

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stokesby with Herringby Parish Council held on
Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7.30pm at Stokesby Community Centre**

Present: Richard Youngs (Chairman)
Richard Ager
Philip Crane
Leigh-Ann Medhurst
Stuart Ward
Ed Wharton
Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk

Also present: Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson and 2 members of the public were in attendance

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Lloyd.

2. Public Forum

a. Public
None.

b. County Councillor
Not present.

c. Borough Councillor

Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson reported that the Borough Plan was progressing as planned, and was ready to submit in February. The Filby Road had not received permission under the planning appeal.

The big news was Devolution, with one Unitary Council with an elected Mayor covering Norfolk and Suffolk (1.5 million people). This had not been widely publicised. A GYBC Council meeting would be held in February to formulate a response to the government. An acceptable model would be three Unitaries, Norwich, East and West.

d. Police

Police reports were circulated as received.

3. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 14th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Stuart Ward, seconded by Richard Ager, all in favour.

5. Matters Arising

a. Overgrown Hedge at Muck Fleet / Mill Dyke

It was noted that Ed Wharton had cut this back, and was thanked for this.

b. Additional Deployment Locations for SAM2

Richard Ager suggested this should be reviewed once it had been deployed in each location. The Clerk was asked to put this onto the next agenda.

6. Village Maintenance

a. Quarterly Report

Richard Youngs reported that the planter would be considered to be moved to the bus stop later in the agenda.

It was noted that there were a lot of moles in the play area, which needed to be dealt with. The mole catcher had been but there was still a problem, Adrian Thompson would speak to him.

ACTION: AT

7. Finance

a. Financial Update 2024/25

The accounts for 2024/25 to date were **noted**, with £23,707.11 in the bank at 31.10.2024. Of this, £16,335.51 was in reserves. Receipts since the last meeting were:

- £1.15 – Wayleave
- £136.53 - Bank Interest

b. Payments

It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by Leigh-Ann Medhurst, seconded by Ed Wharton, all in favour:-

C Moore	Salary & Expenses Dec 24 – Feb 25	£577.31
HMRC	PAYE Dec 24 – Feb 25	£140.60
Stokesby PCC	Grass Cutting Grant	£800.00
Innershed	Website Renewal	£57.00
The Broads Society	Subscription	£16.00

8. Correspondence

a. Broads Authority Design Guide and Code Supplementary Planning Document

No comments.

b. Great Yarmouth Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule

No comments.

c. Great Yarmouth Local Plan (Pre-Submission Document)

No comments.

d. General Correspondence

None.

9. Planning

a. Applications

None.

b. Applications Considered Between Meetings

None.

c. Decisions

BA/2024/0351/HOUSEH Riverside House, Mill Road: Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of two, single storey rear extensions (one with balcony), single storey link extension, part conversion of existing garage, removal of chimney and addition of single bay cart lodge.

APPROVED

10. Other Matters

a. SAM2 Sign – Deployment and Results

Richard Ager circulated the results from the last deployment. It was suggested that a joint initiative with Runham to bring a 20mph speed limit could be considered. This was particularly needed in the narrow section. Richard Youngs and Stuart Ward would attend Mautby Parish Council's meeting to raise this. **ACTION: RY / SW**

b. Tree Work Prices

The Clerk reported that the price from both did not include replanting of a tree. The Ganoderma would only attack dysfunctional trees, and it was recommended to replant with a wild cherry close to the current location. It was **agreed** to appoint Maple Tree Services at a cost of £1,050 (Clerk to check the stump will be ground), proposed by Richard Ager, seconded by Ed Wharton, all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk**

c. Moles on Village Green

Covered earlier in the agenda.

d. Moving Planter from Village Hall to Bus Shelter

Richard Youngs reported that there were parking issues near the bus shelter which needed addressing, it was **agreed** that the planter would be moved to deter this.

ACTION: RY / SW

e. Charging for use of Public Mooring

The Clerk summarised responses from other parish councils regarding this. This would be considered in the future, and Richard Youngs would look at how this could be charged. This would be on the agenda going forward.

ACTION: RY

f. Public Rights of Way on Riverbanks

Philip Crane noted that the majority of the issue was on the other side of the riverbank, and that the Council should keep a watching brief on this. The Clerk was asked to check whether any more were planned.

ACTION: Clerk

g. Budget and Precept 2025/26

The budget was discussed and **agreed**, proposed by Stuart Ward, seconded by Richard Ager, all in favour. It was **agreed** to set the precept at £7,128, (Band D £59.90, 2.81% increase) proposed by Ed Wharton, seconded by Richard Ager, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk

11. Reports from Parish Councillors

Philip Crane reported that there was a large pothole that needed filling, a What3Words location would be sent to the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2025, 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN