



East Rudham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21 June 2022, 7.30pm

Parish Councillors present: Malcolm Pearson MBE (Chairman), Tony Elburn (Vice Chairman), Sue Jones, Rachel Wade, Rosemary Weeks, John Dawson, Trevor Davis and Chris Morely (Borough Councillor). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), there were 11 members of the public.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Michael Chenery (County Councillor). Apologies accepted.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

Cllr Wade declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.4 and AGREED to abstain from participation in said item.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

Boundary Wall outside Little Owls

Cllr Wade met with an officer from Building Control who was very helpful and interested to hear our concerns. They will now escalate the matter, however it was not classed as urgent but hopes for a response within 2-3 months. Also, whilst on site it was established that the rear of the property is also of concern.

Jubilee

Cllr Wade reported that it was a good weekend, and many people from the community joined in. Cllr Wade thanked both East and West Rudham Parish Councils for their contributions and stated that this was a not for profit event. The £239 profit made from ticketed activities will be split between local community groups, including MUGA, the primary school, local car scheme and East and West Rudham PC's, also the Village Hall committee for stepping in to help when it rained on Sunday. If there are any other worthy organisations, please let Cllr Wade know.

Full accounts will be made available for approval at the next meeting and the beacon has been safely stored for future community events. Cllr Pearson wished to give thanks to Cllr Wade for her efforts and help.

Vehicle Electric Charging Point

There is no further update yet but further research will continue.

School Flashing 'Wig Wag' Signs

Cllr Pearson advised that the poles are now in situ and the signs will follow within the next few weeks.

5. Receive reports from Local PC, NCC Cllr & BCKL Cllr, if attending

Michael Chenery (County Councillor)

Not present.

Chris Morley (Borough Councillor)

The Planning Dept are still recruiting people.

Kings Lynn 'Vision' has been offered £25m, this funding would help with necessary repairs and upgrades to the Guild Hall.

There is still no movement on the QEH and it is getting worse.

The Government Levelling Up Fund is available an application will be made for a new sports centre in Hunstanton to slowly replace Oasis.

It was hoped that the CITB swimming pool could be upgraded however this may not be possible.

NCC are asking for funds of approx. £30m to re-do the road system round Kings Lynn, which, if received, would be a very positive thing.

The Councillor Community Grant Scheme is still available for projects ranging from £50 to £1000.

6. Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

A member of the public present summarised the minutes taken at a residents meeting regarding the UKPN substation to be sited on common land on Broomsthorpe Road.

The resident's felt that they had not been consulted with prior to the notice going up on site.

Various communications had been passed between residents and the Parish Council since the notice was published and a petition had been received from over 30 residents objecting to the proposed substation. Residents believed that a higher level of communication from both sides is needed, perhaps the newsletter could be utilised to convey more information in the future, also it was suggested that agents such as Strutt and Parker would be able to provide free advice if needed in the future.

The Vice Chairman explained that the first notification received from Savills was that a trench was required along the edge of the common land, then they were proposing a small unit, the PC asked for it to be tucked away and we requested UKPN to confirm the size. We did not have all the information for some time. The PC do not know why a 3m unit was required. The Parish Council did not sign or give approval to the final scheme at all.

Part of the planning process UKPN must apply to the Secretary of State for permission to carry out work on common land prior to making a planning application, and it was this notice that was then displayed on site. This notice sparked a lot of concern and objection from residents and the PC then agreed to submit an objection to the use of the land to Savills and the Secretary of State.

It was noted that UKPN need to replace the existing overheads with new underground cabling and this will happen in the future.

Members of the public present did wish to acknowledge that Councillors are volunteers and work hard for the good of the community and agreed to do more to help the PC and community.

Residents have requested a bench to be installed on the site instead. The Council agreed to consider this but it would be subject to receiving funding and if the ongoing maintenance costs can be budgeted for.

Another member of the public reported that the manhole cover on Broomsthorpe Road is rotten and appears dangerous. The Chairman agreed to report this to Highways and or Anglian Water.

