



Meeting of the Parish Council

In the Pavilion

6pm, Monday 16th October 2023

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Christine Ashdown, Anthony Besford-Land, Jean Bragg, David Bromley, Tracey Cannon, Paul Carver, Ben Falat, Brian Keller, and Donald Munro.

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 5 members of the public.

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 Cllr. S Keller and District Cllr. Back.

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 received.

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

4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. Cllr. Falat as a Trustee of the Water sports centre.

5. Minutes: To approve all the minutes of the meeting of 18th September 2023.

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Bromley. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

5.1 Matters arising

None

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

Cllr. Bromley will get the size for the concrete pad for the bins at OBWSC.

7. Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report, business is ongoing, and winter has arrived.

8. To note the External Auditors Report

Noted

9. 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 Councillor Gee reported there is lots happening, the planning started a tour from North to South planning area and where the council have land, to look at options for the land.

The new bridge is moving fast but is delayed and should open by spring.

There was a museum meeting today to discuss the MEND fund & works, works will commence in the spring. There was a Lowestoft Town Councillor in attendance.

We were shocked to learn Oulton Broad & Carlton Wards have been left off the police lists, this was raised, and it was confirmed it would be rectified.

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

Voluntary hours for September were 135. Cllr. Ashdown and the Trust were thanked for a good quiz night on Friday. It was confirmed that the remembrance will be on Saturday 11th November at 11am.

The hanging baskets will be taken down soon and stored, the coronation bed will be cleared soon. Esat Suffolk Services will be delivering manure shortly. Awaiting confirmation of a £300.00 grant from District Cllr. Back, which is to fund the plants to go into the newly widened bed at the front of the park.

It was noted that some of the string lights were out, 28 lamps are out.

FoNEP enquired about the signs previously suggested for the hanging baskets, this has been put on hold while signage in general for the park is looked into.

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

OBPC Cheque and BACS payment run

Monthly

Inn House Technology	CCTV rental	£	
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	426.38	£50.00
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BACS

Payments for October to be authorised

Monthly

Norfolk Copiers	Copier rental	£	
MC Cleaning	Office / pavilion Clean	56.95	£144.00

ADHOC

The finances were agreed at Finance Committee and taken to Full Council

Proposed by Cllr. Falat, seconded by Cllr. Carver. 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

12. To receive the committee reports.

1. Finance report

Report circulated to all Councillors.

2. Personnel Report

Jayne retired this September, the position was advertised and was filled by Rebekah Lark, who shone through during her interview.

The Clerk has done a good job, and we appreciate her holding the Council together.

3. Events & Tourism report

Successful year, we have made a profit for NEPT of around £9,000.00 and we have bookings for next year in already.

Cllr. Ashdown informed the Council that for next year the payments will be changed to a deposit (non-refundable) at the time of booking, 3 months later a 25% and then 30 days before the event the balance must be paid to save chasing after the event.

13. To note date of next Full Council Meeting on Monday 20th November 2023 at 6pm.

14. To discuss Co-option for one vacancy

1. To interview and appoint the applicant.

Applicant John Davis

Cllr. Bromley introduced John, who is a member of Sailability, and highly recommends his Co-option.

Mr Davis left the room, and it was agreed to Co-opt him onto the Council.

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

15. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.29pm.

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