

MINUTES OF STOKESBY WITH HERRINGBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2021 AT 7PM

The Parish Council Chairman, Stuart Ward, presided and the following Councillors were present:-

Ed Wharton, Leigh-Ann Medhurst, Richard Youngs, Rob Lloyd. The Parish Clerk and Borough Councillor Adrian Thompson were also present. There were no members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Murison, Philip Crane, County Councillor Haydn Thirtle

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8th MAY 2019

The minutes were read, agreed and would be signed by the Chairman.

3. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was presented by Stuart Ward (**Appendix A**).

b. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by the Clerk (**Appendix B**).

5. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER REPORTS

i. County Councillor

The report from Haydn Thirtle was presented (**Appendix C**).

ii. Borough Councillor

Adrian Thompson reported that he had now been a Borough Councillor for two years. During this time the bus shelter had been re-roofed, a new dog bin installed, bulbs planted, and the SAM2 was being sorted out. A new lamp standard had also been installed. Adrian was giving his allowance back to the villages, and kindly offered £500 towards the play equipment project. The village hall had received the Covid closed business grants and had been re-valued for business rates. Adrian thanked the community for the donations to the food bank. It was exciting times for development in the wider borough and town, with funding for regeneration across the borough - £200M investment was available and Adrian would be championing small communities getting their share.

iii. Police

The report from PC Gary May was presented (**Appendix D**).

iv. Website

The report from Richard Dixon was presented (**Appendix E**).

v. Sports and Social Club

Rob Lloyd reported that the Club had been closed since 13th March 2020. Stock had been donated instead of going out of date. The Social Club

was actively supporting the refurbishment of the toilets in the Hall, which were being supported by the closed business grants. A grand re-opening would be arranged once the facility was able to open again.

vi. Poors Marshes

Ed Wharton reported that there had been 21 applicants for assistance. Each applicant was awarded £172, leaving around £4,000 remaining. The Basic Payment subsidy would be lost at some point. Some money had been spent on maintenance, but the land gained a fair rent.

vii. Community Centre

Rob Lloyd reported that the Village Hall would be opened as a Polling Station in May. The Hall has dehumidifiers in, which need to be emptied daily. Government guidelines would be followed for the re-opening of the Village Hall. There would be some personnel changes due to people standing down. The woodworm in the main hall floor had been treated.

viii. Fete Working Group

Rob Lloyd reported that there would be no fete in 2021, and there had not been one in 2020. There would be no village raffle, but it was hoped this would start up again in 2022.

ix. Defibrillator

Ed Wharton reported that the defibrillator was regularly checked and consumables had been replaced.

x. Parochial Church Council

No report. It was noted that the trees were being looked at, these had been subjected to Tree Preservation Orders but works were required to remove some.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

There were none.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Locations for SAM2 Device

It was noted that the SAM2 device could be located on the Green by Poppy Gardens; and on the verge opposite the Green. Stuart would send lamppost numbers to the Clerk, who would get permission from GYBC to attach to the lampposts and would get the locations approved by NCC.

It was noted that there was damage to the roundabout at the park, and the seesaw was at an angle – the Clerk was asked to report to GYBC.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman's Report 2021

To the Parishioners of Stokesby with Herringby I would firstly wish you all good health and to stay safe in these trying times, who thought that a year on we would still have Covid 19 measures in place. I would like to thank the other councillors for their help and support over the year.

I would also like to thank our Clerk Catherine, for her hard work and support over the year, organizing meetings via Zoom, and I'm sure all the councillors wish to offer their thanks to.

Over the year work has been as normal sorting the general running of the parish and insuring maintain of the areas under our control. Under this topic maintenance work on the road way round the green by the river was completed and we have had the contractors back just to make some small repairs to the surface.

Some Parishioners have taken up the Broadband veer fibre cables and I believe the services to be good, but the services supplied by Symmetris via a wireless system is still available so it is still down to the individual's choice of which supplier they use.

The council are aware there is still an on-going issue with parking in the village, we are aware of Parishioner concerns but we have little power to resolve the situation,

Now that things are opening up I believe that the boating holidays are going to be very busy the same as last season, so with this comes the problems with rubbish being left behind by people on boats visiting our village. When the boat start operating, the situation needs to be monitored and if anyone has information or concerns these should be raised with Councillors and or Great Yarmouth Environmental Health.

The dog bin that I mentioned last year has been well used, it was moved from it original positions on the green to a position by the bus shelter after a request from Parishioners. We also have a splash of colour from the bulbs that we donated by our Borough Councillor and planted by Tony.

This concludes my report myself and the other councillors are here to support the village if any of the parishioners have questions our contact details are on the Parish Council web site.

