

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

Held on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimmingham, NR11 8EG.

## **1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Elizabeth King (Chair), Patrick Carpmael, Daniel Gotts, Lynn Charlesworth, Richard Wallis. **APOLOGIES for absence** were received from Cllr. Chris Harrison, District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett (who couldn't send a report due to political restrictions) and County Councillor Ed Maxfield (who sent his report for June and July). Nine members of the public attended.

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

None.

## **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held May 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

These were accepted as true and correct.

## **4. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Terry Brown was co-opted with immediate effect..

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

None.

## **6. PUBLIC FORUM**

a) Members of the public raised their concern at speeding through the village. The Clerk was asked to email CC Ed Maxfield to ask him to attend the next meeting to discuss proposals of a 20mph speed limit through the village. Cllr Brown suggested it would be preferable to meet up with him here instead of waiting for the next meeting and to arrange a day during the busy summer months, which the Clerk will action.

b) Cllr King expressed her disappointment of the Council not having been notified by either NNDC or DC Fitch-Tillett of the successful application by Green Gables camp site to have been granted permission for a temporary campsite for 40 pitches for 60 days, and will discuss this when she next meets Cllr Fitch-Tillett. A member of the public added there were now also six touring caravans on the site. The Clerk was asked to contact Enforcement Dept at NNDC about the caravans.

## **7. HIGHWAYS**

a) **Church Road:** The Clerk has already reported the state of this road to Highways Dept., CC Ed Maxfield and on three separate occasions on FixMyStreet. So far nothing had been done so the Clerk will follow up again.

b) **Staden Park:** Highways informed the Clerk that works would last for 8 weeks and cost £78,000. There had been a delay in completion due to a BT cable having been severed by the contractors but works should now be completed on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

c) **Grass verges:** After much difficulty in finding a reliable gardener, the Clerk was pleased to report that a new gardener had been found who had started the work in the village and would be cutting the grass regularly. Cllr Brown reported that he appeared to be doing a great job. The Clerk reported the Council had contacted her to confirm there would be no annual increase in the agency grass cutting and that the Parish Council would be receiving £461.53.

d) **Dip in road:** There was no progress in works to the dip in the road by the School House as it is still awaiting to be checked out by Highways. Cllr King reported that she had sent photos of the dip two years ago and nothing had been done. She

was worried that drivers will go to the other side of the road to avoid it and cause a head-on crash. Clerk to chase up with Highways.

**8. PLANNING**

A Pre-Application at Green Gables for a temporary campsite has been approved (see 6 (b) above).

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

Cllr Brown said that more volunteers were needed for the Pilgrim Shelter. It's looking rather scruffy at the back of the building and would like to contact NNDC again, because when they put in the Deep History Coast they were supposed to support it but it appears now to have been virtually shelved, perhaps due to financial reasons. The Clerk will contact NNDC to ask if they are still supporting the project and whether they intend to do any work on any of the various sites along the coast. We have a large tree in the middle which badly needs cutting back as the area looks dreadful. There is also a sycamore tree on Mr Pank's land which is growing over the roof of the building. We need a few volunteers to help sort this. Cllr King will speak with Vanessa Pank who she knows.

Cllr Brown informed the Council that the electric in the Pilgrim Shelter is now being monitored because of the increase in the amount being used. Jessica from the UEA is keeping a careful watch on this and will reassess. The problem is that when a certain amount of electricity is being used the VAT jumps to 20% and a Green Levy is paid. They have gone back to EON now and asked for a special dispensation hoping the Hall will revert to 5% VAT to be paid instead.

There was also dampness starting to come through to the Ladies toilets which was thought to have been rectified when work had been carried out before.

Cllr King said that the rates for Trimingham Hall had increased and more fundraising events were being held. The balance continues to look healthy despite expensive repairs and purchases including the new Defibrillator. There are regular cash bingos, table top events and a live band and quiz coming up. At the end of September there is the annual Trosh. Anyone with questions about the Hall should contact her.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk has received correspondence from NCC regarding the audit for the grit bins which she will do.

A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Turner of Church Farmhouse concerning the use of the building in the grounds of Ryder Lodge being used as a Hair Salon where customers are using the lane adjacent to the churchyard as access. Mr & Mrs Turner said they were not happy that the windows were facing their property. NNDC had been aware of the matter but confirmed they will not be pursuing any formal enforcement action. Cllr King felt NNDC should be contacted to ask why it isn't being enforced and that the Clerk would look into it.

