

Minutes of the Meeting of Stokesby with Herringby Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.30pm at Stokesby Community Centre

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

Also present: Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson and 8 members of the public were in attendance

1. Apologies

None.

2. Public Forum

a) Public

Members of the public asked the Council to consider purchasing a SAM2 device for the village. It was noted that a 20mph speed restriction would not be viable under the funding available but that this was being explored nationally.

b) County Councillor

Not present.

Borough Councillor

Adrian Thompson reported that there was still money allocated for an hourly bus service through Filby and Fleggburgh. Bulbs had been delivered to the parish for planting. A request had been received to move the post box in Stokesby which was in the middle of the residents driveway. The TPO had been removed from the trees at Stokesby church and a tree planting policy was being considered. Great Yarmouth Borough Council would be making a decision on 9th December regarding the future of Concurrent Functions Grants to parishes, and it was suggested that parish councils start to precept a sum of money to mitigate a large rise if this is cut in future years. Bin collection rounds had been rationalised, making a big saving in mileage and carbon. Street lights were being replaced with LED lamps.

c) Police

Not present – police reports were circulated as received.

3. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th August 2021

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

a) SAM2 Sign

It was noted that there was more speeding in the village when the main road was closed, and that Speedwatch could be set up in a targeted area. A SAM2 device

could be attached to the 30mph repeater signs provided it was approved by the County Council.

6. Village Maintenance

a) Quarterly Report

Nothing new to report.

b) Dog Fouling Bag Dispenser

The Clerk had this in hand.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Chain Link Fencing replacement with Rope

It was noted that larger concrete posts would be needed instead of timber, Richard Youngs agreed to get a price for the next meeting.

ACTION: RY

d) Riverside Path

It was reported that this was the responsibility of the Broads Authority and the Environment Agency and that the Parish Council had been advised not to make any remedial works. The path was part of the flood defence wall so the Countryside Access Officer had reported this to the Environment Agency. Richard Youngs agreed to chase her up on this matter.

ACTION: RY

e) SAM2 Device

It was **agreed** to purchase this subject to receiving the 50/50 funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme.

ACTION: Clerk

f) Grass Cutting 2022 Season

It was **agreed** to reappoint Maple Tree Services for the 2022 season. **ACTION: Clerk**

7. Finance

a) Financial Update

The accounts to date were **noted**. On 31st October 2021 there was £4,700.70 in Unity Trust Current, £11,124.70 in Unity Trust Deposit and £0.00 in Barclays.

b) Payments

It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by Stuart Ward, seconded by Richard Youngs, all in favour:-

C Moore	Salary & Expenses – Sept 2021 to Nov 2021	£359.67
HMRC	PAYE – Sept 2021 to Nov 2021	£90.00
The Poppy Appeal	Wreath	£40.00
Maple Tree Services	Grounds Maintenance 2021	£1,170.00

8. Correspondence

a) General Correspondence

The Covid 19 Memorial Plaque was presented to the Council and it was **agreed** to put this into the Community Centre. The plaque was passed to Rob Lloyd.

ACTION: RL

A letter was read out from the Church noting that the tower required extensive structural work. The Clerk noted that the Parish Council was not permitted to give a grant to the church for anything other than the maintenance of a burial ground.

Richard Youngs reported that he would be attending a Norfolk ALC Zoom session regarding free trees and planting and would report back.

The willows at Milldyke Bridge and Furzedown were encroaching onto the highway, the Clerk was asked to report this to Norfolk County Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

9. Planning

a) Applications

None.

b) Applications Considered Between Meetings

None.

c) Decisions

BA/2021/0266/HOUSEH Ferry Cottage, The Green: Alterations to Ferry Cottage to link two existing buildings, first floor extension to rear elevation of the outbuilding, and insertion of a recessed balcony on front elevation of the outbuilding. **APPROVED**

10. Other Matters

a) Budget and Precept Setting 2022/23

The draft budget was considered, with a provisional 13.07% increase.

b) Review of Resilience Plan

It was confirmed that Vivian was happy to stay at Emergency Co-ordinator. Area 5 would be covered by Dawn Lamb and Leigh-Ann Medhurst. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Borough and County Councillor details would be updated. The Clerk was passed an annotated copy of the amendments and asked to make the updates for approval at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Concern was expressed at coastal erosion at Winterton and Hemsby would result in increased flood risk for communities along the tidal Broads rivers. Lobby for sea defences was required. It was **agreed** that a letter would be sent supporting the rock berm works at Hemsby – Borough Councillor to supply contact details.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Play Equipment Project

Leigh-Ann Medhurst reported that she was having difficulty getting companies out to quote for the project. The Borough Council would be reviewing all play equipment and, where replacement was required, would be consulting with the community on designs. It was not clear whether Parish Council owned equipment could be included in the Borough Council inspection regime.

11. Reports from Parish Councillors

Ed Wharton agreed to arrange for the hedge cutting later in the week. **ACTION: EW**

The A47 from Acle to Postwick would be closed for 15 weeks with diversions via Beccles, meaning local traffic would use Stokesby. These would be overnight closures.

A query was raised regarding the area next to Fabb Green, it was confirmed that this was owned by the Village Hall and would be tidied up.

12. Date of Next Meeting

An extraordinary meeting would be held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7pm at the Community Hall to set the budget and precept, approve the Resilience Plan and look at the quotes for play equipment.

The date of the next ordinary meeting would be Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

A member of the public suggested a poster with key information from the Resilience Plan could be posted on the notice board.

It was **agreed** that Ed Wharton would bring up the replacement of the trees at the Muckfleet at the next Internal Drainage Board meeting, although it was noted that these had been damaging the bank and causing a flood risk. **ACTION: EW**

It was noted that a blocked dyke was causing a flood risk in the village, the member of the public was advised to report this to the Environment Agency.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

CHAIRMAN