

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.00pm at Pott Row Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors: Michael Rae (Chair) Colin Manning, Neville Fletcher, Colin Nichols, Tim Tilbrook, Borough Cllr Michael de Whalley, County Councillor Nick Daubney & 1 member of public. Clerk: Pippa Winson

22/22 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from S Pimlott and M Starling

23/22 To consider Requests for Dispensations from the restriction on participating in the discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

None.

24/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2022

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed.

25/22 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

26/22 Public Speaking.

- (a) Member of the public: Sam spoke on behalf of the Cricket Club. He advised that in the spring they asked for support for the pavilion repairs. They were successful with their application for CIL funding and also lottery funding. They have successfully run cricket coaching classes which were well attended. Classes for older children will commence the week after next. They now need to provide separate facilities for males and females. The roof repairs the Club will pay out of their own funds, but they need funding support for the second shed.

Cllr Daubney arrived

They need more storage space and decking. They want a letter of support from the Parish Council and all agreed to this request. Borough Councillor mentioned that the CIL scheme will change for the next round of applications in January.

The Cricket Club asked for a financial contribution towards the works and this item will be on the next agenda for discussion, but C Nichols proposed a £500 donation which was supported in principle.

M Rae advised that the former Frimstone quarry in Heacham has been bought by Mick George. He said that they were the only local quarry that produced quality carrstone and that there is now no structural carrstone available as the last man qualified to do it is no longer employed there. He asked if anything can be done and it was suggested that he contact a Heacham Councillor.

- (b) Borough/County Councillor Report: Cllr De Whalley mentioned that he had family issues and Covid which had kept him out of action for a while. The balance of the Councillor grant scheme of £200 is going towards the defibrillator here. He advised that it is worth having people trained in CPR along with the defibrillator. He mentioned the Town Deal and advised that the majority of funding will go to the Guildhall. It is proposed that the library will move to the old Argos building. Final bids are in September. The Carnegie building houses the current library and the County Council propose to consult with the community regarding its future use but there is no assurance that they will let anyone have any say in it. The QEH was discussed and if a new building is not committed to then other options will have to be explored. The BC have applied to the Levelling Up Fund for the Oasis Leisure Centre. The mentioned that there was a litter pick organised at Snettisham beach with the Single Use Plastics Group and the Parish Council.

Cllr Manning advised that the Borough Council meetings start at 4.30pm currently but this may change moving forward, due to those having work commitments. Fifteen new members of staff have been approved for the planning department. The sifting panel will remain a key part of the planning process. There have been some issues with the rubbish collection. The Borough Council have committed to giving interviews to those that have become veterans in the last three years if they meet the selection criteria. This also applies to care leavers. He has attended some mayoral visits and gave Jubilee coins to those children at the primary school.

County Councillor Nick Daubney gave his report. He advised that he will come to meetings when available. He mentioned the Levelling Up Fund and the ideas for the Guildhall are in the Public domain. The community hub is a good idea and he thinks it will be a good asset. He has an assurance that the Carnegie building will remain in community use. Riverside developments, there have been various successes in that area and there is potential for more. Cycling improvements for King's Lynn are supported by Norfolk County Council. The Hospital is an important project and he mentioned that Stephen Barclay, the new minister for health, is nearby. He hopes that we maintain a full healthcare presence in King's Lynn. He mentioned the County Councillor Fund and said that the PC should contact him for support in highway projects.

27/22 Matters arising.

None.

28/22 Correspondence received (for info only).

There are two emails from parishioners regarding trees on the Common adjacent to their properties

Email from Grimston CC wanting support for CIL application

Email from parishioner complaining about the state of the footpaths, this has been referred to Norfolk County Council

Various – via email.

29/22 Highways- note any issues and matters to be reported to highways.

Vegetation needs cutting around 30mph signs, clerk will chase this. Parish Partnership Scheme, agreement and payment has been sent, clerk will ask for update on gates.

30/22 Bus Shelter

No update, to be deferred until the next meeting.

31/22 Hudson Fen Leisure

No update.

32/22 Neighbourhood Plan

N Fletcher read his report, which was previously circulated: 'Since the last update there has been one further meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group. The meeting was on 30th June that was kindly hosted by Councillor Timothy Tilbrook. The meeting was between all members of the steering group and our consultants Collective Community Planning.

The objective of the meeting was to finalise details of actions needed to proceed to public consultation (regulation 14) and to produce an action plan.

A plan was produced and the group voted to proceed with this by a majority of five to one. Details of dates and the dissemination of information about the consultation process will be made available shortly.

Our consultants have stated the actions they will undertake on our behalf and the steering group will now allocate specific tasks and responsibilities within the group'.

The 15th August is the target consultation date.

33/22 Roydon Common

Clerk read emails from parishioners complaining about trees near their property boundaries and asking for them to be cut. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would not undertake any works. However, they would be advised that if they wished to undertake works to the trees at their own expense then they would need to

provide a written report for consideration by the Parish Council. They would need written confirmation from the Parish Council of consent prior to any works being undertaken. C Nichols advised that CGM had initially quoted for £185.00 + Vat per cut, which was a £5 increase and this was agreed. A further letter was then received advising that the price would be £815.00. per cut. Colin queried this and it appears that there had been a change in personnel. Clerk wondered if it was a typo as it was such a difference? However, the Common has just been cut and they have charged £193.50 which is a 7% increase due to rising fuel costs which seems reasonable.

34/22 Village Litter Pick

Joint village litter pick planned for 1st October at 10am. Can be included in Village Link.

35/22 C.I.L – Potential Applications

Discussed but nothing to take forward at present.

36/22 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022

T Tilbrook attended Pott Row and Congham events which were successful and well attended. People were appreciative of the bus which took people around the villages.

37/22 Finance

- (a) Cheques: CGM for 2 cuts of Common - £464.40.
- (b) Annual Return for 2021/22. Waiting for Internal Audit to be completed.
 - i) Annual Governance Statement – to be agreed.
 - ii) Annual Return Accounting Statements – to be agreed.

38/22 Planning

Nothing to discuss.

39/22 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda. None.

40/22 The next meeting is the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 1st September 2022 at 7pm. C Manning advised he may be late.

Meeting closed 8.13pm

Chairman Date