Stuart Ward.
Chairman Stokesby Parish Council.

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2020/21

Receipts

	<u>2019/20 (£)</u>	<u>2019/20 (£)</u>
Precept, Shortfall & Concurrent Grant	7,037.00	8,230.00
Grants & Miscellaneous	0.00	3,778.13
Interest	21.26	9.09
VAT Reclaim	36.30	1,477.46
TOTAL	7,094.56	13,494.68

Payments

	2019/20 (£)	2020/21 (£)	Difference (£)
Churchyard & Open Spaces	2,048.00	1,970.00	-78.00
Salary	1,746.85	1,794.65	+47.80
Audit	72.50	60.00	-12.50
Hall Hire	0.00	20.00	+20.00
Insurance	190.40	190.40	0.00
Administration	82.47	401.70	+319.23
Repairs and Replacements	0.00	736.53	+736.53
Miscellaneous	395.75	15.00	-380.75
Section 137	40.00	40.00	0.00
TOTAL	4,575.97	5,228.28	+652.31
VAT	28.60	1,530.83	
Capital Expenditure	0.00	7,233.28	
TOTAL	4,604.57	13,992.39	

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 31st March 2020	10,738.41
Total Income	13,494.68
Total Expenditure	13,992.39
Closing Balance at 31st March 2021	10,240.70

Earmarked Reserves:

Street Furniture Fund	4,606.00
Ex Youth Club Fund	773.01
Staithe	750.00
Election Reserve	850.00
Free Funds:	6,979.01

Norfolk County Council highlights for 2020/21

Norfolk Statistics

- 6,200 miles of highway, 3,000 miles of footway, 5,000 bridges and structures and 53,000 streetlights across Norfolk (40% of which are environmentally friendly LED)
- 98.0% of highway inspections completed within timescale
- 99% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
- 227,000 tonnes of rubbish dealt with
- 52,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,000 people
- Under 1,000 Looked After Children (LAC) (0-17yrs population)

The 2021/21 Budget

A **£439 million** net revenue budget, a **£102 million** boost for roads and infrastructure and a 3.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to support communities, the economy and the environment across the County.

Further, there will be an investment of **£45.7m** to meet cost and other pressures in services, including **£28.2m** in adult social care, **£7m** in children's services and **£10.5m** in community and environmental services.

Within the investment of **£102m** in the capital programme, taking the total infrastructure programme to **£537.66m**, these include **£11.5m** for supported housing for young adults, **£4m** for children's residential homes and investment in the Long Stratton bypass and new libraries.

Additionally there will be an investment of **£2m** to respond to flooding, including an additional **£350k** in revenue budget provision, **£235k** in highways spending to reduce road flooding risks and **£1.5m** for the creation of a new flood reserve to fund urgent works and repairs.

New service from Norfolk Libraries helped families learn from home

Families that were struggling with home learning have a new place to turn to for advice and support. Norfolk Libraries has set up a phone line which serves as a first stop for parents and carers in the county using new devices to teach their children.

The phone line aims to provide a friendly voice to families that aren't familiar with home learning technology, including those that have received a new laptop or tablet as a result of Norfolk County Council's 'Every Child Online' campaign.

Norfolk libraries has scrapped late fees for children as part of post-pandemic reading push

Norfolk County Council has agreed have agreed ambitious plans for the Norfolk Libraries and Information service to improve children and young people's reading skills which have been diminished nationally as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This includes the removal of overdue charges for everyone under the age of 16, universal membership of the county's e-library through Norfolk's schools and the introduction of a new '1000 books before school' reading challenge.

Norfolk participating in new contact tracing scheme

Norfolk County Council is to oversee all Covid contact tracing in the county, building on the county's successful work to identify close contacts of those who have tested positive for the virus.

The "Local-0" scheme will see cases passed without delay to local tracers at the same time as an individual who tested positive for coronavirus is invited to complete the online contact information. The current approach passes cases from the national NHS Test & Trace taskforce onto local tracers only after the national team has been unable to make contact over a period of 24 hours.

In the seven days between 9th and 16th January there were 4,029 confirmed cases, but between 7th and 13th March this had reduced to 351, which is below the UK average.

Every Child Online campaign launched

A new campaign which aims to ensure every school age child has a digital device and internet connection to learn remotely at home was launched.

Norfolk County Council has been working with Norfolk Community Foundation (NCF) on the campaign backed by the EDP newspaper to make sure no child is left behind in their learning because of digital disadvantage.

The county council has already co-ordinated the sourcing, prioritisation, and distribution of over 5,000 laptops and tablets, either directly to youngsters or to their schools.