7. To receive updates from council members

7.1 Jack's Lane Windfarm Community Fund

Cllr Pearson advised that Cllr Davies has agreed to take on the position as PC representative but was unable to attend the last committee meeting. The information received was that the fund had approx. £50k to distribute, £47k of which has been awarded to various organisations. The PC did not have any bids submitted during the last round, but there is £3k remaining with a further £12k due this year. It was agreed to consider projects for this year.

7.2 SAM2 & Speeding

Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch is up and running. Cllr Pearson will be meeting with local police officers and will meet up with Speed Watch as well.

SAM2 report

Location – Vets (Westbound)

Average speed – 26.6mph

Max speed – 90mph on 11.05.22 at 5.15am

85th percentile speed – 30mph

Volume 115765

8. Open Spaces & Highways Issues

8.1 Receive update on the UKPN Substation

Please see item 6. We will await a response from UKPN and Savills and will communicate with one of the members of the public present, as discussed.

8.2 Receive update on traffic cones and white lining on The Green

Cllr Pearson advised that following communications with NCC Highways white lining will not be possible at present due to budget constraints.

It was noted that there is no law to say you cannot park there, also too many signs on the green would hinder grass cutting and incur additional costs. Installing low signs may cause damaged to car doors or present a trip hazard. Having cones makes the area look unsightly. Installing chains and signs outside one property could set a precedent for all homes, and this cost is not a justifiable expense for the Parish Council. If white lining on the kerb was possible it is unlikely to be seen in the dark. It was suggested that the homeowner could move their gate post back to allow a wider splay. It was agreed that the Clerk will get in touch with the homeowner and invite them to bring their suggestions to the next meeting and make a decision then.

8.3 Receive an update on the Play Park

Cllr Wade advised that phase one is now complete and will present 3 quotes for consideration for phase two. A bid will then be submitted to TNL fund.

8.4 Discuss and agree use of The Green for Summer Fayre

Cllr Wade is organising a Summer Fayre on Sunday 26th June 9-2pm. The event is being organised via Jane's Coffee Corner and is not a Parish Council organised event. However, the Parish Council AGREED that the village green may be used for the Fayre as it is a community event.

9. Consider projects for 2022 CIL funding

Cllr Elburn agreed to look into funding for the second phase of the play park renovation via the CIL. Cllr Wade agreed this would be beneficial if TNL funding does not grant 100% of the funding.

Cllr Elburn agreed to confirm the deadline for applications at the next meeting.

10. East Rudham Cemetery

Cllr Pearson advised that the west side of the cemetery has now been gridded and the east side will be gridded soon. Cllr Wade will obtain prices for the markers to be engraved and as agreed at an earlier meeting, the markers will be purchased as needed.

11. Newsletter

Cllr Weeks requested that all inclusions are received by 10th August. Distribution is covered.

12. Planning Matters

12.1 To receive results of applications.

22/00481/F | Mallard Cottage Station Road East Rudham King's Lynn Norfolk PE31 8SU

Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows to rear roof. (with associated internal alterations) Replacement Porch to front of dwelling. Erection of detached 3-Bay Garage and Store building on site.

PC comment – SUPPORTS | BC decision – PENDING

22/00575/F | The Cottage, Broomsthorpe Road, East Rudham, PE31 8RG

Rear two storey extension and minor internal alterations

PC comment – SUPPORTS | BC decision - PENDING

21/01373/F | Land Adjacent To 54 Bagthorpe Road East Rudham King's Lynn

Proposed new residential dwelling **Appeal** reference: APP/V2635/W/21/3288964

PC comment - SUPPORTED –No further comment | BC decision – Appeal in Progress

12.2 To receive applications for consideration

22/00777/F | Unit 2 Coxford Abbey Farm Old Fakenham Road Coxford Norfolk

Re-building of workshop units following fire and part demolition

PC comment – SUPPORTS

13. To receive and consider correspondence

- Petition received from members of the public objecting to the siting of the UKPN substation on Broomsthorpe Road – see item 6.
- Houghton Hall Festival Poster – made available to Councillors.
- Parishioner email regarding the cones and white lining along the green – see item 8.2.
- Norfolk Records Office - Cllr Elburn has 40+ years of historic correspondence and other PC documentation that may be taken to the NRO. All AGREED that these files should be archived at the NRO.

