

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE PILGRIM SHELTER, TRIMINGHAM

Present:-

Chairman - Cllr. T. Brown, Vice-Chairman - Cllr. E. Boatman,
Cllr. P. Benford, Cllr. L. King, Cllr. S. Kirk, and Cllr. A. Scarborough.

District Councillor A. Fitch-Tillett.
Sheila Oxtoby - Chief Executive North Norfolk District Council.

PC. B. Cresswell.

Julie Chance MILCM - Clerk.

Nine members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor W. Northam.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2015, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

It was **AGREED** that the meeting be suspended for public participation.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public commented that the agenda was placed behind the centre wood of the notice board and was not visible to the public. Noted.

A member of the public reported that Norse are still not strimming the playing field at the same time as mowing. The Clerk will write to Norse accordingly.

The meeting was reconvened.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 County Councillor's Report:- Attached.

5.2 District Councillor's Report:- Attached.

5.3 Coastal Erosion:- The Chairman welcomed Sheila Oxtoby to the meeting. The Chairman said that there is accelerated erosion both ends of the village and the cliff edge is falling on a daily basis. When the problems are brought up with the coastal team at North Norfolk District Council there is no reaction. The village would like to see some commitment from North Norfolk District Council to at least inspect the cliffs and find out what is the cause of the accelerated erosion. Five years ago the cliff edge was 150 yards from the road now it is within 60 yards. The Chairman walked the area with Norman Lamb MP over a year ago. Norman Lamb said he felt there should be way to deliver compensation for the loss of property. When some of the residents moved into the village in the 1980s they were promised a protected coastline but there is now no protection. There are no revetments or groynes. The village feels that it is forgotten and suffers from the protection of Mundesley, Bacton, Overstrand and Cromer. A member of the public said that the Dutch have managed to increase their land mass.

Sheila Oxtoby said that she is not an engineer so cannot give the reason why the accelerated erosion is happening. North Norfolk District Council are not responsible and do not have funding to carry out any coastal protection schemes. Central Government fund any protection schemes. North Norfolk District Council are working hard to secure funding but are having a real struggle to get to the point where they can see a benefit to residents.

Under the current rules the Environment Team's hands are tied and they are unable to agree to putting a scheme forward which they know will not score enough points to secure the funding. Unless charges are made at Central Government level small villages like Trimmingham will not get a high enough score to secure funding. Norman Lamb knows this fact. She went to London to plea for change but Central Government have no intention at the moment to change the formula. There will also be further cuts in funding in the next few years.

Plan B was the Coastal Path Finder Scheme which did not go anywhere but did feed a lot of information back to Central Government. In

Happisburgh the scheme relocated some of the affected houses, covered demolition and put into effect rollback. There is a report due at the end of October and she has been invited to London during October for a briefing on the expected report. The Coastal Community Fund has £90 M nationally but this will not deliver hard defence schemes. The EN12 Planning Policy has not delivered a solution for residents, it is not understood and needs to be funded through Central Government not the local taxation. The Local Plan is being reviewed and the EN12 rollback policy will be reviewed together with Management of the Coastal Strip. There needs to be public subsidy to allow protection to happen but there is no national policy at the moment to allow for compensation. North Norfolk District Council will not lose sight of trying to find a hard defence scheme but will also look for an alternative. At present there is no solution.

North Norfolk District Council will help Trimingham Parish Council if they wish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Sheila will also ask a Coastal Engineer to come and have a look at Trimingham.

It was agreed that North Norfolk District Council and Trimingham Parish Council will work closely together when looking at the planning policies.

The Chairman said that the village understand that it will not get a hard defence scheme but would like assurance that the village will not be blighted. The SMP is always referred to but it is now not relevant.

Several members of the public asked about the infrastructure and how much it would cost to re-route the main road. Sheila Oxtoby said that at the moment North Norfolk District Council are not looking at the infrastructure but will be adding it into the new Local Plan. She cannot promise anything but will look at ways of realistically slowing the erosion down.

