

MINUTES OF STIFFKEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2022 AT 7PM AT STIFFKEY VILLAGE HALL

The Parish Council Chairman, Alexandra Hooper, presided and the following Councillors were present:-

David Smallridge, Ian Curtis, Hannah Darby, Philip Harrison, Martin Williams. The Parish Clerk, District Councillor Victoria Holliday and 6 members of the public were also present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Heather Harrison, David Clifton and County Councillor Michael Dalby.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25TH APRIL 2021

The minutes were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Ian Curtis, seconded by David Smallridge, all in favour.

3. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was presented by Alexandra Hooper (Appendix A). A member of the public noted that footpaths required work, the Chairman confirmed that this would be discussed on the PC agenda.

b. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by the Clerk (Appendix B).

5. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER REPORTS

i. County Councillor

No annual report received.

ii. District Councillor

The report from Victoria Holliday had been circulated and was presented (Appendix C).

iii. Police

No report.

iv. Village Hall

The Village Hall report was presented by Ian Curtis (Appendix D).

v. Social Services Committee

Phil Harrison reported that the playing field was in a good condition thanks to work from the committee. A new mower had been purchased, and a new 30 year lease had been drawn up. Funding was being sought in the hope of providing a tennis court.

A member of the public thanked Phil and Harrison Farms for their help with moving the container and shifting things. It was agreed that the playing field was looking superb.

vi. History Group

The History Group report was presented by Geraldine Green (Appendix E). Practical help would be appreciated such as helping with refreshments at exhibitions, and assistance with archiving.

vii. Parochial Church Council

The Chairman read the report from the Parochial Church Council (Appendix F).

viii. Wooden Boats

Not present.

ix. Allotments

The Chairman reported that all allotments were being used, and there was a waiting list.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman's Report

The lifting of restrictions on movement has meant that life in the parish has returned more or less to normal. For Stiffkey Parish Council, that means our biggest achievements in the past 12 months are of a more routine nature – such as keeping on top of the number of planning applications and attempts to minimize the disruption caused by the building work being undertaken in the village. The Parish Council has worked very hard behind the scenes to ensure that any road closures and/or schemes for traffic management have had as little impact as possible on the village – particularly with regard to school/public transport and our local businesses.

We have continued to participate in meetings and forums across the district in order to try and ensure Parishioner views are represented as much as possible in reviews which may have far-reaching consequences (such as those pertaining to the AONB) but also with regard to improving ambulance response times as well as community healthcare and wellbeing. The distribution of leaflets and other material we hope has been of benefit to our parishioners. We want to do our best to ensure that all of our parishioners get the best care they need when they need it and we will continue to input into reviews and forums as best we can to benefit everyone.

As usual, the Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to all of those who volunteered their time and effort to support the work of the Parish Council and for their contributions to village life. Whether it has been repairs to notice boards and other village fixtures and fittings, mowing and maintenance of footpaths or general support, we are very grateful and really appreciate this help. Our beautiful local environment deserves nothing less than to be kept at its best for the enjoyment of all.

It has been a privilege to accept on behalf of the village a blue plaque from the Deputy Lieutenants. This was presented in order to represent, remember and acknowledge the work of our community during the challenging times of the pandemic. It has also been a privilege to plant the Jubilee Tree on Camping Hill.

I, and all my fellow Parish councilors are here to support the village if any of the parishioners have questions our contact details are on the Parish Council web site.

Alexandra Hooper, Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2021/22

Receipts

	<u>2020/21 (£)</u>	<u>2021/22 (£)</u>
Precept & Shortfall Grant	5,110.00	5,192.00
Grants & Donations	2,500.00	1,600.00
Garden Plots	100.00	70.00
Interest	0.78	4.75
VAT Reclaim	1,679.30	97.89
TOTAL	9,390.08	6,964.64

Payments

	2020/21 (£)	Budget 2021/22 (£)	Actual 2021/22 (£)
Street Lighting	199.46	423.00	445.46
Insurance	529.23	550.00	374.50
Salary	3,138.65	2,650.00	2,746.54
Admin Costs	40.76	220.00	174.83
Audit	50.00	40.00	50.00
Subscriptions	35.00	35.00	284.20
Newsletter	87.50	50.00	0.00
Village Hall	550.93	550.00	550.00
Grants / Donations	218.50	20.00	39.00
Maintenance	0.00	180.00	87.50
Dog Bins	182.00	225.00	182.00
Village Hall Access	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Garden Plot Rent	200.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	6,732.03		
Contingency	0.00	250.00	0.00
VAT	97.89	0.00	103.86
TOTAL	6,829.92	6,793.00	6,637.89

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 1st April 2021	6,731.87
Total Income	6,964.64
Total Expenditure	6,637.89
Closing Balance at 31st March 2022	7,058.62

Earmarked Reserves

Covid Grant	800.00
General Reserve	5,000.00
Free Funds:	1,258.62

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Highlights from NNDC

'Coastal

The Environment Agency is planning a refurbishment of the tidal gates at Cley, refurbishment of the west Wells Sea defences and a flood risk management project for Weybourne (exact dates to be decided).

The recent award of government funding (part of a £36 million investment) will allow communities and businesses at erosion risk in North Norfolk to work with NNDC to explore innovative approaches of adapting to coastal erosion. First steps are to work up the initial business case to get the first funding.

Housing

NNDC published its Housing Strategy.

