

Lessingham and Hempstead with Eccles Parish Council

MINUTES A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At Lessingham Village Hall

Tuesday 12th October 2021 - 7.30pm

Present: M Henderson (Chair), A Cull (Vice Chair), J Holden, D Reynolds, M Perry. NCC: Richard Price

Clerk: C Hummel.

Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

S Bennett requested an extended leave of absence due to family circumstances – The Parish Council considered to give S Bennett extended leave of absence due to the sensitive situation he is currently in until February 2022.

APPROVED Proposed M Henderson, Seconded J Holden.

NNDC Lucy Shires gave apologies that she may be a late to the meeting due to a meeting clash with another parish. Lucy has provided a report to the clerk but it was corrupted and unable to be opened so the clerk will ask for it to be resent

2. Declaration of Interests

NONE

3. To approve as accurate minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the last meeting of the council on Tuesday 14th September 2021 were AGREED, Proposed D Reynold Seconded M Perry. Thanks to A Cull for taking the minutes of the last meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

4.1 SAM2 – Machine has been with Westcotec for repairs. Volunteers are needed to handle the machine. – **AP** The clerk to put an advert in the parish magazine. New Police and Crime Commissioner, Giles Orpen-Smellie has said that speeding in villages is an issue. Looking at ways to get better data from the SAM2 to make a real effect in speeding.

4.2 Second Home figures – Further information supplied by Cllr Lucy Shires regarding second homes in the parish. Richard Price can look through the electoral role to give a better idea of locations. J Holden concerned over the number of second homes rather than the holiday lets. There appears to be an issue with regard to a property that either let or a second home and a number of dogs that are barking for long periods of time. It was advised that people that are affected by this should contact Environmental at NNDC in the first instance. The clerk with details given can write to Environmental to advise that a number of complaints have been raised.

5. Public participation (15 minutes)

5.1 To receive reports from Police/Police Newsletter, County and District Councillor – R Price Covid data North Norfolk total 5732 cases up by 255 last week. Equates to 200 per 100,000. 231 have died in North Norfolk. Vaccination statistics in North Norfolk are 87% of 12+ have received their first jab. 82% have had both jabs. Keep protecting yourself, encouragement for flu jab.

Events at Cawston Park, will be brought up at the Scrutiny committee. Cromer Cancer Unit is up and running.

Looking at speed limits and ease to change them and looking at the Road Safety policy that has not been updated since 2014.

Highways are under extreme pressure on Norfolk roads at the moment it has been encouraged that people report pot holes or defects to do this via the app - What Three Words. County Councillors have been given a tree fund to encourage their communities regarding the environment. Each County Councillor has three sets of options. Orchard trees three packs, Mini Cops 9 packs, Hedging 10m 8 packs. Parishes are urged to apply where they will be assessed. Preferred option is on Parish Council land, or Poor's land, it will consider private land but must be visible to the public.

Regarding the anti-social behaviour of the beach at Eccles Richard has copied in Duncan Baker who is chasing the authorities. Environment Agency have responded that if a person sees any damage e.g. Broken bottles, burnt out discarded BBQs to contact the 24hr line 0800 807060. Duncan Baker MP ran the London Marathon he raised in excess of £26,000 for 26 local charities.

5.2 To receive questions from the public relating to items on the agenda - **NONE**

6. Planning – None at time of publication

7. Revision of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Confirm revisions to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations **AGREED** Proposed David Reynolds, Seconded A Cull.

8. Adoption of General Reserves Policy

AGREED Proposed M Perry, Seconded J Holden

9. Correspondence for information

9.1 Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – Memorial Token – Civic plaque to commemorate communities coming together through the pandemic. – Potential location would be the village hall. There merits of placing the plaque either inside the building or outside were discussed. The parish council have asked the village hall trustees to discuss at the next meeting and give their feedback to council.

9.2 NNDC – Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2021 – Idea of tree planting was discussed. The parish council enquired if the village hall trustees had any ideas. **AP** A Cull will share with councillors the village hall trustees comments on a tree planting ceremony and/or other ideas they may have.

9.3 Norfolk ALC – Bulletin 5th October – Includes new County Officer Jeremy Burton – M Henderson asked the clerk to find out what happened at the meeting concerning the churches and parish council. This could be of some relevance to Lessingham.

10. Finance

10.1 Community Account – As at 31 st August 2021	£3,427.42	
Savings Account – As at 10 th September 2021	£1,117.24	Interest £0.03

10.2 To authorise the following payments for October 2021: **AGREED** Proposed D Reynolds, Seconded A Cull
C Hummel - Salary October 2021 £130.00

11. Any Other Business for Future Meeting

Budget setting and Precept

GDPR

Parish Council Website

Macmillan Unit

Parish Council Vacancy

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 8.39pm