



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 16 January 2020 at 1930

2020/01

Those Present: Richard Cole, Jon Smith (Chairman), Steve Vickers.
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Richard Kershaw (NNDC)

1) Apologies Polly Hanson-Smith, Kirsty Vaughan-Jones, Marie Strong (NCC)

2) Declarations of Interest None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2019 - Approved and signed

4) Reports

b) North Norfolk District Council

NNDC intends to plant 110,000 trees throughout the district in the next four years – one for each resident. The Woodland Trust is partnering the project, which has already started. Parish Councils and other community groups are invited to apply for trees to plant.

Thanks to a government grant electric vehicle charge points will be added to all NNDC car parks in the future. These will cost 30p per kwh to use.

a) Norfolk County Council

Marie Strong had sent a report to Councillors, which is appended to these minutes.

c) Parish Clerk

There will be a meeting of the North Norfolk Parish and Town Council Forum at Cromer on 22 January. Nobody wanted to attend. KL will attend if anyone from Binham wishes to go.

The broken light opposite Park Road (demolished during a storm when a branch fell on it) appears to have been forgotten by the lighting contractors. KL has “chased it” and it is now hoped that a second-hand lamp can be fitted.

KL will be retiring from Binham PC at the end of March. At present he has every intention of continuing at Warham and Holkham.

5) Planning – any matters to hand

No matters to discuss

6) To discuss any outstanding matters regarding the affordable housing site

Nothing further had been heard about this project, either from Homes for Wells or any other source. RK would ask planning if they were aware of any movement.

7) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors.

The following accounts had been paid since the last meeting:

a) Eon -	November electricity for street lights	27.56
b) Unity Trust Bank -	Quarterly Bank Charges	18.00
c) Eon -	December electricity for street lights	28.48
d) Warham Village Trust -	Reading Rental for 2020	120.00
e) Parish Clerk -	4 th quarter salary and contribution to expenses	490.29
f) HMRC -	PAYE on above	116.60

8) Minor Matters

RC said that he now had fibre broadband connected to his house. He was very pleased with the result. Openreach contractors had been seen in the village, and it was hoped that other premises would be connected soon.

KL said that a matter of contention for Parish Clerks was the costs required for unopposed Parish elections. These were being levied, even though Parishes were asked to print and place at least three sets of papers, for Parish and District candidates at each election. RK said that he would raise the matter at the Forum next week if KL did not attend himself.

JS had had problems approving payments at Unity Trust, now that the new security system had been introduced. He tried again during the meeting, without success, and would telephone the help-line the following day.

9) Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as - Thursday 19th March 2020 at 1930

The meeting closed at 2010