

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.00pm at Pott Row Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors: (Chair)Michael Rae, Neville Fletcher, Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, T Tilbrook 2 members of the public.

Clerk: Pippa Winson

60/22 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from S Pimlott.

61/22 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.

62/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022

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

63/22 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

T Tilbrook declared an interest in Item 75/22.

64/22 Public Speaking.

- (a) Borough/County Councillor Report: Cllr Manning mentioned that about a week ago 40 motorcycle tyres were dumped in the village and were subsequently cleared. Four days later there were a further 50 dumped at West Newton. There is a Planning Committee next Monday and a further one on Friday 18th November and another on Monday 5th December. This is due to the large caseload. There is still uncertainty regarding the Guildhall, the building is owned by the National Trust but the Borough Council has a long lease.
- (b) Member of the Public: A parishioner came to ask about the Village Gateways, it was explained that they weren't actually gates across the road and they would be located on the verge. Mary Roper advised that the Dessert Event at Pott Row Village Hall run by the W.I. was successful and they have raised over £1000 for the Defibrillator. There will be an opening ceremony and a plaque.

65/22 Matters arising.

None.

66/22 Correspondence received (for info only).

Request from Grimston Cricket Club asking for the Parish Council to support their CIL funding application.

Various – via email.

67/22 Highways- note any issues and matters to be reported to highways.

- (a) Still awaiting hedge cutting on Station Road. Large willow extending across Station Road which needs urgent attention. Dip in the road in front of numbers 53 and 55 has been filled/re-surfaced. Footpath sign near the crossroads has been re-erected but in the wrong location. On Low Road coming from Station Road the road seems very wet. There is no problem in the bus shelter area now. The A47 roadworks were mentioned.
- (b) Parish Partnership Scheme
Village Gateways, S Pimlott met with Damien, the Local Highways Officer(LHO), the sign designs have been agreed. locations agreed and awaiting installation date. S Pimlott is to contact Damien for this advice on the village green parking and at the crossroads to see if he would support posts being installed. She will also ask if he would consider the removal of the grass triangle at Church Lane/Station Road junction. A SAM2 was mentioned but it was felt that without sufficient support this could be too onerous.

68/22 Bus Shelter

S Pimlott and N Fletcher have had a look. Not the right time to get the painting done, but will get some quotes from painters advertising in the Village Link.

69/22 Hudson Fen Leisure

Car boot sale season has ended. Very successful year. £25K local quote agreed to re-surface the fenced play area (younger children). Seeking grants for older children play equipment. Planning application to be approved via officer decision on Weds 2 November. Works approved via the planning consent hoped to be carried out over 'winter' season before new car boot season in April 2023.

70/22 Neighbourhood Plan

N Fletcher had previously emailed his report: 'The regulation 14 public consultation of the NHP Pre-submission document closed on Friday 7th October 2022.

The consultation produced 30+ responses from the statutory and non-statutory consultees as well as members of the public. Many of the responses raised multiple points of interest. There have so far been three meetings of the NHP group that have identified seventy-seven individual items for comment within the non-statutory and public replies. It is estimated that this is 70% of the items within this category. Further meetings are being arranged to complete this task. Group decisions so far are being forwarded to our consultants for scrutiny.

The consultants are working on comments from the statutory consultees in parallel with this process. There will be further meetings with the consultants to agree and implement any changes to the pre-submission document'.

N Fletcher advised that the meetings are taking up a lot of time.

71/22 Roydon Common

S Pimlott had previously emailed her report following her and C Nichols inspection of the trees as per item 52/22, in relation to access around and under the trees for CGM staff to cut the grass etc on ride-on mowers. She attached the report with works required - require clearance around the base of one of the telegraph poles - and an annotated aerial image.' It was agreed that quotes would be obtained for the works and Councillors would all have a look before the next meeting. It was questioned whether the area under the trees required cutting.

72/22 Crossroads

S Pimlott had previously emailed her report: ' Food retailers starting to impact on HFLL due to waste food and food containers from vending vans being dumped around seating on Hudson Fen or overfilling the bins (which committee members have to empty themselves and take home the waste). Personally, I can see the gradual wear of the grass/plants too from vans and customer vehicles '. Advice to be sought from the LHO at NCC re whether a barrier could be installed to prevent access.

S Pimlott also advised the following: 'Also, interesting information discovered. On checking the NNC Interactive Map for Public Rights of Way in Norfolk regarding the newly replaced Public Footpath sign (separate email re this, as it's been put in the wrong place), I've discovered that FP9 is actually right in the middle of Chapel Road ie in the vehicle highway, leading from the crossroads into Pott Row. The Definitive Statement accompanying the map states: "Footpath No. 9 (King's Lynn - Fakenham Road to Pott Row Road). Starts from the King's Lynn - Fakenham Road opposite the southern end of Footpath No. 8 and runs south eastwards across Roydon Common to enter the road leading to Pott Row. Image attached. In my opinion, this serves to show the changed alignment of the crossroads now actually encroaches on FP9, and furthermore proves what we already knew that the pedestrian path effectively running along the former road shows the original alignment, and surely that the small triangular section of land between the old and new roads should be highways owned. FP9 is at conflict with Chapel Road, and this should be amended. I wonder if this will help us with the encroachments by vendors etc.'

This was discussed and some felt that the Parish Council do not have jurisdiction in this matter and that highway safety issues should be addressed by NCC and/or the Police.

Agreed to defer further discussion until the next meeting.

73/22 Village Litter Pick

Joint village litter pick on 1st October with Grimston PC, there was a disappointingly low turnout and six bags of rubbish were collected.

74/22 C.I.L – Potential Applications

Need to consider future projects, applications need to be submitted in January 2023 for the next round of applications.

75/22 Grimston Cricket Club

The Club are applying for CIL funding for an Astro turf pitch so that they can continue to play in inclement weather. All agreed to provide a letter of support.

76/22 Finance

Cheques: S Pimlott (Ink Cartridges for PC printing) - £42.00.

77/22 Planning

Nothing to discuss.

78/22 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda. Crossroads, Tree Works on the Common.

79/22 The next meeting is the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7pm. Further meeting dates: 2nd March 2023, 11th May 2023, 6th July 2023, 7th September 2023 and 2nd November 2023.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Chairman Date