the Government has set out the limits to household DIY waste which can be taken free of charge, but our Pay As You Throw service will remain in place as a convenient way to get rid of larger amounts. It's important that people are encouraged to dispose of their waste responsibly.

"In 2022/23 the County Council's Recycling Centres handled more than 60,000 tonnes of waste and 72% of this was diverted from disposal. We hope this change to legislation will be a further boost to householders to recycle as much as they can.

The change in policy follows Government abolishing charges for the disposal of limited amounts and types of DIY waste at recycling centres across the UK.

Prior to 31 December, customers with DIY-type construction and demolition waste will continue to be directed to the 'Pay as you throw service' which is available at all centres.

Traders must continue to pay for DIY waste.

For more information visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/DIYwaste

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1736703165016248352>

Adult learning

Norfolk County Council's Adult Learning has been rated as 'Good' following their latest Ofsted inspection.

The inspection report praised the ambition of the service, which provides community-based and online learning for around 6,000 adults a year. The service achieved a 'Good' rating across all six areas that were inspected, alongside the overall 'Good' rating.

"We are proud of the positive impact that our courses have on the lives and careers of our learners. Adult Learning is an essential tool in upskilling Norfolk's work force and provides a clear boost to our local economy."

"I was pleased to see that the inspectors recognised the high quality of teaching and the inclusive approach that Adult Learning offers. It is important that we support those who face barriers to education, such as mobility, social isolation and financial hardship so they can reach their potential."

Inspectors commented that learners are 'highly motivated' and committed to their studies. They praised the number of people who have a 'clear plan' for their future careers and that they want to improve their economic prospects.

In particular, inspectors highlighted the work with residents of retirement homes who have increased their confidence, self-care and resilience after completing courses in basic cookery. They commented how, following the course, learners felt less isolated and 'excited to prepare and eat their own meals'.

It was also recognised that the service has responded effectively to the growing demand for English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) courses.

There was praise for the work with Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service apprentices. The inspectors saw how the course helps them to work safely while learning about the importance of health and nutrition. The report concluded that the 'apprenticeship is well matched to the needs of the fire service.'

This inspection result comes on the back of Norfolk County Council Adult Learning being named 'Further or Higher Education Provider of the Year' at this year's Norfolk Education Awards. This followed national recognition in 2021 where the service was named adult and community learning provider of the year at the TES Further Education Awards.

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Norfolk County Council Adult Learning offers a wide range of courses for adults of all levels and interests. Whether you want to change your career, improve your skills, or pursue your passion.

- [Scam Alert - Fake parcel delivery emails and text messages](#)
- [Scam Alert - Scam callers claiming to be Police Officers](#)
- [Scam Alert - Fake 'Royal Mail' websites selling stamps](#)
- [Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep cold callers selling household products](#)
- [Information Alert - Bluetongue confirmed in cattle on a premises near Cantley](#)
- [News Alert - Norfolk Police granted closure order on shop selling illegal vapes in Dereham](#)
- [Recall Alert - Tesco is recalling their 'Tesco Finest Apple & Cranberry Stuffing Mix because of the possible presence of moths](#)
- [Safety Alert - River Island is recalling their 'Baby Boys Blue Quilted Snowsuit product number 458872' sold between August 2023 & November 2023 due to a possible choking hazard](#)
- [Information Alert - Citizens Advice Consumer Service Christmas & New Year opening hours and Consumer Alert Emails](#)
- [Scam Alert - Consumer website Which? warns drivers to avoid search engines when downloading parking apps](#)
- [Scam Alert - Automated telephone cold calls claiming to be from Visa](#)
- [Information Alert - Stay safe from Loan Sharks](#)
- [Safety Alert - Gas Hob Elbow Joints Corrective Action Programme continues](#)
- [Recall Alert - Refresco Beverages UK Limited is recalling various Calypso & Asda branded 150ml juice drinks because the straws may be contaminated with metal, making them unsafe](#)
- [Recall Alert - Princes Group is recalling a number of Asda, Branston, Sainsburys and Tesco branded canned bean products because they may contain small rubber balls, making them unsafe to eat](#)
- [Recall Alert - Nomoy Pet Reptile Heat Lamps are being recalled as the dimensions of the plug face are non-compliant meaning they present a serious risk of electric shock](#)
- [Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep cold callers selling household products](#)
- [Scam Alert - Emails claiming to be from the National Crime Agency](#)
- [Cold Calling Alert - Telephone cold calls regarding loft insulation](#)
- [Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep cold caller claiming issues with properties' roof](#)
- [Scam Alert - Investment scams and fake cryptocurrency exchanges](#)
- [Cold Calling Alert - Doorstep cold callers in the Downham Market area](#)

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