

MINUTES OF TRIMINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held **Wednesday, 8th May 2024** at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimmingham, NR11 8EG at 7pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Elizabeth King (Chair), Patrick Carpmael, Daniel Gotts, Lynn Charlesworth, Richard Wallis, District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett, County Councillor Ed Maxfield. **APOLOGIES for absence** were received from Cllr. Chris Harrison. Nine members of the public attended.

1. CHAIR'S REVIEW / REPORT for the year 2023 – 2024:

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked for a minute's silence to remember Cllr Jackie Bradford who passed away recently.

The Chairman reported last year that she felt the annual meeting should be more of a party atmosphere celebrating all the different activities and groups that thrive in the village but following the unexpected death of Jackie, this is not the time to do so.

Throughout the year fundraising events have been held in the Village Hall, the Pilgrim Shelter and the church; the Flower Festival in June, the history weekend in July, with September being a very full month beginning with the second fun dog show of the year culminating in a fantastic two-day Trimmingham Trosh. This well-attended event could not have been possible without the generosity of Chris Harrison for allowing us the use of his fields for the very popular ploughing match and have-a-go ploughing experience. Plus the super team of volunteers from the village and further afield who organised the car parking and baking before the weekend, and cooking and selling tickets throughout the two days which resulted in over £2000 being raised for Hall maintenance.

The Christmas community party in December was a great success and we hope to see more residents at the next one on 15th December this year.

Speeding does not diminish - our team of Speedwatch volunteers turn out in all weathers monitoring the situation.

The Gimingham Road campsite continues to be an eyesore and irritation, but NNDC seemed to be completely ineffective.

The village's grass verges had required cutting and we have now managed to find a local man who will soon be doing this.

Staden Park is due for pavement repairs beginning 15th May, which should take about six weeks (originally expected to be ten weeks).

So far, the Bee Eaters have not returned but now with a change in temperature and a cuckoo having been heard here in the village last week, we're hopeful of their return for a third year.

2. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES held MAY 2023.

These were agreed and approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS:

The Chairman has not received reports from any organisations. As the Pilgrim Shelter Chairman Terry Brown was away, Mrs Dot Bradley informed the meeting that the bank account stood at £9,013.41 and when payment by the Parish Council is received the balance would exceed £10,000. Tabletop sales are being held with success, but it is planned to try something different such as an Afternoon Tea. The Art Exhibition was very good, making £680 in comparison to £450 last year.

The Chairman gave the Trimingham Hall Management report and was pleased to confirm that wi-fi was due to be connected to Pilgrim Shelter on May 20th. The Village Hall continues to be very busy and recently the team agreed to raise the rates to bring us in line with other local halls. New attractions at the Hall include Pilates organised by Woodlands Leisure Club, and there is a possibility of working with Woodlands using our facilities for other things that they would like to do. There is one fitness class out on the grass area. The April fun dog show was a great success with over £700 raised. The fortnightly tea dances continued to be enjoyed by many from the village and further afield, plus they raise funds every time. We now have monthly cash bingo and tabletop sales, and they are averaging around £200 pounds a month which helps with the increase in all utility bills. Volunteers are still needed to help with events, even if it's twice a year for a couple of hours.

Ed Maxfield (County Councillor) reported that things have gone quiet at County Hall, perhaps because they are all waiting for the elections to change something, or due to lack of money.

He encourages any person or organisation working with children or young people to look at the Council's Flourish Awards: www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourishawards2024 They are a worthwhile set of awards to recognise important work being done.

The Hardship Fund will be available again this year.

The saga of the Western Link drags on. Latest briefings can be found on www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57555/Norwich-Western-Link-Briefing

Highways funding: each year, councillors are allocated £10,000 to put against small scale Highways projects in the community. Villages can contact Ed for small highways-related project funding.

He has chased Steve White at Norfolk CC to obtain the speed reduction report which is now about due. He also raised with County Council, the issue of lack of appropriate signage for the chicanes on Cromer Road, Mundesley, to which the Chairman expressed her surprise at there being two chicanes when one would have been sufficient, adding she felt the chicane on the Trimingham side was quite dangerous; there has been nothing in the newspaper about the speed there being reduced to 40mph. Any work that Highways engineers intend to carry out in future in Trimingham, needs to be in collaboration with Trimingham Parish Council who will effectively project manage the work.

The Chairman referred to the odd dip in the road opposite the School House which she had reported a year ago. Despite taking photos and obtaining a report number, nothing has been done about it. It appears to be slight subsidence which would take very little to resolve. Cllr Maxfield said he would go home that way to see for himself.

Angie Fitch-Tillett (District Councillor) reported that she is no longer an 'Independent' District Councillor as she has re-joined the Conservatives and hope residents will understand. She is staying on the Planning Committee. She added that she thought the budget at Lib-Dem governed NNDC is a disaster.

She congratulated all those involved in the Coastline Project, the last meeting went very well. She has asked Highways to increase the frequency of cleaning out the ditches in the village.

Cllr Wallis asked why it takes so long to receive a response from Natural England regarding coastal erosion, and that he is so frustrated that nothing seems to be done – these types of organisations report to Government and maybe Environmental

Agencies, but nothing is done. The £15m that's been promised is a lot of money but it's nowhere near going to sort out the problem. Cllr Fitch-Tillett said she has contacted them already but will chase if necessary.

