

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present:

Cllrs. Julia Marozzi, Scilla Landale, Tom Lane, Elizabeth Meath Baker, Nigel Morter, Vanessa Paige, Keith Tuck, Clare Williams, James Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman)

And: Joe Goswell (member of the Village Hall Working Group) and two members of the public

And: District Councillor Tom FitzPatrick,

And Paul and Billy from Claxton Hall Architectural Ltd

Meeting of the Parish Council

on THURSDAY 27 JULY 2023 at 7:15 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

A member of the public raised concern about the coaches using Friday Market – one caused serious damage to the Oxford Stores when it was attempting to exit onto the High Street. He said that the streets in the village were not suitable for coaches. It was noted that the Shrine could use their mini bus to transfer luggage (and less mobile visitors) from the Coach Park to their accommodation if they had sufficient drivers. The Clerk was asked to write to the Shrine.

MINUTES

Welcome

1. **Apologies** from Brian Landale (Chairman) and County Councillor Michael Dalby were accepted.
2. **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting** on 10 May were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising** not otherwise on the agenda
 - a. It was noted that the mobile post office van was no longer in operation. It was understood that the Post Office are looking at a new model (in community buildings) to provide outreach services. The MP has been informed as this is a service which is used and valued by people in the village.
 - b. Entrance to village on the Fakenham Road is cluttered with signs. Perhaps flower beds could be made at the Village Gateways. It was noted that bulbs had been planted at Wells Road gateway. Tending the other sites was probably not possible due to the nature of the road and the width of the verge – working on the Highways requires special permission and insurance cover.
 - c. Verge between the Cleaves and the old 'Victorious' was looking overgrown. The question was put would it be possible to plant with wild flowers? The matter would be raised with the Walsingham Estate.
 - d. It was reported that the ground beneath the bench at the War Memorial (bottom of Guild Street) has worn away so much that it is very difficult to use. Elizabeth Meath Baker would ask Andrew McLaren to see what could be done to level the surface.
5. **Police Matters:** nothing to report
6. **Report from County Councillor** (via email) confirmation of following up of highways matters.
7. **Report from District Councillor**

NNDC has achieved the silver award in the defence employer recognition scheme. Following the elections in May the Council has introduced a new corporate plan with goals to improve local homes that are sustainable and of high quality; local economy and local businesses – business support hub on the website; customer focus; democratic engagement; quality of life for residents (particularly the elderly); make NNDC financially stable and have a campaign to protect trees and hedgerows. Sustainable Communities Fund open for applications – perhaps a sub-project of the Village Hall e.g. kitchen etc.). He also reported that the MP for North Norfolk was promoting banking hubs – one of which had been suggested could be set up in the HSBC building in Fakenham Market Place.
8. **Village Hall Working Group**
 - a. It was noted that the **Insurers have accepted the fee proposal** from Claxton Hall Architectural Ltd and they have been formally asked to manage the project from

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demolition, through design, to rebuild. It was noted that an alternative fee proposal had been received from Gateley Smithers Purslow (contact details supplied by insurers). This was higher than the one from Claxton Hall and would in addition have travel expenses from Cambridge. The insurance would cover the cost of reinstatement of the existing building including upgrades to meet current building standards and regulations. Any costs over and above the rebuild cost which result from a redesign of the building would have to be funded from elsewhere (funding-raising, grants etc.).

