



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 16 November 2023 at 1930

2023/12

Those Present: Polly Hanson-Smith, David Reason, Jonathan Smith (Chairman), Steve Vickers
Keith Leesmith (Clerk)

1) Apologies Sarah Butikofer (NNDC), Polly Hanson-Smith would be late

2) Declarations of Interest None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2023 - Approved and signed

4) Reports

b) North Norfolk District Council

Sarah Butikofer had sent a written report. This was circulated to Councillors, is appended to these minutes, and appears on the website. DR said that he was concerned that NNDC are considering removing emergency telephones from coastal areas. We would advise SB accordingly

c) Parish Clerk

KL had circulated a report to Councillors. This is attached to these minutes and appears on the website. There was a mention of the grant which was applied for to add timers to the street lights. Since writing the report we had heard that we would receive the grant.

Polly Hanson-Smith arrived at this point

d) Homes for Wells/ Flagship Housing re affordable Housing Site.

A report had been received from Kai Gibbon of Flagship. The contractors have started work on the site which is expected to be completed by the autumn of 2024. The full report is appended to these minutes and appears on the website.

5) To suggest possible name for new development (something Court)

Plus, to decide whether any street lighting should be onsite

Councillors liked the name "Ringwood" suggested by Stephen Floate, the former owner of the site, however, they thought "Court" was too urban and would like the development named "Ringwood Loke". It was thought that one streetlight near the houses should give adequate lighting.

In the near future we would need to start planning the new children's playground at the development, including applying for grants to pay for it.

6) Planning – any planning matters to hand

None

7) To discuss budget for 2024/2025 and fix precept

KL had prepared a budget for the following year and had suggested that we could manage without increasing the precept. It was therefore agreed that we precept for £7000 as before.

8) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors.

The following amounts had been paid since the last meeting:

a)	Unity - quarterly bank charges	18.00
b)	Holkham – Village Green annual rent	20.00
c)	Ground's Maintenance October	110.00
d)	Clerk 3 rd quarter salary & expense contribution	555.56
e)	HMRC – PAYE on above	132.40
f)	NNDC – non-election election expenses	20.03

9) To discuss upcoming Councillor Vacancy

P H-S had officially resigned, having written to the Chairman. KL would advise NNDC. When the official vacancy notice had expired it was agreed that we invite Karl Jagger to be co-opted.

10) Minor Matters

None

11) Date of next meeting

Confirmed as 18 January 2024

The meeting closed at 2045