Members of the public and the Parish Council asked whether North Norfolk District Council had taken into account the effect of farmers on the cliff erosion. The Harrison family have left a vast strip between the cliff edge and their land which is not worked, but perhaps thought should be given to the land not being farmed at all. Sheila said they are looking at the effect the farmers are having on the situation. There is a natural stream from Middle Street to the old Crown and Anchor site which is causing problems.

Sheila Oxtoby said that as soon as she has any information from the Pathfinder Scheme report she will let us know. She will try and ascertain the criteria for the Coastal Communities Fund.

The Chairman asked Sheila whether she could help the village get a 20 mph speed limit through the narrow part to the Church. Sheila will talk to Tom McCabe and liaise with County Councillor Northam concerning the speed limits through the village.

Overstrand Parish Council:- The Clerk reported that she is having some difficulty getting a date to meet with Overstrand Parish Council members to discuss joining forces to get solutions for the coastal erosion problems. It was **AGREED** that the Chairman and the Clerk will attend one of the meetings at Overstrand to talk to the Members direct.

6. POLICE

- 6.1 **Police Report:-** Attached. PC Cresswell reported that there had been a lot of sheds broken into recently in the surrounding villages. He urged everyone present to remain vigilant. He asked whether Trimingham would reconsider Speed Watch as it is working very well in Cromer.

7. PLAYING FIELD

- 7.1 **Trimingham Pilgrims Football Club - Goal Posts:-** The Chairman reported that he has not been able to erect the new goal posts to date but will meet with Jack Nield in the near future to arrange this.

- 7.2 **Extension of Playing Field:-** The Clerk read an email received from James Harrison expressing concern over the sustainability of the Trimingham Pilgrims Football Club. He felt that the driving force is Jack Nield and is concerned that there is no one in the background ready to take over should Jack decide he no longer wished to be involved. James Harrison said that if sustainability can be proven he will consider extending the playing field. The Chairman will meet with Jack Nield to discuss this matter and this will be placed on the next agenda for an update. The Chairman will invite Jack to a future meeting.

A member of the public reported that the local children keep asking for nets on the playing field.

- 7.3 **New Sign - Entrance to Playing Field:-** The Clerk reported that the new sign has been received and she will deliver it to the Chairman for erection in due course.

8. HIGHWAYS

- 8.1 Partnership Funding - Norfolk County Council:-** The Clerk read an email received from Norfolk County Council stating that the installation of a trod on the verge leading to the new land would cost in the region of £4,500. It was **AGREED** that no further action would be taken in this matter at the present time and this would be looked at again when the funding for the new village hall was in place.
- 8.2 Potholes - Coastguard Cottages:-** It was reported that the repair to the potholes has failed and there are two very large potholes that need attention. The Clerk will contact Norfolk County Council accordingly.
- 8.3 Road Surface - Beacon Farm:-** It was reported that the chippings have not been replaced and the Clerk will chase accordingly.
- 8.4 Church Road - Parking:-** It was reported that cars are parking down the side of the Church on a regular basis and the properties are unable to exit their driveways. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact the Highway Engineer and enquire whether H-Bars can be installed. The Clerk will also enquire concerning H-Bars in Middle Street.

9. FOOTPATHS

- 9.1 Circular Walks - Trimmingham:-** The Clerk circulated an email received from Martin Caplin concerning a new walk in Trimmingham. Martin has requested a meeting. It was **AGREED** that a meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September in the Pilgrim Shelter at 7.00 pm and the Clerk will invite Martin Caplin accordingly.

10. PLANNING

- 10.1 Planning Application No. LA/15/1053 - Internal and external alterations to facilitate conversion to kitchen and demolition of detached double garage and erection of replacement detached double garage/store - Bizewell Farmhouse, Main Road, Sidestrand, NR27 OLS:-** No objections.
- 10.2 Lawful Development Certificate:-** The Clerk read a letter received from Theresa Donohue from the Department of Communities and Local Government. The letter points out the legal side of the Certificate but does not deal with the issues raised in the original letter from the Parish Council. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to Theresa Donohue and copy the original letter to her asking for replies to the issues raised.
- 10.3 Planning Decisions:-** None received.
- 10.4 Planning Training:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would arrange some joint planning training with Trunch and Swafield and Bradfield Parish Council at a cost of £150.00.

