

Weybourne Parish Council
MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 6th December 2018, 7.30pm at the village hall.

Present:

Pat Floyd (Chair), Walter Wood, Janice Rose, Robin Woodhouse, Andy Crawford, Lyndon Swift, Penny Taylor, Ruth Gallaly, Peter Gallay, Catherine Fletcher (Clerk)

Also present: 14 members of the public, John Lefever, of Hastoe Housing, Graham Connolly, Local Housing Enabler of North Norfolk District Council.

At the Chair's suggestion, it was agreed item 5.d. be moved up the agenda to be discussed after item 3.a.

1a. To receive and consider apologies

No apologies received.

1b. To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda items

No interests declared on agenda items.

2a. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2018 had been circulated and were agreed as a true record.

3a. Public Participation (requests to speak on agenda items)

Parishioners requested to speak on item 6 (Highways), item 8 (Allotments) and item 6.b. (State of the beach).

5.d. Talk regarding Affordable Housing by NNDC and Hastoe Housing, Beach Lane site

Graham Connolly, Local Housing Enabler of North Norfolk District Council spoke to the meeting. He reported there was a great deal of housing need in the area. There are currently 92 household waiting for housing that have a local connection to the parish or one of the three neighbouring parishes (Upper Sheringham, Bodham or Kelling). The combination of high house prices, low wage levels and the high number of second homes in the parish means there is little housing available for these households. NNDC have been looking for a suitable site for an Affordable Housing development for some time. They have now identified a potential site just outside the Development Boundary of the village that could be developed as a 'Rural Exception Site'. All housing developed at this site would be for households with a local connection to the area.

John Lefever, of Hastoe Housing spoke to the meeting. He explained that Hastoe Housing is a Housing Association and is the largest deliverer of Rural Exception Sites in the UK. They are a charity that builds high quality homes and the largest developer of 'Passive Houses'. These houses have hot water and heating bills of £125 per annum and so reduce fuel poverty. Hastoe Housing would want to work with the Parish Council and the District Council to identify and meet local need. The Section 106 agreement for any houses built would require that the houses be used to address local housing need in perpetuity. Through low rents and reducing fuel poverty the houses would help support low income households. This would in turn benefit the wider community. Open community meetings would be held to provide an opportunity for parishioners to find out about the project and for potential issues to be addressed.

A question and answer session followed in which further points were made:

- Households with a local connection would take priority over those in most need for this development.
- The expected lead time from now to the build could be around 1 year.
- Weybourne is not under any obligation to provide affordable housing. This project would not go ahead without the support of the Parish Council.
- There would likely be 10-15 houses.
- Access would be along Beach Lane. Hastoe Housing would work with NCC Highways to find ways to address the issues with the use of this single track road.
- The “Right to Buy” would not apply to this development, though “Right to Acquire” may apply.
- There would be consultation events to gauge local support.
- This development would need to be outside the Development Boundary of the village as land within the boundary would be too expensive to make this type of development viable.
- Much time has been spent trying to find a landowner willing to sell within the Development Boundary, but none have been found.
- This development would not affect the current Development Boundary.

3b. To receive reports from County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Sarah Butikofer arrived at the meeting and reported the following:

- The current Police and Crime Commissioner will not be seeking re-election at the end of their term
- There is currently a consultation open regarding connecting the Northern Distributor Road to the A47
- C.Cllr. Butikofer has arranged a meeting with Mr Saunders to discuss the reduction in the bus service and the suitability of the vehicles used on certain routes.
- There are proposals being worked up for toilets near the beach that will use a septic tank type system. It has also been suggested the trench at the beach may be removed to make the area more usable. It has also been suggested that beach huts may be placed on the beach.

The Chair expressed surprise that Weybourne was being considered for beach huts as the beach is not a swimming beach and is not suitable for beach huts.

District Councillor David Young had sent a written report as he was unable to attend this evening’s meeting. His report noted:

- Solar panels are to be installed on roof of the Cromer NNDC building.
- Councillor Sarah Butikofer has been appointed as the new Leader of North Norfolk District Council following a vote of no confidence in the former Leader and administration.
- The possibility of beach huts at Weybourne is under consideration.
- The premium on Council Tax for properties left empty for more than two years will be increased from 50% to 100%.

3c. To receive Police Report.

The Cluster newsletter had been received and circulated to members.

4. Finance:

a. To approve invoices for payment:-

Six accounts were prepared for payment:

Shrubland Garden Services	Tree felling	£740.00
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E.On	Lighting electricity	£60.34
Anglian Water Business	Allotment water	£9.55
Pf Gardening	Cemetery weed killing	£40.00
WVHMC	Hall hire	£16.00
Pf Gardening	Cemetery weed killing	£40.00

All six accounts were approved for payment.

b. To consider Budget and Precept for 2019/20

The council reviewed the proposed budget. The Budget for 2019/20 was **AGREED** all in favour.

The council felt that due to the possibility of a Contested Proper Election in May 2019 and the need for a contingency fund there would have to be an increase in the precept demand this year.

It was **AGREED** to authorise a precept demand for £18,000 for the financial year 2019/20. All in favour.

c. To consider Norfolk County Council's consultation on their 2019/20 budget

No comment to be submitted.

5. Planning:

a. To note information/decisions received from NNDC since last meeting

None received.

b. To consider planning applications received since agenda was printed.

