

Minutes of the Meeting of Lessingham Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall

Present: Peter Peruzzi (Chairman)
Sue Allen
Georgina Dunn
Emma Hallums
Helen Twining
Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk

Also present: One member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from James Holden and Jeni Boardman. County Councillor Richard Price had also sent his apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024

The minutes of the last meeting were **agreed**, proposed by Emma Hallums, seconded by Sue Allen, all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Enlargement of Little Tern area

Peter Peruzzi reported that he gave a presentation at the Upper Thurne Working Group, and got some contacts for the RSPB and Environment Agency as well as Natural England. Peter was now in touch with the RSPB, who had offered a site meeting before the nesting season starts.

b) Parking on Bush Estate

It was acknowledged that this was mainly day trippers, although there were sometimes camper vans parked in the pull ins.

c) Noise Nuisance in Holiday Lets

Peter Peruzzi reported that he had emailed North Norfolk District Council about noisy holiday lets. NNDC had said people should keep a log and then complete a noise nuisance report form, noting that it was from the tenants of a holiday let.

5. Public Forum

a) Public

Nothing.

b) County Councillor

Richard Price had sent a report noting that Norfolk County Council had expressed interest in becoming a Mayoral Authority with Suffolk, and had applied to the government to postpone the County Council elections due in May 2025.

c) District Councillor

Not present.

6. Planning

a) New Applications

None.

b) Applications considered between meetings

PF/24/1959 Harbour Bungalow, Sand Hills, Eccles-on-Sea: Siting of timber cabin for holiday use to replace existing static caravan. **OBJECTED**

PF/24/2427 Lessingham Manor Cottage, Heath Road, Hempstead: External alternations to existing outbuilding to facilitate conversion to indoor swimming pool and associated facilities. **NO OBJECTIONS**

c) Decisions

PF/24/2427 Lessingham Manor Cottage, Heath Road, Hempstead: External alternations to existing outbuilding to facilitate conversion to indoor swimming pool and associated facilities. **WITHDRAWN**

7. Finance

a) Finances 2024/25 To Date

The accounts were noted. Since the last meeting the following had been received:

➤ Interest - £70.51

b) Payments

It was **agreed** to pay the following, proposed by Georgina Dunn, seconded by Helen Twining, all in favour:-

C Moore	Salary & Expenses Nov – Dec 2024	£395.64
HMRC	PAYE Nov – Dec 2024	£96.40

8. Correspondence

a) Broads Authority Design Guide and Code Supplementary Planning Document

No comments.

b) General Correspondence

None.

9. Other Matters

a) Dog Waste / Litter Bins

Peter Peruzzi had circulated pictures of the potential location outside the church gate. It was felt that it was too far from the footpath. It was **agreed** to look at this further when James was at a meeting, as he could canvas the views of residents. The funding could be held in reserve until a site was agreed.

b) Councillor Portfolios and Risk Assessments

Peter Peruzzi had previously circulated the first draft risk assessment. It was **agreed** to complete a quarterly report of Highways issues, proposed by Sue Allen, seconded by Emma Hallums, all in favour. **ACTION: PP**

c) Budget and Precept 2025/26

The budget was discussed and **agreed**, proposed by Peter Peruzzi, seconded by Sue Allen, all in favour. It was **agreed** to set the precept at £5,301.40, (Band D £22.22, 0% increase) proposed by Peter Peruzzi, seconded by Sue Allen, all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was **agreed** that Helen Twining could canvas residents regarding a second bin in Bush Estate. **ACTION: HT**

d) Recruitment of Parish Clerk

It was noted that the Clerk would be leaving the Council on or before 31st March 2025. The Chairman and Councillors thanked the Clerk for the time she had been with the Council. It was **agreed** to advertise on the same terms as the current role, proposed by Peter Peruzzi, seconded by Helen Twining, all in favour. Peter Peruzzi, Emma Hallums and Sue Allen were appointed to shortlist applications and interview candidates. **ACTION: Clerk**

10. Reports from Councillors

Georgina Dunn reported that the water at the church had nowhere to go, and that the culvert needed reinstating. She would keep a watching brief on this, and work did seem to have had some effect.

Peter Peruzzi reported that the ditch on The Street had been reinstated following the lorry that went into it in 2023.

The village sign had been returned and thanks were placed on record.

Peter Peruzzi reported that the roads on Bush Estate had frozen and were very slippery. It was suggested that a salt bin could be installed, possibly made from recycled materials, however the roads were not adopted so salt would need to be provided. It was suggested that this could be bought from Norfolk County Council. Councillors were asked to consider this project further.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on **Tuesday 11th March 2025** at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall. This would include the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

CHAIRMAN