

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7pm at Pott Row Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors: Michael Rae (Chair), Neville Fletcher, Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, Tim Tilbrook. County Cllr Simon Ring and 1 member of public Clerk – Pippa Winson

72/24 To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies received from S Pimlott.

73/24 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.

74/24 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024.

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

75/24 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.

T Tilbrook and C Nichols declared an interest in Item 81/24.

76/24 Ground/Surface Water Flooding

Kevin Kent, the Borough Council's Emergency Planning Officer was in attendance. He works with Anglian Water, Internal Drainage Board, County Council, and the Lead Local Flood Authority who were all at the last village meeting to discuss flooding. He said that he does have a draft policy/plan but that each plan needs to be site specific. Some road gullies have been cleared and some sewers have been cleared by Anglian Water, who have also done some pipe lining. If was asked if it would be possible to have a map showing where the drains and ditches are to indicate where water is supposed to flow/drain. A resident spoke about Fen Lane in Grimston and advised that the dyke near him is not maintained to allow water to flow away. There is a Flood Alliance which is a multi-agency group who have a joined-up approach. The areas identified are Church Lane, Station Road, Low Road and St Andrews Road. M Rae advised that he had contacted Jason Moore from NCC but that he had not got back to him. K Kent said that he would contact him. What can the Borough Council do? They are unable to provide sandbags and advise people to provide their own and take their own measures. If water is getting into properties, then 999 should be dialled. Kevin will provide non-emergency contact numbers. Norfolk County Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority.

K Kent left the meeting.

77/24 Public Speaking.

- (a) Borough/County Councillor Report: Report from Cllr Simon Ring who advised that he is also a Borough Councillor for another ward. On the flooding issue it is important that the three villages work together and have a co-ordinated approach. Congham will be part of this division next year. Last year the water table was higher than this year.

- (b) Members of the Public: None.

78/24 Matters arising.

None.

79/24 Correspondence received (for info only).

Clerk & Councils Direct

Various – via email.

80/24 Highways

Nothing to report.

81/24 Grimston Cricket Club

T Tilbrook outlined the request from the Cricket Club for support for their proposed new sewage system. They have obtained some funding but currently require £2785.50. On proposal from C Nichols and seconded by C Manning, it was agreed to donate £1500.00.

82/24 Hudson Fen Leisure

Formal request has been received asking for support for their multi-gym which has a total cost of £8200 approximately. On proposal from M Rae and seconded by C Nichols, it was agreed to donate £500.

83/24 Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report and it was agreed that this item should be removed from the agenda.

84/24 Roydon Common

The ditch area along Lynn Road needs cutting.

85/24 Village Litter Pick

T Tilbrook attended the last one and it was well attended and lots of rubbish was collected.

86/24 Asset Maintenance

The village sign needs re-painting, clerk will try and get some quotes. N Fletcher said that he would send the clerk some photos. Both the noticeboards require re-varnishing, clerk will try and obtain quotes.

87/24 C.I.L – Potential Applications

Nothing to discuss.

88/24 Norfolk ALC

Recent emails discussed and agreed that no further action required at this time.

89/24 Defibrillator

Solar panels have been discussed as an option. Will defer to next meeting.

90/24 Kings Coronation Tree

Plaque and tree guard have been delivered to M Rae. Will be installed when replacement tree planted.

91/24 Gov.Uk Email address

Clerk will circulate details to set up new email addresses.

92/24 Finance

Payments agreed: Masson Seeley (Plaque for Tree) - £87.54.

93/24 Planning

Nothing to discuss.

94/24 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.

Footpath down Station Road, would like a dropped kerb to cross the road to the play area. S Ring asked for the W3W location so that he could make enquiries.

95/24 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2nd January 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed 8.10pm

Chairman

Date