

MINUTES OF SOUTH WALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 6th July 2020 at 7.30pm using Zoom**

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Darren Debbage, John Debbage, Malcolm Dennis, Rod Russell (Chair), Amanda Miller, Malcolm Steward

County Councillor: Fran Wymark 5 members of the public Clerk: Aileen Beck

Apologies: District Councillor Justine Thomas

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Item 8: Cllr Russell

Item 15.1: Cllrs D Debbage, J Debbage and M Dennis as Trustees of South Walsham Village Hall

Item 15.2: Cllr M Dennis

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2020 confirmed as a correct record – Chair to sign at next full Council meeting when able to meet in person.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & REPORTS

Cllr Fran Whymark:

There is real concern that many professionals, particularly those in the frontline, will struggle with their mental health and may need specialist help with difficulties such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the future: Wellbeing Norfolk and Waveney have regular online events to support our residents, including virtual quizzes and coffee mornings. More information at www.wellbeingnands.co.uk/norfolk/ or follow them on Facebook or Twitter. Every Mind Matters has a 24/7 helpline at 0808 1963494 or www.everymindmatters.co.uk. There is specialist support for 11-25 year olds at www.kooth.com.

Going forward, Broadland District Council (BDC) and South Norfolk Council (SNC) Communities Team is actively engaging with the many volunteer groups, who have been supporting their communities during the pandemic. It is hoped that the fantastic work undertaken by the groups will continue, with Community Connectors helping to train volunteers. BDC will support this momentum to help neighbours and friends continue to help each other.

COVID-19 will continue to impact upon our lives for some time yet. Norfolk County Council are asking people who have any symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change to, or loss of, sense of smell/taste) to get tested. Our nearest testing centre is at Postwick Park and Ride. If you have symptoms isolate (your whole family) and contact NHS at www.NHS.uk/coronavirus or ring 119 for an appointment. Keyworkers can also email: NHScovidtesting@nnuh.nhs.uk. Remain isolated until you have the result of your test and for at least 7 days.

Central Government has given financial support to both Districts and County Councils. An additional £105m is being given to Districts to continue the 'Everyone In' initiative to ensure rough sleepers have a place to stay. BDC and SNC have been very successful with FIRST Step over the last year, starting in August 2019. We have recently employed another worker to support people when they are in accommodation to maintain their tenancy and address any health or dependency difficulties.

Following a campaign by Marcus Rashford (Manchester Utd player) government has given Counties £120m for a Summer Food Fund. This will ensure children are not going hungry over the summer holidays, before they return to school in September.

£1billion is also being made available for a 'catch up' package. £650m for schools in England and a further £350 for a national tutoring programme to help our most disadvantaged children.

From Saturday 4th July pubs, restaurants, playgrounds and some leisure facilities will re-open. In Norfolk libraries will open on Monday 6th July.

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People are asked to continue to social distance, wash/sanitise hands regularly and wear face masks in public places. Things are improving but as we have seen with Leicester an increase in confirmed cases could lead to another lockdown.

Locally I am very pleased that not only day boats but overnight hire boats can restart also. Tourism is very important to the Norfolk economy (worth £3.25 billion) let's hope our economy can benefit positively for the rest of the summer.

Anti-social behaviour (both on and off the water) has been a problem for many of us. Last Friday (26th June) I visited Coltishall Common with our MP Jerome Mayhew. A party had to be broken up at 11pm by over a dozen police officers that evening. There have also been incidents at Caen Meadow and Salhouse Broad. Jerome has been in contact with Norfolk Police and I have had discussions with both Beat Managers. I have also contacted the Broads Authority and their Head of Ranger Services is aware and will take steps to address any issues.

Public participation:

Canoes at South Walsham staithe – increase in use due to Salhouse Broad now charging for use of their car park, so groups are using South Walsham instead. Council requested Clerk inform the Broads Authority of the situation and the demand for parking, on the roadside and in the Kingfisher Lane car park.