FLOOR OPEN TO PARISHIONERS:

The demolition of Cliff Farm is due to take place imminently. The major concern is the debris going over the edge of the cliff when demolition takes place, of which a date is yet to be confirmed by the NNDC.

The matter of Norfolk Marathon runners going through the village was raised, and in particular, who designed the route. There was general dissatisfaction of it being held through the village due to the narrow lanes. Cllr Wallis asked if any Risk Assessment had been done by the organisers. There were about 1200 runners. The Chairman felt it was a complete shambles as it hadn't been properly organised. Roads were blocked due to drivers parking anywhere, which could have been catastrophic if an emergency vehicle had tried to pass through, as it was impossible in places. Cllr Fitch-Tillett said that she ended up doing traffic management near her home in Northrepps due to the chaos; the signage was poor. Cllr Fitch-Tillett said she had previously challenged Highways on repeated digging up of Norwich Road in Cromer and they do have the power to say no, and she was surprised that they just went ahead with the marathon's route without any check to see if it was the right thing to allow in a village. She added that she would go back to them to see what their process was. The Clerk informed the meeting that next year's marathon is taking place on Sunday 13th April. A Zoom meeting was due to be held on May 16th as a 2024 post-event debrief.

The Meeting was then closed by the Chairman and Cllrs Maxfield and Fitch-Tillett left.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Ms J Collingwood
Trimingham Parish Clerk
May 12th, 2024.

MINUTES OF TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following the Annual Parish Meeting
Held **Wednesday, 8th May 2024** at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimingham, NR11 8EG

1. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Elizabeth King (Chair), Patrick Carpmael, Daniel Gotts, Richard Wallis, Lynn Charlesworth. **APOLOGIES for absence** were received from Chris Harrison, County Councillor Ed Maxfield and District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** None.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 27th MARCH 2024:** These were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM:** Reports from District and County Councillors were as provided for the Annual Meeting which preceded this meeting. Paper copies were made available at the meeting.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None.
6. **PLANNING:** There were none, other than notification of a Planning Application the Clerk found on NNDC website relating to Green Gables Campsite which did not allow for comments. NNDC did not notify the Clerk of this application. The Chairman has not had a response from the Enforcement Office to her query about the site.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
8. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a. The Pilgrim Shelter – The Parish Council to settle invoice when its bank account with Barclays is confirmed.
 - b. Trimingham Hall Management Committee report – see Minutes from Annual Meeting held prior to this meeting.
 - c. Coastwise update: Cllr Wallis says that lots needs to be done but is not allowed. Seeding on the cliffs is being undertaken of which Cllr Harrison is involved and that it works when combined with the right fauna. Cllr Carpmael said that Geoffrey Pardon refers to old maps regarding the cliff erosion. It appears that vegetation works, but ponds appear to have been lost. Dr Jess Johnson of the UEA has equipment which penetrates 40m into the earth's surface so they can see what's going on and they can interpret it. Cllr Wallis added that we are lucky to have someone with that expertise on hand but that any future meetings need to be confined to the appointed sub-committee from the Parish Council and people with relevant expertise. Reports will be put on the Parish Council's website. The Chairman added that Cllr Fitch-Tillett said we need the village plan. The Clerk has some old plans and maps which could be of use. Dr Johnson was very helpful and would like to see the old pub site as a survey area.
 - d. The Clerk reported that a new contractor has been found to cut the grass in the village; the potholes and state of Church Road has been reported to Highways Dept for repair and also reported on the FixMyStreet website; Hornsea 3 Community Fund has confirmed that the church roof would be eligible for a grant application for solar panels; SAM2 repairs is with Westcotec at Dereham who will be visiting the cameras in question to advise

what needs to be done; the two new benches required for The Green at Middle Street and at Staden Park will be ordered from David Ogilvie Engineering; designs and quotes will be obtained for replacement benches and notice boards, and a bus shelter.

Democratic Services at NNDC will advertise the position of Casual Vacancy after the funeral has been held for Jackie Bradford. Former councillor Terry Brown has expressed his interest in joining the Parish Council, but we have to go through the correct procedure of advertising the vacancy before any co-option could take place.

9. **FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:** Despite regular contact being made to Barclays, the update of details to the bank account has still not been completed. Barclays are not particularly helpful with Parish Councils and the Clerk has investigated an account with Unity Trust Bank which costs £6 per month, but they are known to be much easier to deal with than Barclays. It was agreed to continue the insurance renewal with Hiscox Insurance Co. which will cost £419.68 for the year to May 31st, 2025. NNDC has sent a remittance advice for £5,554.50 as Precept 1st instalment. Other than an invoice due to the Pilgrim Shelter, other invoices owing are £444.60 to NNDC, £144 to Wilkinson Electrical Services and £40 to Stuart Hutcheson Computer Services. As soon as the matter with Barclays is resolved the necessary paperwork can be submitted to the Internal Auditor.

10. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 10th July 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.

Ms J Collingwood
Trimingham Parish Clerk
May 12th, 2024.