- b. **Claxton Architectural Ltd** have identified a builder (currently coming to the end of another job) who would be able to do the demolition (and rebuild). It was hoped that a site visit could be arranged after 7 August for the builder to assess the clearance / demolition. They are aware that there are items to be retrieved (plaques etc) and salvaged (e.g. oven, crockery, chairs, tables etc) from the damaged building. The Village Timeline would need to be removed from the snooker room, although it was hoped that the snooker table could remain in situ for future use.
- c. The architects would draw up a plan for rebuild (so that the cost can be established) and draft a plan incorporating initial ideas for improvements. The latter would then be presented to the community and the parish council / village hall working group for feedback. Once a final plan is agreed it would be put out to tender. A timeline would be produced for the loss adjuster.
- d. **Village Hall Questionnaire** delivered with the newsletter (also sent to school parents).
 - i. 87 responses in all, representing a range of households and ages. The vast majority were in favour of having a Village Hall as a valued community asset. (Two queried if it was necessary as both it and the Parish Hall provide similar facilities). The overall view appears to be to have a 'modern' building integrating better with the outside areas and providing as many facilities as possible to cater for the needs of all ages and many different functions. The suggestions and ideas will be a useful starting point for the architects.
- e. **Ideas for the replacement Village Hall:** opportunity to have a statement building / a landmark in the village as environmentally-friendly as possible, with good quality materials, to suit the needs of the community for the present and the future.
- f. **Presentation of draft plans and opportunity for public involvement and feedback**
 - i. Friday 6 October in the Parish Hall
- g. **Fundraising**
 - i. The venue for the monthly **Sunday Farmers Market** has been changed to Great Walsingham Barns. They will continue to donate the stall fee to the Village Hall. Dates: 29 July, 19 August, 23 September, 28 October, 25 November, 9 December
 - ii. It was agreed to support Keith Tuck's proposal to launch a fund raising appeal at a Musical Event at the Recreation Ground: **Saturday 7 October afternoon / evening event**. Chris Esposito has kindly offered to come along with his Moving Sound disco half price at £150. (Chris has done discos and many parties at the village hall over the past 40 years.) Dave Taylor who also used to do the monthly discos is now in a 60/70's band and is coming back to me regarding availability and price. Chris has a friend who does barbecues. James has kindly offered the use of a marquee and generator. Only one thing left will be toilet hire..... unless the changing room toilets would be available! Also looking at possible funfair rides for children and sourcing bar arrangements with idea of beer festival ales. It would be good to make this free for all event to encourage more people to come along! We could organise a grand raffle or tombola to cover some costs and hold a car boot sale in the afternoon. Lighting would need to be found, and toilets hired. A working group would meet with Keith in charge.

9. Highways

- a. The Parish Partnership Scheme is open for applications for highway improvements (deadline 8 Dec). If the application is successful the County Council covers 50% of the cost.
- b. Potholes and other highway faults should be reported via the website:
<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/default.aspx>

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10. SAM2

- a. The SAM2 unit was on **Wells Road during April 2023** monitoring traffic speed and the volume of vehicles coming down the hill.

From 14 April 2023 to 5 May 2023

- 9,196 vehicles were recorded coming into the village with an average of 448 per day.
- The peak times of travel were 8 am to 9 am (average of 40 vehicles); and 5 pm and 6 pm (average of 45 vehicles)
- The maximum speed was 60 mph at 12:05 pm on 16 April, (although the average speeder was travelling about 38 mph, there were quite a few going over 50 mph).
- The majority of vehicles were travelling just above the speed limit which is 30 mph. The 85th percentile speed (i.e. of 9,196 vehicles) was 34.5 mph; and the average speed was 29.3 mph.
- b. The SAM2 unit was at the Friary **Fakenham Road during May and June 2023** monitoring traffic speed and the volume of vehicles coming into the village.

From 23 May 2023 to 14 June 2023

- 15,594 vehicles were recorded coming into the village with an average of 726.7 per day.
- The peak times of travel were 8 am to 9 am (average of 46 vehicles); and 5 pm and 6 pm (average of 60 vehicles)
- The maximum speed was 60 mph at 8:20 am on 28 May, (although the average speed was just over 26 mph).
- The majority of vehicles were travelling just above the speed limit which is 30 mph. The 85th percentile speed (i.e. of 13,255 vehicles) was 33 mph; and the average speed was 26.3 mph.

11. Street Lighting: nothing to report.

12. Grit bins and rubbish bins

- a. It was noted that Highways have approved the location for a new grit bin on Station Road / M25 but not for Mount Pleasant as there is already one there.
- b. The following have been purchased from Bin Shop (to be delivered to Hill House Farm)
 - i. 2 x 200l grit bins (to replace damaged one on The Hill, Gt Walsingham and new one for Station Road / M25)
 - ii. 1 x litter bin to be located near grit bin on junction of St Peters Road / Wells Road (to replace the one by the school gate).

