

# **MINUTES\* OF TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimingham, NR11 8EG.

## **1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Elizabeth King (Chair), Patrick Carpmael, Richard Wallis, Chris Harrison, Terry Brown, Lynn Charlesworth, Daniel Gotts, County Councillor Ed Maxfield.

**APOLOGIES** were received from District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett.  
Six members of the public attended.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

## **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** held November 13<sup>th</sup> 2024.

These were accepted and agreed as true and correct. Proposer: Cllr. Gotts  
Seconder: Cllr Brown.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Installation of bins and benches – Cllr Gotts checked out the places in the village where they will be sited. There will be some concreting to do for the bases but that work is weather dependent. It was agreed that the new Coronation bench would be placed under the village sign, and the one currently at the village sign moved to Staden Park. The new seaside-themed bench will be placed on The Green at Middle Street to replace the one there, along with a new litter bin. The second litter bin will replace the one opposite Station House.
- b) 2025 Norfolk Marathon meeting report – on November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Chairman and Cllr Brown met with Marathon organiser Steve Hitcham who assured them that the event will be marshalled properly this time. Vehicles will be parked on the site of the old Crown & Anchor Hotel and at the Village Hall. More volunteer marshalls are still needed.
- c) Meeting with NNDC Financial Director – Cllr Angie Fitch-Tillett was unable to attend this meeting, therefore no report was available.
- d) Loop Road potholes and cutting back of grass banks – the Clerk has contacted Highways about this but as yet has had no reply. Cllr Harrison asked the Clerk to report potholes near the corner by Ashtree Farm.

## **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

A member of the public reported a road sign laying in the grass near Broadwood Close.

County Councillor Ed Maxfield arrived at 7.25pm.

## **6. HIGHWAYS**

The plan for speeding restrictions through the village was discussed and it was agreed that Gimingham Road was more dangerous than the others for speeding. The Clerk will contact Highways to explain where the Parish Council would like the 30mph signs placed. The Clerk informed the Council that although previous discussions involved applying for funding for a new bus shelter from the Parish Partnership Scheme and the Local Member's (County Councillor) fund, it could be felt that the traffic calming scheme should be the priority for funding instead, which was agreed. The Clerk has applied to the Parish Partnership Scheme for a

contribution towards the cost and also asked County Councillor Maxfield for a contribution from his Local Member's Highways Fund.

## **7. PLANNING**

No applications received and no update on planning enforcement.

## **8. COASTWISE Update**

Cllr Harrison said there was not much to report. Mott Macdonald has done the survey for the groundwater at a cost of £20,000, and proposed more feasibility but Coastwise refused this. Mott Macdonald are keen to investigate the area in Middle Street where, years ago, there was a pond each side of the street near the junction; another pond used to be in Jubilee Wood, as these are places where water naturally accumulates. No investigation work has been done along the length of coastline where the houses are vulnerable. There is a meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> with Rob Goodliffe and Sue Grime to take action as we have got to the point where something must happen. A member of the public stated that the Environment Agency needs authority to act on it although they are responsible for clearing ditches. Another member of the public reported that the pipes at Bizewell Farm were blocked today and a serious amount of work needs to be done there. Cllr Brown added that so many different agencies are involved.

Cllr Wallis asked if all the £15m from Defra is being spent on the report; it now doesn't include building conventional sea defences. Cllr Brown said that from the start Coastwise explained they want to have new ways to get surveys completed, but this does not involve physical works and he felt that it was about time we had boots on the ground rather than just talk as nothing has yet been delivered. Cllrs Brown and Carpmael spent time with Geoff Pardon looking at the areas. Coastwise are trying to solve the problems; £15m has been made available to slow down flooding in the cliffs but they cannot stop it. Cllr Wallis said he gets the impression that it's all about surveys, adding they can spend lots of money on competitions about the scheme, printing on expensive glossy paper, but they have produced nothing yet to help solve the erosion problem itself.

The Chairman asked the clerk to contact the Environment Agency, Norfolk Rivers Trust and Natural England regarding the clearing of drains and their liaising with relevant landowners for the process to be carried out.

## **9. PILGRIM SHELTER & VILLAGE HALL.**

The Chairman reported that November was relatively quiet at the **Village Hall**. The year finished with a successful Christmas Bazaar followed by the Community event. Bingos and sales this weekend kick off the fundraising events for the year. The fortnightly Tea Dances begin on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped to have the hall repainted in the Spring. The Parish Council's new benches have arrived and received many compliments while being stored in the hall foyer.

The **Pilgrim Shelter** is doing very well. Following the Schedule of Dilapidations on the building, the Clerk will obtain three quotes for the work to be done (as detailed in the budget). It was proposed by Cllrs Carpmael and Harrison and seconded by Cllr Gotts, to proceed with the option of removing the brick/flint facade above the door and then to cap it at lower level with coping stones. Cllr Brown reported that the trees at the back of the Pilgrim Shelter have been tidied up in line with NNDC's instructions and the tree with Dutch Elm disease has now been removed by Colin Mason.

## **10. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

County Councillor Ed Maxfield has provided his report (available [here](#)) which will also be uploaded to the Parish website.

To date no District Council report has been received.

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE:

**County Council's** savings proposal for cutbacks. The Clerk said she was waiting for a reply to her query on their finance management, but will chase them again shortly. Cllr Maxfield said he would be interested to hear what their response is when she has received one.

#### 12. GENERAL MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Brown referred to the state of the telephone kiosk by the Church, as it needs repairs to the door and repainting. There is also shrubbery growing over the bus shelter by Staden Park and this will require cutting back. Clerk to obtain three quotes for the work which will be combined with the proposed works at the Pilgrim Shelter.

#### 13. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

£461.53 has been received from NCC for grass cutting.

Current invoices due: payment proposed by Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Wallis:

J W Gardening (grass cutting):	£140.00
Clerk's wages, 6 weeks to January 5 <sup>th</sup> :	£400.08
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£540.08</b>

#### 14. BUDGET FOR 2025/26

The Clerk has had a Schedule of Dilapidations carried out on the Pilgrim Shelter as she had previously suggested, and this is detailed further in the proposed budget sheet which was then discussed. The current precept for 2024/25 is £11,109 and it was agreed there needs to be an increase of 4.5% for the year 2025/26 resulting in a precept of £11,609 which takes into account some of the costs the Parish will incur with its contributions for the traffic calming measures.

Cllr Brown said that traditionally a contribution has been given to the church and it was agreed that this year's sum would be £250.

The balance of bank accounts as of today January 8<sup>th</sup> stands at:

Business Premium (interest) account: £11,100.42.

Current account: £17,239.40.

Accounts total: £28,339.82.

The budget was agreed, proposer: Cllr Brown; seconder: Cllr. Carpmael.

Cllr Wallis thanked the clerk for the work she has done and felt her hourly rate of pay should be looked at in the future, which was seconded by Cllr Harrison.

#### 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member of the public asked if it could be arranged for a field opposite her house to have a drain put in, as there was mud coming off the field. Cllr Gotts will see to this as landowner. The same member of public also asked if the tall hedge on the boundary could be cut back which Cllr Harrison agreed to have done.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at **The Pilgrim Shelter**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.25 hrs.

Signed:

E. King – Chairman.

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Ms J Collingwood  
Trimingham Parish Clerk