There are 2560 households on the housing waiting list, which is still much too high but in fact the lowest number for five years. 160 affordable homes were built last year and 16 homes for temporary accommodation.

Benefits

Various grants have been disbursed:

The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant - up to £6,000 are available for those affected by the winter Covid wave.

Discretionary Housing Payments- to those who need support to prevent rent arrears and eviction.

The Household Support Fund had two rounds.

The £150 energy council tax rebate scheme was rolled out in May.

Warm homes grant of £3.85m - to provide energy efficiency works to homes occupied by low income households.

Leisure/ well-being

Social prescribing referrals have increased to 934 in 212-22 from 603 the previous year.

The new leisure centre in Sheringham, The Reef, opened the end of November.

The new public toilets for Wells and Sheringham should have been open May 22 but are slightly delayed.

The Mammoth Marathon was held Sunday May 15th, running from Sea Palling to Sheringham, the half marathon from Mundesley.

Sustainable Development

NNDC has delivered support to businesses through the 'Go digital ' program (50 businesses helped with digitalisation); the Visit North Norfolk Membership program (172 tourism businesses helped with marketing and data); and the North Norfolk Care Academy (which has so far created 6 jobs in the care sector).

Environment

NNDC published its Net Zero Strategy.

Volunteer litter pickers delivered a successful 'fishing for litter' project, placing dedicated bins at fishing locations to collect marine fishing waste, which was then recycled.

Over 72k trees were planted this season out of NNDC's 110k target

Planning

The Local plan went out to consultation -the policies on biodiversity, the environment and connectivity were welcomed. Objections were raised including to the adequacy of infrastructure capacity and whether enough emphasis was placed on the control of second homes.

GIRAMS (Green Infrastructure Recreational Mitigation Strategy) came in 1st April. This is mitigation to address the adverse effects on Habitat Sites from increased footfall and comprises a one off payment from development, eg new house building, which will go towards protecting these special landscapes.

Nutrient neutrality - the guidance from Natural England regarding nutrient enrichment affecting the ecosystems of the River Wensum and Broads by development and agriculture has created a hiatus in decision making for new homes applications in the catchment areas (for North Norfolk, the district south of Fakenham and Holt). This guidance will cause significant delay in the progress of the New Local Plan.'

Stiffkey specific highlights

Ambulance response times

We helped EEAST with summer demand deflection, stationing a paramedic in Wells for the season, and getting urgent care advice out to holiday makers.

We achieved the stationing of a Paramedic in Fakenham.

We're recruiting Community First Responders for Wells and an extra Community First Responder car should be available in North Norfolk for the spring/summer.

We worked with the CCG on winter messaging for health care access.

We discussed options with the CCG for getting involved in community support with Voluntary Norfolk and British Red Cross.

Planning

We asked for consistency in the approach to planning applications. We brought in a broader group of consultees than otherwise would have happened on some applications. We requested Traffic management informatives be added to decisions where appropriate.

Campervan tourism

We convened a multi agency working group to deal with unwanted consequences of campervan tourism.

Dr Victoria Holliday

Elected Member, Coastal Ward

Chair, Cley Parish Council

Director, NorfolkALC

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Appendix D

The last year has been very quiet for the village hall with covid restrictions in place. This year a small but dedicated team have got together to carry out the improvements we had planned before covid and work on the first stage the installation of new toilets ~~will~~ should start in 2 days time. Work on resubmitting the plans to NNDC is also underway and these will go before the planning dept shortly.

GERALDINE GREEN CHAIR

SLHG has been is now in its 15th year.

The impact of covid and personal circumstances have been significant recently. Changes in the dynamics of our village have also effected the group's activities.

History is important. Winston Churchill once said that the further back you look into your past the more you understand your future.

Village life is no different.

It is with that in mind that the group hopes to continue with at least some of its former activities. We are presently revisiting our own past with the hope of creating some relevant future actions.

We intent to continue with at least some projects that uphold our constitutional aims which are to learn, record and educate. The scale of this will depend very much on how big our workforce remains.

The group committee feel that remaining local is important. At the moment we are very small and would welcome some more practical help. History expertise is not necessary! THANKYOU

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIFFKEY

This is a brief report on the condition and financial position of Stiffkey Parish Church.

Things are slowly improving after the difficult two years with the covid virus. We are at the present time having two services a month which helps a little with the finances, but with the need to find about £10,000 a year to cover the full cost of running the church, the parish share, vicar's expenses, insurance, electricity and any small maintenance jobs it is essential that we again begin to raise funds.

We are indebted to the four friends who continue to cut and keep the churchyard in an immaculate condition, and to all the willing band of helpers who clean the church and put in fresh flowers when needed.

We now have a Secretary for the PCC, Alan Duff, who will be co-opted at the Annual General Meeting. The Gift Aid Secretary remains the same and we thank her for her work especially understanding how the Gift Aided programmes and the HMRC works.

This year should be the time of the Quinquennial Inspection, a five yearly inspection of all the fabric. It is hoped there will not be too many repairs in the 'immediate' category as funds are not available at the moment. If there is major work to be carried out then we shall have to apply for grants, which we have had to do in the past.

Fund Raising The church will once again provide refreshments at the Warborough House Open Gardens at May Bank Holiday. It is hoped to have stalls on the knoll during the summer to also raise some funds.



Heather Harrison

Treasurer, Stiffkey PCC 2022

30th April 2022