



Meeting of the Parish Council

In the Pavilion

6pm, Monday 18th November 2024

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Jean Bragg, David Bromley, John Davis, Ben Falat, Brian Keller, and Sandie Keller

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 1 member of the public. 1 County / District Councillors.

1. Welcome

2. Announcement on Reporting

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. Ashdown, Besford-Land, Carver, Turner and Munro.

4. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

4.1 Receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the agenda. None

4.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None

4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. None

5. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 October 2024

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Bromley. All in favour.

5.1. Outstanding actions: To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda.

6. Chairman's Report:

On behalf of Cllr Ashdown, the Halloween event was a huge success, feedback was superb from everyone. Next year we will offer 3 smaller sessions as the morning session was too

large. The Museum is almost finished, and the scaffolding will be down before Christmas, the cellar has been water protected and has become a dry area. If a grant is successful, they may investigate dredging the duck pond as it is feared this is causing the museum to flood. The project has come in within budget. We have had a couple of incidents where lads have accessed the scaffolding, but extra measures have been put in place to stop this.

7. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports.**

District Cllr. Gee reported that all members of ESCC have been excluded from the official bridge opening, it is purely Suffolk County Council. The opening starts at 1.30pm on the 19th November, and HRH Princess Ann is opening the bridge. Public are welcome.

8. To receive an update from FoNEP and agree any necessary action.

Voluntary hours for October were 150, the wooden spindles on the duck pond bridge have been painted, the red will be re painted in the spring, the paint cost £44.00, the circular bed planting options has been discussed. The plaque for Tony was unveiled and his wife was really pleased. We have had a tulip tree donated to the park, FoNEP will liaise with Adrian as where is best to place it.

The memory rose has been ordered and will arrive in November.

FoNEP thanked Cllr. Ashdown for the Quiz Night which they enjoyed.

9. To receive a Finance and projects brief

Only 3 Councillors attended the meeting for Finance, although still quorate.

Fire alarm quotes have been approved for the museum.

Park toilet roof works and electrics due to squirrel damage have been approved.

Salary award (National) has been agreed and will be backdated to April 2024.

10. To approve the payments for this month and in between meetings.

Monthly

MC Cleaning	Office / pavilion Clean		£144.00
Norfolk Copiers	Copy costs		£40.09
Daisy	Phone/internet		149.39
GIH Electrical	CCTV works		£1,068.00
ESS	Boulevard toilet blockage		£153.12
TCV	Task Day	£	408.00
	Nursery woods		

ADHOC

-£1,962.60

INCOME
Mini Zoo **£120.00**

TOTAL **£120.00**

Proposed by Cllr. Falat

Seconded by Cllr. B Keller

All in favour.

11. Combining of meetings.

Cllr. Bromley suggested reducing the number of meetings by combining the meetings to one evening a month. A suggestion was Planning, Finance and Full Council on one evening. Cllr. B Keller is not keen as feels the meetings would be too long, it was suggested the meetings would be condensed so they are fixed to the exact time and can't run over. Cllr. Bragg felt it won't work. Cllr. Bromley he would leave the idea for now.

12. To adopt the Policies and Procedures

Previously circulated to all Councillors. These were agreed and adopted.

Proposed by Cllr. Bromley, seconded by Cllr. Falat, all in favour.

13. To discuss a barrier at Monckton

Cllr. Bragg explained a barrier is required on the path beside nursery close to stop vehicles driving along the footpath, plus a sign saying No Vehicles. Clerk to get a quote for the sign and the post. To be added to the finance agenda.

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Bromley, all in favour.

14. To note the recommendations from Finance & Projects Committee.

Covered under item 9.

15. To note date of next Full Council Meeting on Monday 16th December 2024.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.58pm.

Signed by the Chairman..... Date.....