

MINUTES OF SOUTH WALSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 2nd December 2019** at 7.30pm at South Walsham Village Hall

Present: Darren Debbage, John Debbage, Malcolm Dennis, Roger Jones, Amanda Miller, Rod Russell (chair),
Malcolm Steward
Clerk: Aileen Beck 4 members of the public

1. ATTENDANCE

Apologies received from District Cllr Nigel Brennan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr D Debbage – Village Hall Trusteeship – items 10.1 and 10.2

Cllr J Debbage – Village Hall Trusteeship – items 10.1 and 10.2

Cllr M Dennis – Village Hall Trusteeship – items 10.1 and 10.2

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2019 were signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 No report available from County Councillor Fran Whymark.

District Councillor Nigel Brennan sent a report to remind residents the ‘tots-2-teens’ programme set up for the Christmas holidays is open for bookings.

Local Police have had two road incidents and an animal incident logged with them during November.

4.2 Public forum: Incidents of flooding at the Kings Arms and Chameryhall Lane plus rotten posts in fence along footpath on School Road – Clerk to report to Highways. Request to consider South Walsham as a no cold calling zone.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – TO RECEIVE UPDATES

Council noted:

5.1 Work required to the steps leading into the churchyard, inspection chamber and wall have been completed

5.2 Broads Authority repaired approx. 20 boards at top of slipway and posts in car park

5.3 Overgrown hedges reported to Highways. School Road hedge to be cut during winter programme.

5.4 Bierway – to be carried forward to next meeting

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Report from the Tree Warden Network AGM held on 19th October 2019 – it was AGREED unanimously to send a donation of £25 as and when the annual request is made

Norfolk County Council – proposed changes to bus route from 6th January 2020 – information noted and to be passed to The Mardler

7. ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 The following payments were authorised:

	net	VAT	gross
The Garden Guardian (01.11.19)	£705.63	£141.13	£846.75
Norwich Electrical	£379.00	£75.80	£454.80
	21/2019		

Tyrell Builders	£622.00		£622.00
Norfolk County Council	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Mr R Bond	£102.28		£102.28
Norfolk Citizens Advice	£50.00		£50.00
Salaries	£693.97		£693.37
Bure Valley Conservation Group	£175.00		£175.00
George Taylor	£400.00		£400.00
URM Recycling	£12.45	£2.49	£14.94

7.2 Accounts to 30th November 2019 presented along with a proposed budget for 2020/21. Bank account balances at that date:

Bank a/c no 00621042 Current	17,193.65
Bank a/c no 01647010 Deposit	13,424.29
Bank ac/no 01460751 cemetery/c/yard	29,346.98
Bank a/c no 07455911 Deposit Hewitt	2,084.54

7.3 It was AGREED precept for 2020/2021 should be set at £19,007 (3% on last year) likely to result in increase of £1.29 per Band D household. Proposed by Cllr Steward. Second Cllr Dennis.

7.4 Grant Awarding Policy approved and signed by the Chair.

8. CEMETERY

Proposed stages of development: removal of conifers; ditch cleared and cleaned then surface of cemetery levelled. Quotes to follow.
Cllr J Debbage

9. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

It was AGREED to submit an application to improve access to footpath 5 from Wymers Lane under the Parish Partnership Scheme at a 50% cost to Council of £1,750 by the end of the week. Clerk to include that appropriate access to both fields must be maintained in agreement with current tenants/owners.

10. RECREATION GROUND

10.1 It was AGREED that Council would enter into a new Agreement with South Walsham Village Hall to pay for their grass cutting costs for the next 5 financial years, such contribution to decrease by 20% each subsequent year at an initial 100% cost of £2,048 with an option to review costs annually with an allowable increase of 3% each year payable in 8 monthly instalments. Council's occupation of the land used as the playground will continue at the peppercorn rent as in current agreement.

10.2 It was AGREED that Council contribute £1,000 towards the replacement of wooden posts surrounding the car parks. Proposed by Cllr Jones. Second Cllr Steward.

11. SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE TASKS

Bure Valley Conservation Group have hand pulled the weeds at Kidman's Corner although there is concern that the liner has split. Clerk to inform County Farms. Pond Maintenance plan in place. Benches need treating to ensure they remain in good condition. Parish Online subscription being utilised to put together comprehensive map for the village.

12. PLAYGROUND SIGN

Still awaiting artwork from the Primary School – to return to Agenda once received.

13. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

Next Meeting: 6th January 2020

Policy review

Claiming footpath along Marsh Road

22/2019

The Chairman 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 item due to its confidential nature.

14. COMPLAINT

Clerk received a complaint against Council answered on 12th November in accordance with the Complaints Policy. The proposal to discuss concerns face-to-face during this month's meeting was declined. Clerk to contact Complainant with Council's decision before end of year in readiness for January's meeting when decision will be made public.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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