

Lessingham and Hempstead with Eccles Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At Lessingham Village Hall

Tuesday 9th November 2021 - 7.30pm

Present: M Henderson (Chair), A Cull, M Perry, D Reynolds, S Bennett. NCC R Price, NNDC L Shires, Clerk: C Hummel

Meeting started at 19.31

1. Apologies

J Holden – Unwell - **ACCEPTED**

2. Declaration of Interests

M Henderson – Item 9.2

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

The minutes of the last meeting of the council held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 were **AGREED**. Proposed M Perry, Seconded D Reynolds

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

4.1 SAM2 – Machine is back from Westcotec and currently in Hickling. No volunteers have come forward. – **AP** Continue to advertise in the parish magazine, make a bolder advert. Councillors will confirm locations and clerk will speak to the volunteers in Hickling regarding time it takes handling the SAM2.

4.2 Parish Councillor vacancy. – The advert will be entered into the parish magazine. **AP** Clerk will contact an ex-councillor over access to the Parish Council Facebook page.

4.3 Memorial Token – Civic Plaque to commemorate communities coming together through the pandemic has been received by the clerk. Decision as to location of plaque to be made. Inside the village hall or at the village sign. **AP** A Cull will seek permission from the Meale family.

4.4 Training – Clerk advised of training available to councillors. M Henderson asked if NALC could make booklets available to purchase from some of these training days. **AP** The clerk will let councillors have a list of forthcoming training for the new year.

4.5 Parish Council Website – Details have changed and updates are taking place.

5. Public participation (15 minutes)

5.1 To receive reports from Police/Police Newsletter, County and District Councillor

NCC R Price gave a Covid update. Cases in North Norfolk now stand at 7164 this is up 279 on last week. Deaths in North Norfolk are at 234. Encouragement to get the flu vaccine if offered and follow the hands, face and space. Budget has been prepared at NCC – this is now out for consultation. EAST RRV that was based in North Walsham had a review and the plan is to move the Cromer RRV to Fakenham and North Walsham RRV to Cromer. Duncan Baker has been working with R Price and it has now been agreed to keep the RRV at North Walsham for the time being.

NNDC L Shires gave her report see appendix 1.

R Price left at 20.22

6. Planning – PF/21/2896: Ground and First Floor Extension and Alterations. 1 Chapel Cottages, Chapel Lane, Lessingham, Norfolk, NR12 OTD. **NO OBJECTION**

L Shires left at 20.46

RV/21/2956: Variation of condition 2 (plans) & removal of conditions 3 (materials), 5 (Flood resilience measures) & 6 (Emergency Flood Plan) of planning permission PF/21/0043 (Single storey replacement holiday dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling) to allow addition of photovoltaic panels on roof, change materials and include flood resilience measures to be incorporated in design. The Old Kit Bag, Beach Road, Eccles-On-Sea, Norfolk, NR12 OSL – This application arrived on day of meeting. Councillors **AGREED** to look over the application and give comments back to the clerk for a response to NNDC.

7. Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

To receive an update on the village hall committee's ideas for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022, and how the Parish Council could be involved. - Look at forming a working party to see if ideas can be generated to help the village celebrate. **AP** M Perry will speak to residents to raise interest.

8. Correspondence for information

8.1 Resident – Issues on the beach at Eccles – The Environment Agency will be removing the antivax signs.

8.2 NNDC – North Norfolk Coastal Forum – Held on 2nd November 2021 - **NOTED**

9. Finance

9.1 Community Account –Statements not received at time of publication.

Savings Account – Statements not received at time of publication.

9.2 To authorise the following payments for November 2021: **AGREED** Proposed A Cull, Seconded D Reynolds

C Hummel - Salary November 2021	£130.00
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M Henderson – Expenses for retirement gifts & Postage	£69.74
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9.3 The cashbook for 2021/22 **CONFIRMED**.

9.4 The budget for 2022/23 had been circulated prior to the meeting and was **APPROVED**.

9.5 The precept for 2022/23 had been circulated prior to the meeting. A rise of 2% was **AGREED** Proposed S Bennett Seconded D Reynolds

9.6 A donation to the Macmillan Unit at Cromer. **AGREED IN PRINCIPLE** £100. **AP** Clerk will find out where the money will be invested to.

10. Any Other Business for Future Meeting

GDPR

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 21.14

Appendix 1

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR LESSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR LESSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

North Norfolk District Council will increase the number of properties available for temporary accommodation to 16 by the end of this year. Like many parts of the country, North Norfolk has seen a rise in homelessness over the last few years; last year, the Council placed 171 households into temporary accommodation. Without a portfolio of properties to house those in need, the Council must rely on private B&B facilities, where only a fraction of the costs can be reclaimed from central government. This led to a net cost of £443k in 2020/21. Among the new properties, two were acquired through Compulsory Purchase Orders as half-built, where developers had left it to stand empty and incomplete.

Mental Health Champion

The applications for the North Norfolk Wellbeing Hub have been through moderation and are into the next stage of the legal process. We are still on track for the Hub to go live early 2022.

Lessingham

We are making progress with the issues that we are facing at Cart Gap and Eccles with the public using the sand dunes. Having had many conversations and email exchanges with the coastal team, environmental protection, the Environment Agency, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, the police, NCC and even the drainage board... I have requested that we have a working group set up to manage some of these issues collectively.

The Environment Agency will be removing the reported 'Anti-vax' stickers from their signs in the coming weeks, if not this week.

Please remember to remind groups that there is funding available from the sustainable communities fund, you can find out more here: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/community-grants-and-funding/north-norfolk-sustainable-communities-fund/>

Take care,

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