11. PILGRIM SHELTER/NEW VILLAGE HALL

- 11.1 Management Committee:-** The Chairman reported that the Pilgrim Shelter account is in credit £3,841.43. There is a meeting with a representative from the Lottery on Thursday who is coming to discuss the project.
- 11.2 Fundraising Committee:-** Report attached. Cllr. King reported that she had asked the Police for bollards for one of their fundraising events but they did not have any. Cllr. King will speak to PCSO Elaine Roberts when she next attends the Police Surgeries.
- 11.3 Installation of Water and Electricity - New Ground:-** Cllr. King reported that the quote for this work is £3,400. The Fundraising Committee have decided to take no further action in this matter until the second stage of the lottery funding bid is known.

12. FINANCE

12.1	The following cheques were AGREED and signed:-	£
	Clerk's Salary, Office Allowance, Stationery and Postage	
	Two Months	528.33
	HM Revenue and Customs - Tax - Two Months	114.40
	Short Cuts - Verges x 2 Cuts	130.00
	Graphic Edge - New Playing Field Sign	20.00
	United Resource Management - Bottle Banks	1.72
	Norfolk Parishes Training Partnership - Training	140.00
	Cllrs. Brown, Boatman and King.	
	Stuart Hutcheson - IT Support	20.00
	Norse Eastern Limited - Grass Maintenance - Six Months	410.29

12.2 New Notice Board:- Cllr. King reported that she has spoken to a resident who is prepared to make a new notice board for £350/400. This will be two bay and situated at Staden Park. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. King would order the new notice board.

12.3 Grass Maintenance of Verges:- The Chairman reported that the grass verges are being maintained by a local person and not Norse. He is doing a very good job with more cuts for less money than in the Norse Contract. The Chairman and Clerk met with Norse on several occasions to try and solve the problem with the maintenance to no avail. The Clerk confirmed that the money from Norfolk County Council in the sum of £297 towards the maintenance of the verges has been received.

12.4 Bottle Banks:- It was reported that the bottle banks are in place and being used regularly.

12.5 Bank Signatories:- Barclays Bank has requested further signatures and updated information from Cllr. King. Once this information is to hand the Clerk will return the paperwork to Barclays Bank.

12.6 Grant Funding - Churchyard:- It was **AGREED** to award a grant of £150 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

13. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

13.1 The Clerk reported that she is still working on this project but needs a paragraph and photograph from each Member to place on the website.

13.2 Training - Members:-The Clerk reported that training has been arranged as follows:-
Cllr. Brown - Wednesdays 7th and 14th October, Downham Market Assembly Room.
Cllr. Boatman - Thursdays 8th and 15th October, Aylsham Care Trust.
Cllr. King - Tuesday 22nd September - Upton Village Hall.
Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Scarborough will be attending the Standards Phase 3 training at North Norfolk District Council on Monday 21st September at 6.00 pm.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 NNDC - Great British Beach Clean:- Circulated. It was **AGREED** that a team of volunteers will beach clean on Sunday 20th September at 3 pm and leave the black bags at Vale Road for collection. The Clerk will inform North Norfolk District Council where the rubbish will be left for collection.

14.2 NNDC - Local Plan:- Circulated. Noted.

14.3 The Crown Estate - Marine Aggregate Dredging:- Circulated. Noted. It was **AGREED** to minute that the Members are not happy about dredging.

14.4 2015 Coastal Business Resilience Conference:- Circulated. The Chairman will make further enquiries to obtain more detail.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 9th November, 2015 at the Pilgrim Shelter, at 7.00 pm.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

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Chairman

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Date