Major highway improvement schemes started in 2021

A multi-million pound programme of road maintenance continued into 2021 with major schemes getting underway in Great Yarmouth, Downham Market and Stalham.

The improvements have been made possible thanks to the £22m highway funding for Norfolk that the Department for Transport announced in May 2020, to fund schemes in the 2020-21 financial year.

Norfolk received more than any other local authority in the East of England for maintenance and repairs to the county's roads, bridges, pavements and cycle paths.

At £1.2m the mechanical and electrical upgrades for the 90-year-old Haven Bridge in Great Yarmouth is the largest scheme to be funded as part of the £22m programme. Some upgrade works were completed in the autumn, but other work, which will resolve many of the issues caused by the lifting bridge's ageing equipment, started in February and is expected to take 13 weeks to complete. The £22m funding award is in addition to Norfolk County Council's existing highways capital maintenance budget of £38.6m for the year 2020-2021.

Surge of Beryl Bike rides in 2020 as Norwich pedals to greener future

With over 11,000 riders, close to 70,000 trips and 266,303 kilometres ridden on Beryl Bikes this year, Norwich can boast to being a greener place for residents and visitors throughout 2020.

Beryl, the local bikeshare provider, has played a large role in the area's transport habits last year, helping NHS and key workers take essential trips during the first national lockdown, easing pressure on public transport and providing the wider public with an affordable and convenient way to get from A to B. The 68,900 trips taken by Beryl Bike are equivalent to 43.92 tonnes of CO2 saved.

Also in 2020, in partnership with Norfolk County Council, Beryl became the world's first provider of a city-wide multimodal smart fleet including pedal bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters. This choice of vehicles provided residents of Norwich with a chance to take a variety of journeys in a safe, sustainable and convenient way.

Norfolk hits top spot for second year running in road and transport survey

For the second year running Norfolk has come first among its peers in a national highways and transport survey.

Over the summer 3,300 people in Norfolk were asked for their views on topics such as road safety, highway maintenance, congestion and public transport as part of the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey 2020.

The results are ranked against other participating councils from across the country to give a nationwide picture of how Norfolk is performing.

Out of the 29 county councils and larger unitary authorities in the peer group, Norfolk secured the top spot for overall satisfaction and saw the highest above average scores in both satisfaction with 'traffic levels and congestion' and 'condition of highways'.

Norfolk Flooding Alliance created

In response to winter flooding seen across the County, the Norfolk Flooding Alliance has been created. Led by Lord Dannatt and including bodies such as District Councils, Anglian Water, the Environmental Agency, internal drainage boards, along with Norfolk County Council, the challenges posed across the County can be addressed and tackled.

Housing boost for people with disabilities

One hundred and eighty-one supported housing units are set to be developed in Norfolk, to help people with disabilities live more independent lives.

The County Council will seek to invest £9m-£18m of capital to develop supported, adapted and specialist housing over the next 10 years, to improve people's lives, reduce hospital admissions and reduce care costs by £1.9m per year.

Grant scheme launched to provide free expert advice and cash to help businesses 'Go Digital'

A new grant scheme launched last December will enabled micro, small and medium-sized businesses to make better use of digital technology through funding and one to one support.

Go Digital was launched by Norfolk County Council to help businesses based in the county identify digital opportunities. It will provide expert one-to-one consultancy and the ability to apply for grants of up to £500.

Digital opportunities included how to sell products and services online, reach new customers using social media, build customer databases, develop new or existing websites and attract new visitors, or how to work out the best homeworking options for teams.

More vulnerable children in Norfolk supported to remain with their families

A £12-£15 million five-year programme to transform support for children and young people enabled more youngsters to remain with their families.

National statistics reveal the number of children looked after by Norfolk County Council's Children's Social Care was lower, per 10,000 children than that of England (64 vs 67).

Norfolk Library Service awarding funding to help with Census

Norfolk Library Service has been awarded £53k to deliver support for people in Norfolk needing to access the first ever online Census, amounting to one of the largest single contracts from the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

Children in care gets below the 1000 barrier

The current numbers of children in care are down to 994, this is from a high of 1200 just over 12 months ago.

This has been achieved by working better and closer with families, to keep children in their family unit and is part of our transformation programme. This is a far better outcome for the children and with Average costs for a child in care at £50,000/annum savings are made. The full savings (200 x 50) haven't been fully realised because the unit costs of our children remaining are on the higher side but this does indicate the impact children in care have on the budget.

We have also increased our in house fostering meaning we use less agency places where again significant savings are with the difference being around £1000/month.

First look at new Norwich recycling centre as it takes shape

Construction of one of two new recycling centres for the Greater Norwich area is well underway as pictures taken in early March show.