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by a resident of Beacon Road regarding a Fire Hydrant sign he had found in the verges and could the Clerk ask Trimingham Parish Council if they wanted it. He also mentioned the Beacon Road sign had become so rotted through it needed replacing, but Highways, County and District Council had each said they were not responsible as it was an unadopted road, so the residents clubbed together and paid for a sign themselves costing almost £200. Some members of the public said they thought Beacon Road was in Gimingham and not Trimingham; clerk to raise matter at Gimingham PC Meeting and revert to the resident and this Parish Council.

The Clerk had received notification that Steve White of Highways Dept is retiring and his role will be taken over by Christopher Purvis.

The Norfolk Marathon will be held again on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and the route will be coming through Trimingham again.

Cllr King referred to the closure of Benjamin Court explaining that she felt it to be a valuable asset to the area. Mundesley's LibDem District Councillor, Wendy Fredericks had previously informed her that there would be plenty of beds available at the former West Norwich Hospital. Cllr King added that it was still a long way for people to travel from the coastal areas, and asked the Clerk to send a letter to the relevant authorities and to copy in the new MP to help keep Benjamin Court open. The Clerk will also write a letter of congratulations to Steff Aquarone on becoming the new MP and a letter of thanks to the outgoing MP Duncan Baker for all he has done for the area.

Cllr King had been asked by some residents to have the trees sorted opposite Seagulls and The Old Post Office. They are too tall and block out daylight to both properties. Also when it rains they have to remove sand and debris from the drains. Cllrs Gotts and Harrison to be made aware as the landowners.

#### **11. MATTERS ARISING:**

- a) A report was received from the Pilgrim Shelter Trustees – see Item 9.
- b) Trimingham Hall Management Committee Report – see item 9.
- c) There is a Coastwise meeting in Trimingham tomorrow the 11<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Brown stated that Rob Goodwin suggested asking Highways what it would cost for various detours if the road had to be moved. With Geoff Pardon they had marked out on a map various ways of doing that, from where the radar used to be, as the coast is getting close to the road at that point. They explored various ways of re-routing the road. It was generally felt that the Coastwise cafes were not money well spent by NNDC. Cllr Brown attended a meeting at NNDC last week and went through the list of contractors to survey the groundwater as it seems to be the biggest problem with cliff erosion. A contractor has been selected and will start work here soon. It will be an 8 to 10 week contract to produce a plan to manage the groundwater to slow down the erosion.
- d) Bus shelter – the Clerk explained the new one in Gimingham didn't cost the Parish Council anything as they were given money from the Parish Partnership scheme and through CC Ed Maxfield's yearly allowance; therefore Clerk will progress same type of application for Trimingham.  
Benches – two are required and Clerk will forward the link from David Ogilvie Engineering showing designs and prices to Councillors. A price has been received for a King's Head bench but as this is a bespoke item the cost would be £3,200 which would be too expensive.  
Phone box – Cllr Brown has done a very good job on cleaning it. There is still a bit more work to do on the overhanging trees, so this will need to be done by others. Cllr King suggested that one or two of the trustees of the hall could help with the defibrillators, especially when Cllr Brown is away. New pads for them would be needed in September which Cllr Brown will order.  
Solar panels – Clerk had enquired with Grantscape about the possibility of a grant application for solar panels on the church roof and they confirmed it is eligible. Cllr Brown asked about having solar panels on the roof of the Hall as it had been the intention four or five years ago. Clerk will enquire.  
SAM2 – Clerk had spoken with Westcotec who said that particular camera was the responsibility of NCC. It was believed now to be working so no further action required.  
Litter Bins – awaiting prices.

Community based Hardship fund – Cromer Cares can give up to £100 to help people in hardship with their utilities and oil costs. The money has to be spent by September.

Notice boards – Noticeboards Online has quoted £999 + vat for a post mounted notice board which holds 2 x A2 magnetic poster cases with double doors. Clerk to look into cost of repair to current noticeboards.

Charity Walk Proposal – Andy Potter of National Coastwatch in Mundesley has contacted Clerk about their charity walk along the coastal path on August 12<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the charity and would be collecting with buckets as they go. They have obtained Street Collection Licence from the Council already.

Coastwise Cafes – DC Fitch-Tillett will be attending the one in Trimingham tomorrow, but all parishioners are welcome to attend.

Parish Partnership Scheme 2025 – 2026 – bids by December 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Defibrillator – as discussed in Item 11(d).

Norfolk Coast Forum Site Visit – places still available for a guided 90 min. tour.

## **12. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.**

The online banking facility is sorted out so we can now settle bills.

## **13. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA.**

Cllr King would like to register our displeasure about the 2025 Norfolk Marathon as the roads in the village are not suitable and to sort out their stewards.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at The Pilgrim Shelter.

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

Ms J Collingwood  
Trimingham Parish Clerk  
July 25th 2024.