Noticeboard on Village Green – Cllr Miller to tidy and improve appearance

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – TO RECEIVE UPDATES

Council noted:

- 5.1 Clerk reported overgrown footpaths along School Road and the footpath FP1 around the broad to Highways
- 5.2 Cllr Steward booked Annual Inspection for playground equipment – staff had been furloughed and are now arranging visits with approximate wait time of 10 weeks
- 5.3 Clerk completed Introduction to Local Council Administration qualification (ILCA) – now working on the Certificate of Local Council Administration qualification (CILCA)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

email	Norfolk County Council	Parish Partnership Scheme: applications open for 2020/21 on a 50/50 cost basis	Noted
email	Norfolk Association of Local Councils	Well-being initiatives	Noted

7. ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Council AGREED and authorised the following payments previously circulated:

	net	VAT	gross
South Walsham Village Hall – grant	£200.00		£200.00
Salaries	£696.71		£696.71
Meeting costs	£14.38	£2.40	£11.98
Ink cartridges	£53.98		£53.98
South Walsham Village Hall	£256.00		£256.00
The Garden Guardian	£470.75	94.15	£564.90

7.2 Council received budget monitoring statement to date and noted the bank reconciliation:

Bank reconciliation as at	22.06.2020
Bank a/c no 00621042 Current	£8,288.97
Bank a/c no 01647010 Deposit	£21,424.29
Bank ac/no 01460751 cemetery/c/yard	£32,561.89
Bank a/c no 07455911 Deposit Hewitt	£2,066.19
	£64,341.34

7.3 Council ratified decision for George Taylor to tidy Village Green at approximate cost of £80
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- 7.4 It was AGREED that necessary payments required prior to September meeting to be authorised by agreement of Chair/Vice-Chair and Clerk if no meeting held
- 7.5 Council could not discuss internal auditor's report and agree and sign AGAR 2019/20 as not available for this meeting: Clerk to call meeting as soon as possible to ensure deadline of 31st July 2020 met

8. PLANNING

Council considered Broads Authority planning application BA/2020/0055/FUL Re-consultation Land At Broad View, And Adjacent Mooring Plot, Fleet Lane, South Walsham and wish to refer to the previous comment that a thatched roof would be more suitable to the area but that the design was an improvement

9. NON-RESIDENT SLIPWAY KEY BALLOT

Clerk allocated numbers to all 10 applicants prior to the meeting and informed them of their own number and how the draw would work. Random number generator at random.org used during meeting – screen shared on Zoom: numbers drawn in order: 8 3 2 4 7 10 1 6 and reserves 9 5

Clerk to request return of keys (if existing holders unsuccessful) and inform applicants of tonight's results

10. CHURCHYARD

Council AGREED the additional cost for George Taylor to dispose of rubbish accumulating in the churchyard

11. SAM2 SIGN

Clerk spoken to manufacturers about problems with charging and recording but needs someone with better knowledge of the SAM2 unit to speak to them as they are not currently doing site visits. Cllr D Debbage to do so as and when able – any costs incurred to bring sign back to working order to be authorised by Chair and Clerk under delegated powers if required

12. BURLINGHAM ROAD COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Neither Cllr Steward nor the Clerk have received any response to emails to County Farms and calls go unanswered. Cllr Steward to persevere. David Pooley has mowed the footpath.

13. PLAYGROUND

Council discussed the re-opening of the playground in line with clerk's risk assessment based upon government advice and actions required to make it 'COVID19 secure': at present it is not deemed safe to re-open as no inspections since March and annual inspection due (see minute number 5.2). Cllr Steward to carry out his usual inspection and liaise with Wicksteed. Clerk prepared appropriate signage to be reviewed in line with changing guidance.

Therefore, Council AGREED play area should remain closed until inspection deems area safe to open

14. WALK AROUND VILLAGE

It was AGREED in view of coronavirus restrictions the usual annual walk around the village should be arranged during the May 2021 meeting. Any problems in the meantime to be reported to Clerk/Councillors.

15. GRANT FROM NORFOLK COMMUNITY FUND

15.1 Council authorised the payment of £200 to South Walsham Village Hall for assistance towards costs of takeaway bar service at the Viking Bar AGREED in principal at June's meeting

15.2 Council AGREED to support the request from St Lawrence's Centre for financial assistance towards oil costs and provide a grant of £200

Council RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items due to their confidential nature

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16. CLERK'S HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT

Clerk to take holiday entitlement of at least equivalent of one week during July and at least a further week during August. No more than one week's entitlement on pro rate basis to be carried forward to next year's allowance.

17. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

Web Accessibility Statement

Next scheduled meeting: 7th September 2020

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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