

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 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

1/23 Elect a) Chair

On proposal from M Rae and seconded by C Manning, all agreed to appoint S Pimlott as Chair.

b) Vice-Chair

On proposal from C Manning and seconded by T Tilbrook, all agreed to appoint M Rae as Vice-Chair.

2/23 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Borough Cllr M De Whalley.

3/23 Councillor Vacancies

Application received from Colin Nichols. All agreed to co-opt Colin Nichols as Councillor.

4/23 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.

5/23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023

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

6/23 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

7/23 Public Speaking.

(a) Borough/County Councillor Report: None.

(b) Member of the Public: The Plaque for the defibrillator at the Village Hall has been received.

A photo is to be taken on June 5th at 2pm.

8/23 Matters arising.

There was a query raised regarding the ditch near the Three Horseshoes being cleared, apparently this was being cleared to alleviate the drainage issues on Broadgate Lane.

9/23 Correspondence received (for info only).

Various – via email.

10/23 Highways

Note any issues and matters to be reported to highways.

The verges have been trimmed. The Stoney Road footpath, S Pimlott has sent photos to NCC and a report to the Footpaths Officer as it is a restricted byway. Three people have had falls. 30mph signs which were previously reported still need clearing. Pothole on Station Rd footpath between bus shelter and C Grimes house.

11/23 Bus Shelter

Clerk has contacted three people for a quote but only one has provided a quote, despite chasing them up. All agreed to accept the quote from A Tye for £365.00 which does not include cleaning the roof or windows. Clerk will ask for the work to be done in the summer holidays.

12/23 Hudson Fen Leisure

The cabin has been clad. Two basket swings have been installed. The skateramp has been repaired. There is to be a basket ball hoop to be installed and two vandal-proof goalposts. Quotes are pending for new play equipment. The Fen Allotment Trust are having a fete on the field for Little Miracles. A row of posts are to be installed to stop vehicles driving onto

the field. The car boots are going well and a second container is pending which will be used for storage.

13/23 Neighbourhood Plan

They have received notification from the Borough Council of the Independent Examiner proposed. The consultant didn't object, so they have agreed. The acceptance has to come from Grimston PC. Andrew from Congham PC has not re-stood as a Parish Councillor but he remains on the working group.

14/23 Roydon Common

- (a) Update: NWT are going to undertake a survey again, they will be asked to let us know when they will be carrying it out.
- (b) Grass cutting: All agreed to appoint Peter Frizzell to cut the common at the end of July. Arisings to be left around the telegraph pole.
- (c) Tree works item to be deferred until after the common has been cut.

15/23 Crossroads

Gates now installed on Lynn Road. It was asked why the speed on that section is 40mph rather than 30 mph. Clerk will contact NCC.

16/23 Village Litter Pick

One held on 25th March 2023, Congham to join in with the next one in the Autumn.

17/23 C.I.L – Potential Applications

Need to consider future projects, nothing to consider at this time. Next round of applications to be submitted in July.

18/23 Parish Walks Project

Discussed invite from Grimston PC and agreed to support the project. S Pimlott agreed to be the rep.

19/23 Defibrillator

Will contact IFS to see if they are happy to have it installed on Station House. Clerk will look at defib prices.

20/23 Kings Coronation Tree

Clerk will chase re Tree Guard. Tree has been planted.

21/23 Finance

- (a) NALC. All agreed to renew the NALC subscription of £214.96, including £70 for the website hosting.
- (b) Update. Cheques: Insurance - £506.81.
- (c) Annual Accounts agreed for 2022/23.
- (d) Annual Return Exemption Certificate agreed and signed.
- (e) Annual CIL return agreed and signed.

22/23 Planning

Nothing to discuss.

23/23 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda. None.

24/23 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6th July.

Meeting closed 8.24pm

Chairman Date