13. Finances

- a. **Statement of Accounts** was presented and confirmed.
- b. **The following payments were approved**

Countrystyle Recycling	bottlebank	101524	£6.00
Norfolk Copiers	service charge	101525	£123.04
Joanna Otte	expenses	101526	£107.41
Joanna Otte	Bin Shop (2 x grit bin, 1 x litter bin)	101527	£387.52
Countrystyle Recycling	emptying bottle banks	101528	£9.00
Fenland Leisure Products	playground repairs	101530	£462.90
Norfolk Copiers	service charge	101531	£74.70
CGM	playing field grounds maintenance (June)	101532	£170.28
Vanessa Paige	verges, PROW, hedge April, May June	101533	£575.00

14. Planning

- a. **Applications received since the last meeting**
 - i. RV/23/1241: Variation of condition 5 (operational life and decommissioning period) of planning permission PF/13/0168 (Construction of 20 mw solar photovoltaic farm with associated works including inverter housing) to add an additional 13 years on the current planning consent, until 24 October 2052 at **Solar Farm Bunkers Hill Wells Road Egmere**. Link circulated.
 - ii. PF/23/1258: Change of use of outbuilding to Holiday Let at **The Old Bake House 3 The Hill**. Link circulated.

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b. Decisions made by NNDC

- i. Demolition of existing chemical store and sprayer building, and construction of general purpose building including chemical store and sprayer filling area, workshop extension, liquid fertilizer storage compound, rainwater harvesting tanks along with associated concrete and hardcore external hard-standings, wash bay, sustainable drainage scheme and landscaping at **Bunkers Hill Mill Bunkers Hill Wells Road Egmere**. APPROVED.

c. Other planning matters:

- i. Tree Preservation Order: NNDC TPO (Walsingham) 2023 No.7 ref TPO/23/1007. T1 Poplar on land at 2E Knight Street NR22 6DA (E: 593610 N: 336870). CONFIRMED.

15. Correspondence: circulated as usual.

- a. Email received from the District Council with information as follows: 'Notice is hereby given, in accordance with regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that North Norfolk District Council submitted the Proposed Submission Version **North Norfolk Local Plan** to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities on 11 May 2023 for independent examination.' The submission documents are available for public inspection via the Council's examination website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplan

16. Items for report or future agenda

- a. Nigel Morter gave advance notice of an 80 year commemoration on 8 June 2024 at the Control Tower Egmere.
- b. Complaint from former visitors that they were not allowed to have their fold-up bikes on the bus so will no longer visit Norfolk
- c. Parking problems
- d. Request for reduction in speed limit at Egmere

17. Next Meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall**

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Meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 27 July 2023

- 1) The **Minutes** of the meeting on 10 May 2023 were approved.
 - 2) **Village Hall:** rebuild to be managed by the Parish Council.
 - 3) **Recreation Ground**
 - a) It was agreed to get a second pair of bins (recycling and other rubbish) for the skate park area and add it to the regular two weekly collections arranged by NNDC. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of stickers for the bins to show what to put in which bin.
 - b) It was agreed to remove the fixed rubbish bin in the play area.
 - 4) **Finances**
 - a) Receipts: £50 donation; NNDC £120 and £111.15
 - b) DD payments: Anglian Water £370.34
 - c) Balance as at 20 July 2023: £29,302.64
 - d) The following payment was approved: £120 to Walsingham Estate for the use of the Parish Hall as a polling station (payment received from NNDC)
 - e) **It was agreed to open a COIF deposit account** with CCLA (to earn interest).
 - f) It was agreed to investigate the possibility of setting up online banking arrangements with Barclays to enable online transfer to new savings account at CCLA and other payments.
 - 5) Any other business: none.
- Meeting closed at 8:50 pm