None received.

c. To receive update re Hornsea Windfarm.

No further updates to report.

d. To receive update re Affordable Housing

(Item moved up the agenda, to between item 3.a. and 3.b.)

Cllr. Rose enquired if there had been a decision or any updates regarding the request for bollards outside Jericho House. The clerk reported there had been no further updates. Cllr. Swift reported he had visited the site and reported vision out of the driveway was not an issue. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Highways & Footpath matters:

A parishioner spoke. She reported that approximately one third of cars entering the village down Station Road exceeded the 30mph speed limit and enquired if it would be possible to extend the 30mph limit up the road away from the village, or possibly introduce a 40mph speed limit.

The Chair replied that the Parish Council had spend some considerable time fighting for this over the last 5 years and had not been able to achieve a change. She felt there was little hope this would be possible.

a. To receive update re the restoration of the pond in Beach Lane

No further updates to report.

b. To receive update re the state of the beach

A parishioner spoke, raising concerns regarding the work that was taking place at the end of the beach and the impact this will have on storm surge flooding within the village, particularly on Beach Lane.

Cllr. Swift reported that this was linked to the beach works that have been planned for the future.

C.Cllr. Sarah Butikofer reported the Coastal Engineer will be attending a Weybourne Parish Council meeting in the near future and this could be raised with him.

C.Cllr. Sarah Butikofer reported that she had been updated that the boat on the car park was currently being emptied to enable it to be moved. The tractor on the car park is now mobile.

c. To receive update re road signs in the village

Cllr. Swift reported he had visited the site and confirmed the village gates did not impede vision along the road, however, when cars are parked at the cemetery, crossing is dangerous for pedestrians.

A parishioner had kindly carried out a traffic survey that highlighted the volume of traffic along the road and the frequent crossing of pedestrians. It was noted that both of these would be significantly higher during the summer.

It was agreed to send the report to NCC Highways.

d. To note/consider the cuts on winter bus timetables

Update received in item 3.b.

7. Meetings & Conferences (to receive reports and announcements)

It was reported that the World War I commemoration event at the Muckleburgh Collection was well organised and was a very nice event. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Sir Michael Savory for putting on this well planned event.

8. Allotments:

a. To receive report re allotments

A parishioner spoke, she queried why a parishioner had been waiting 3 months for an allotment.

Cllr. Woodhouse replied that he had tried to contact the parishioner involved but had not been able to get through to her. He would try to contact her again.

Cllr. Crawford reported that the soil in the raised beds was low and needed to be topped up. He had calculated 5-6 tonnes of top soil would be required to top up the four raised beds. It was agreed to spend £130 to buy 6 tonnes of top soil to be delivered in bags to the allotment.

The Clerk reported Kelling School have confirmed they wish to take up an allotment.

Cllr. Swift reported that a parishioner had offered to pay the allotment fees for the school for 5 years. As the council will not be charging the school, it was agreed by the council that this money be donated to the school to buy equipment to set up the allotment plot.

Cllr. Woodhouse reported he had been advised that a rotavator may not be the best was to clear the overgrown plots. He suggested it may be possible to plough them instead.

9. Village Hall:

a. To receive report re Village Hall.

The report had been received and previously circulated to members.

b. To receive update re dead tree nr entrance to village hall.

It was reported the tree had been successfully removed.

Cllr. Swift enquired if there were any plans to replace the tree. The WVHMC will be contacted to confirm if there are any plans to this effect.

10. Cemetery & Churchyard:

a. To receive update re path through the Churchyard to the east gate.

No further updated received.

11. Harry Dawson Playing Field

a. To receive report re The Harry Dawson Playing Field

Cllr. Taylor reported the committee was currently looking in to the possibility of replacing the bark around the play equipment with safety matting.

12. Weybourne Community Fund: To receive report re WCF

Cllr. Woodhouse reported that the children's party will be held this weekend and that 38 children will be attending.

The Christmas tree in the churchyard is to be put up this weekend.

The party of older people will take place in the New Year.

13. Governance:

a. To consider communication with parishioners

Cllr. Swift reported that people in the parish read the notice board and that this could be utilised to share more information with the village. More information could be added to the website. He also suggested purchasing a projector that could be used to make presentations and share information could be a good investment. These measures would better explain the work of the council and increase local involvement.

b. To consider repairs to the notice board

It was reported the lock mechanism for the right side of the notice board is broken and cannot be opened. The beading also needs to be replaced.

It was agreed to look into the costs of replacing or refurbishing the notice board.

14. To receive update re installations for Deep History Coast

No further updates to report.

15. To receive General Correspondence (not included on agenda)

An email had been received warning about cold calling. At Cllr. Crawford's suggestion, it was agreed this information should be added to the website.

16. Public Participation (comments/other matters)

A parishioner stated that more information on the website would be very helpful and useful for residents.

A parishioner enquired if it would be possible to have white lines added to parts of Beach Lane. She reported that parked cars are a significant problem on Sundays. C.Cllr. Sarah Butikofer said it may not be possible due to the large amount of white lines already in the village, but she would make enquiries.

A parishioner enquired if it would be possible to have some form of access over the ditch by the beach to enable maintenance of the area beyond. A wide range of possible ways of enabling access for maintenance machinery were suggested.

17. To confirm date of next meeting – future agenda items

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd of January 2019.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.