

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7.00pm at Pott Row Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors: Suzi Pimlott, Michael Rae, Neville Fletcher, Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, T Tilbrook and 1 member of the public.

Clerk: Pippa Winson

101/22 To consider apologies for absence.

All parish councillors present.

102/22 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.

103/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2023

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

104/22 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

105/22 Public Speaking.

- (a) Borough/County Councillor Report: Cllr De Whalley gave an update as he was asked about the lack of local carrstone available and he had spoken to Stuart Ashworth and the Borough Council planning department would accept ironstone instead of carrstone. M Rae advised that the quarry had been sold so the situation may change again in the future. He said that there was someone else in the area, who had previously worked at the quarry, but that he had been waiting for over a year for a small amount of carrstone. The Local Plan has been thrown out as the Local Planning Authority couldn't answer the questions that the Planning Inspectorate had asked them. After April there will be a public consultation. The Inspector's query relates to the plan for 4,000 homes at West Winch as it is deemed that they are not sustainable. There are questions about the settlement hierarchy. The most important change is that they will go back to housing requirements for neighbourhood plans. He said that it has been a pleasure serving the community for the last four years.

Cllr Manning reminded that photo I.D. is required to vote in person at the elections. The developers for Knights Hill development were wanting to change the road layout.

Cllr De Whalley said that the Borough Council were holding drop-in sessions for those that didn't have photo I.D. in King's Lynn and the deadline to apply is 17th April. The Mobile Library are consulting at the moment as they intend to stop the stop at the end of Station Road.

- (b) Member of the Public: It was advised that the Defibrillator was now up and running and has been registered. A plaque is to be installed but it is pending approval on the wording. It has been a community effort and the electricity was installed by Mr Westrup, free of charge.

106/22 Matters arising.

Not all the gates have been installed yet. Clerk will chase this up. Will wait until the gates are installed and then consider whether Roydon parish name should be on them. There was some previous discussion on this and the previous Local Highway Officer thought it could be confusing.

107/22 Correspondence received (for info only).

Various – via email.

108/22 Parish Council Elections

Nominations must be submitted between the 21st March and 4th April. They must be hand-delivered so that they can be checked and they would prefer appointments to be made to prevent queues.

109/22 Highways

- (a) Note any issues and matters to be reported to highways.

The 30mph signs need to be cleaned on Station Road, visible when travelling from the A148. The path from Hall Farm to Stoney Road needs clearing, this has previously been reported, clerk will chase up.

The Low Road sign in the hedge needs trimming back so that it is more visible. The church lane/hall lane looks like it has been vandalised and put back, N Fletcher will send clerk photos.

- (b) Triangle at the end of Church Lane.

After discussion, the majority agreed not to take any further action and for the grass triangle to remain.

110/22 Bus Shelter

Clerk has contacted several people in respect of the painting and is waiting for their quotes, clerk will chase.

111/22 Hudson Fen Leisure

Looking into funding for new play equipment. Cllr De Whalley advised that he would be happy to pledge £500 of his fund.

112/22 Neighbourhood Plan

Update previously emailed: 'The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group met with our consultants, Collective Community Planning on the 10th January to discuss outstanding questions raised during the Regulation 14 consultation.

They are now in the process of finalising the Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents, which include a Consultation Statement and Statement of Basic Conditions.

The intention is to submit these in March to the Borough Council. When submitted they will be subject to a further round of consultation by the Borough Council before being examined by an independent examiner.

Once submitted final documents will be published on the Parish Council websites'.

113/22 Roydon Common

- (a) Update: Nothing to report.

- (b) Grass cutting: CGM have quoted £815.00 per cut which is a huge increase. Clerk to try and obtain other quotes.

- (c) Clerk has contacted several contractors. Decision deferred pending grass maintenance decision.

114/22 Crossroads

No update but will leave on the agenda.

115/22 Village Litter Pick

The next one is on 25th March 2023, 10am-12 noon, meet at The Three Horsehoes.

116/22 C.I.L – Potential Applications

Need to consider future projects, nothing to consider at this time.

117/22 Hudson Fen Leisure

On proposal from T Tilbrook and seconded by N Fletcher, all agreed to support the CIL application for play equipment and pledge £200 towards it.

118/22 Parochial Church Council

On proposal from M Rae and seconded by C Manning, all agreed to donate £625.00 towards the churchyard maintenance. C Grimes also cuts the area near the Village sign.

119/22 Kings Coronation Tree

Clerk will chase re Tree Guard. M Rae offered a walnut tree, rabbit tube and stake which was agreed. Agreed that it would be planted on Sunday and the location agreed at that time.

Cllr De Whalley left the meeting

120/22 Finance

Update. Cheques: Clerks Expenses - £1084.44, PCC - £625.00 and BC for the dog bin collection - £208.00.

121/22 Planning

Nothing to discuss.

122/22 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda. Defibrillator, Rural fund.

123/22 The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 11th May.

Meeting closed 8.38pm

Chairman

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