

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2024 after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting at Pott Row Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors: Suzi Pimlott (Chair) , Michael Rae (Vice-Chair), Neville Fletcher, Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, Tim Tilbrook 1 member of public Clerk – Pippa Winson

1/24 Appoint a) Chair

On proposal from M Rae and seconded by C Manning, all agreed to the appointment of Suzi Pimlott as Chair.

b) Vice-Chair

On proposal from S Pimlott and seconded by C Nichols, all agreed to the appointment of Michael Rae as Vice-Chair.

2/24 To consider apologies for absence.

None.

3/24 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.

4/24 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024

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

5/24 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

None.

6/24 Public Speaking.

(a) Borough/County Councillor Report: None.

(b) Members of the Public: Work on the Play Area has now started.

7/24 Matters arising.

None.

8/24 Representatives

All Councillors are on the Planning Committee. No current PC representative on the Hudson Fen Leisure Committee.

9/24 Correspondence received (for info only).

Various – via email.

10/24 Flooding – Public meeting held on 8th April organised by Grimston Parish Council. Local Lead Flood Authority, Borough Council, Anglian Water (AW), Environment Agency, MP James Wild reps were present. AW agreed to return in October with an update so will keep on agenda.

11/24 Highways

St Andrews Lane on the right-hand side, S Pimlott will report issue. The footpath going up Station Road on the right-hand side needs cutting back, S Pimlott will report and ask for it to be cut. On the left-hand side there is no dropped kerb, clerk will contact LHO.

12/24 Hudson Fen Leisure

The car boot sales have started, there have been two already.

13/24 Neighbourhood Plan

N Fletcher said that there were no surprises with the examiners report, the main points relate to the lack of experience initially. The second email from M Burton made things clearer and they are now in the process of fact checking. The main feedback from the examiner is positive in respect of the Parish Councils and the Borough Council. After discussion, all agreed that there were no comments to make and happy with the submission. Clerk to email BC.

14/24 Roydon Common

Cutting has started.

15/24 Village Litter Pick

A good turnout at the litter pick, 85% of the litter collected is alcohol bottles and cans.

16/24 C.I.L – Potential Applications

It has been asked for a bus stop to be installed at the other end of the village. After discussion, it was agreed not to take this forward. Will ask LHO whether Trod could be considered from dropped kerb to end of the trod. It was suggested that the noticeboards need some attention.

17/24 Parish Walks Project

No update.

18/24 Defibrillator

Funding application has been submitted.

19/24 Kings Coronation Tree

To be replaced at appropriate time for planting.

20/24 Gov.Uk Email address

Already agreed and pending confirmation.

21/24 Finance

(a) NALC Subscription renewal agreed of £153.01 plus £70 for website hosting.

(b) CPRE subscription of £60.00 agreed.

(c) Precept payment of £6500 and CIL payment of £5401.90 received. Payments agreed: £228.38 - Dog Bin emptying (2 bins). Colin is investigating insurance options.

(d) Annual Accounts agreed for 2023/24.

(e) Annual Return Certificate agreed and to be signed.

(f) Annual CIL report – not required this year.

22/24 Planning

Planning application ref 24/00654/F, all agreed no objection, however, would like an ecology report to be considered as there may be bats in residence.

Planning application ref 24/00774/F, The Parish Council have initial concerns with this proposal as there does not appear to be the appropriate separation distance between the soakaway and surface water drainage concerns.

23/24 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

None.

24/24 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11th July 2024 as the PCC election is being held in the hall on 4th July.

Meeting closed 8.23pm

Chairman

Date