



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church Hall, Church Lane, West Row IP28 8PD

Present: Cllr R Hamill (Chair), Cllr A Fisher, Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls, Cllr June Goodenough, Cllr A Goodenough

Also in attendance: Sqn Ldr A Bell, D/Cllr M Bradshaw, Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk

49. Apologies for acceptance and absence. Cllr M Peachey, Cllr L Doyle, D/Cllr C Noble and D/Cllr D Waldron.

50. To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.
In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interest in **any items(s) on the agenda.** None.

51. Public Participation (10 minutes in total)

52. Approval of Minutes

- (a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2023 were proposed and agreed as a true record of the meeting held.

53. External Reports

- (a) D/Cllr Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council – Non-attendance and no report submitted.
(b) D/Cllr Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council – Non-attendance and no report submitted.
(c) D/Cllr Mick Bradshaw – West Suffolk Council. D/Cllr M Bradshaw reported that the street lighting issue regarding ownership and maintenance is a continuing discussion. Grass cutting of the triangle at the bottom of Cricks Road/Eldo Road. Clerk to contact Anglian Water who own the land. There are concerns re the weight limit of vehicles at the junction of Mildenhall Road and Beeches Road. As the concerns were rather vague and not specific, the council came to no decision on the matter. D/Cllr M Bradshaw to make further enquiries.
(d) Sqn Ldr Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall. Please see Appendix A for the full report.

54. Planning

55. Matters Relating to Governance

- (a) Review of all Policies (last readopted June 2023).



56. Financial Matters

- (a) Approval of Accounts – Payments – 1st to 30th June 2023. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payment.
- (b) Approval of May 2023 Bank Reconciliation was Received.
- (c) Approval of May 2023 Deposit Account was Received.

57. Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision

- (a) Update on Footpaths/Bridleway Projects – Route from Friday Street to Playing Fields. Ongoing.
- (b) Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings – Data looking good apart from one or two incidents.
- (c) Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along river at bottom of The Gravel - Defer to end of year.
- (d) Update on Footpath for Cricks Road into Church Road – Defer to end of the Summer.
- (e) SCC Development – Cllr M Peachey has received a message from Lovells to say that they are still awaiting updated plans for the SCC development.
- (f) Update on Storage Facilities - Defer
- (g) Blue Plaques – Defer until 2024
- (h) Shop Drove Footpath – Clerk has spoken to James Pickerin from Rights of Way and Access, and they have an agreement with Alan Rolfe for the plannings to be delivered which he will spread to fill in the ruts. Plannings should be delivered within a couple of weeks.
- (i) Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – Clerk has spoken to Planning Enforcement this week who informed us that the land is subject to an enforcement notice requiring the building work and conversion to cease and the land to be cleared, hence the condition of the land. Planning Enforcement are in contact with the owners. Ongoing.
- (j) Spare Bench – Along the riverbank by Park Farm. Quotation received from Paul Gammon for £351.20. **APPROVED AND AGREED.**
- (k) New Cemetery – Cllr M Peachey has received an updated report from Glaven Ecology and will review next week.
- (l) Community Assets – Bowls Club, Village Hall and Amenities. Clerk to write to the Village Hall Trustees about protecting the buildings and amenities. Clerk to also contact WSC regarding the ownership of West Row Academy school building with regard to protecting the building as an asset.
- (m) Overgrown Public Footpaths – Clerk to write to the homeowners of 1 Yew Tree Close, Landsend Cricks Road and 151 Church Road regarding overgrown hedges protruding onto the footpath.

58. Other Working Party Updates/Reports

- (a) Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine - Helen Webber has been invited to attend the July meeting.



- (b) Update on Neighbourhood Plan – Awaiting the draft from Design Guide.
- (c) Warm Places Update – Expenses presented to Council.
- (d) 100 Club Update – Draw took place this evening and the number 107 – Philip Norman was drawn. Prize money was £55.00.

59. Allotment Matters

The weather has been too hot to dig the boreholes. 18 tonnes of plannings were delivered and levelled out with the help of Kevin Peachey.

60. Events

- (a) 80th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. Working group to be set up.
- (b) D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024. Working group to be set up.
- (c) Christmas 2023 – Christmas tree lighting Friday 8th, Santa sleigh around the village on the 9th and 10th December. Cllr R Hamill to speak to Carol Bebee re the booking of the trailer and snow machine. Cllr R Hamill and Cllr A Fisher to meet with the school about participating at the tree lighting event.

61. Chair and Councillors’ Reports/Suggestions (on the night).

Cllr R Hamill and Cllr A Fisher to attend the Civic Service at Kentford on Sunday 16th July. New Mayors BBQ at RAF Mildenhall on Saturday 16th August to be attended by Cllr R Hamill and Cllr A Fisher.

Cllr A Fisher proposed the purchase of three additional solar panel and brackets at £480 each.
APPROVED AND AGREED.

Cllr A Fisher requested that the December meeting be reinstated for the second Wednesday in the month. **APPROVED AND AGREED.**

Cllr A Goodenough asked if he could remove the dead roses bushes around the memorial and replace with donated bushes. **APPROVED AND AGREED.**

62. Correspondence and Exchange of Additional Information (at the discretion of the Chair)

63. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 19th July 2023.

Cllr R Hamill
Chair

19th July 2023

Meeting closed at 8:50pm