A 300 tonne crane is currently on site at the new £2.75m Norwich North recycling centre as sections of what will be a 500,000 litre tank, an integral part of the comprehensive water management system on site, are manoeuvred into place. This tank is the largest of its kind at any of Norfolk's recycling centres and will ensure any surface water runoff stays within the site.

Work on the major project started late last year, and includes a new access road to the recycling centre, which is located on land off the A140/A1270 junction near the airport.



COMMUNITY UPDATE

GREAT YARMOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

RURAL FLEGG VILLAGES



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WE ARE YOUR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM – WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

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FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: Great Yarmouth Police

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YOUR LOCAL BEAT MANAGER



PC 1550 MAY

UPDATE FROM YOUR ENGAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR

DAISY WOODWARD-SMITH

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With more than 12,000 homes across Norfolk now in a No Cold Calling Zone, more people than ever are saying no to cold callers. Feedback shows the zones really work with a drop in the number of cold callers seen in 99% of areas.

No Cold Calling Zones give householders the confidence to tell rogue traders they are not welcome and are likely to be reported to Trading Standards if they do call at homes in a zone.

Figures show that 85% of people in a No Cold Calling Zone felt able to tell a cold caller they were in a zone and should leave.

Find out whether your road or street meets the criteria to become a No Cold Calling Zone at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nccz

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

With Covid restrictions now easing we are looking forward to a busy holiday season in our coastal holiday venues and Broads boat hire. We will be seeing many family's enjoying our area which will hopefully bring some added revenue back into our area. With our young person's soon to be enjoying the light evenings and their re-found freedom we must encourage parents to be aware of their children's whereabouts and activities. Seasonally, we see an increase in youth anti-social behaviour, please check your children's location and activity to ensure they are not involved with any ASB.

On a totally separate note, SCAMS!! There has been an increase in telephone and email scam attempts, please be scam aware and I would advise checking the latest advice on the ACTION FRAUD web site (www.actionfraud.police.uk).

You can find the latest consumer scam alerts here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/consumer-alerts>

CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

- Supporting businesses as lockdown restrictions are eased and ensure existing restrictions are adhered to.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Next SNAP Priority Setting Meeting – 29/04/2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams



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CRIME UPDATES (1ST TO 31ST MARCH)

Offence	Numbers	What could this entail
Arson	0	Damage caused as a result of fire.
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	1	Harassment, alarm or distress is caused in a non-crime incident.
Burglary business and community	1	A person commits theft in a building or structure that is not lived in.
Burglary residential	1	Entry and theft in a building or a structure that is lived in.
Criminal Damage	2	A person destroys or damages property belonging to someone else.
Domestic	3	Domestic incidents where a crime has not occurred. Parties are aged 16 or over and have been intimate partners or family members regardless of sexuality.
Hate Incident	0	Any incident where a crime has not occurred which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender.
Race or Religious aggravated public fear	0	Any crime determined to have a hate element as per above.
Possession of controlled substance	0	Unlawful possession of a drug classified in class A, B or C.
Possession of weapons	0	Unlawful possession of an article used as a weapon.
Public fear, alarm or distress	4	Public order offences e.g. from a verbal altercation to offences just short of violence.
Robbery	0	Includes a range of offences where force is used, threatened or the victim is put in fear.
Theft from a motor vehicle	1	Any item stolen that was in, on or attached to a motor vehicle.
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	0	Any motor vehicle including those abandoned.
Theft of pedal cycle	0	From a public place, if stolen from a shed or garage this would be a BOTD.
Theft from a person	0	Purse being taken from a handbag, or a mobile phone from a shopping basket.



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Stokesby Website

Annual Report for Stokesby Parish Council

2020/21

The Stokesby Website has been up and running during the testing time of Covid and at the time of writing this annual report there had been just over 13,000 visits, which I think for our small village is very good.

The clerk to the Parish Council now has access to edit the Parish Council page thereby ensuring that its contents are up to date and that it meets all the legal requirements and all the documents that need to be included.

At the beginning of the Covid pandemic the website was able to inform people as to where local assistance was available.

The various groups and clubs who use the village hall were kept up to date through the pages of the website. The Ferry Inn and Village Shop were two of the most popular pages visited over the last year.

‘Google Search Console’ now send me Information regarding which pages are most visited, it also shows where in the world people have visited the site, Australia, America, Holland and Nigeria have been some of the countries.

The Wix package which is used to design the site makes it easy to change the format of the pages which hopefully keep the site interesting for visitors.

Again, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their support in funding the hosting cost of the site. This are the only cost incurred in keeping the site running.

Richard Dixon