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## SALTHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT BRITISH COLUMBIA HALL

Present: Cllr C Clark (Chairman), Cllr V Holliday (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Harnett, Cllr B Griffin, Cllr S Dawson, Cllr R Dawson, Cllr J wright

Members of the public: 12

Minutes taken by: Lisa Harper, Clerk

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1. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were approved as a true record. Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

#### Matters Arising:

Duck Pond – Cllr Clark had discussed the issue of high water with George Baldock. A meeting will be arranged in October to look at what action can be taken.

No Dog signs – Cllr Holliday had received a copy of the sign used by NNDC, which we could adapt for use at Salthouse.

Dog Bins – Cllr Clark confirmed the purchase of a dog bin, which will be placed on the post at the entrance to the beach on Beach Road. Environmental Services have submitted a cost per collection of £4.30, and the parish council will enter into a contract for seasonal collection.

Wooden Sign for playing field – Cllr Clark has discussed the possibility of having a wooden sign with Andrew Wrigley. There is no cost for the sign, but a donation would be appreciated. Cllr Clark agreed to look at wording for the sign.

Barrier for the Heath – Cllr Holliday advised that a quote for the barrier was being carried out and would be submitted to NNDC planning department.

Bike Racks – Cllr Griffin advised a suitable location for the bike racks had been found, between the bus shelter and notice board on the village green. It would need a concrete base to hold the rack.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

There were None

#### 3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

#### 4. To allow public participation limited to 15 minutes

Concern was expressed regarding Salthouse footpath 1, with the amount of overgrown foliage. The foliage was making it difficult to walk the pathway.

The landowner is responsible for cutting back and keeping the pathways clear.

There was discussion about what action the parish council could take. It was agreed Cllr Clark would investigate and feedback.

## **5. County and District Council Reports**

See appendix A

## **6. Planning**

6.1 RV/24/1651 Bard Hill Barns, Purdy Street, Salthouse.

Salthouse parish council submitted “observation” comment, relating to the Dark Skies policy, and any impact any additional lighting would have in the village.

## **7. To receive any update regarding the pathway outside Barn Cottage**

7.1 Cllr Clark advised that she has written to the owners of the cottage and the Clerk has written to Norfolk Hideaways, who hire out the cottage in relation to the car parking outside the cottage on parish land. To date no responses have been received.

Highways have also written advising of the possibility of legal responsibility of the car owners if there is any damage/injury.

Salthouse Parish Council have applied to the Parish Partnership Fund for part funding of the pathway. Sanders Coaches have kindly donated £250.00 towards the fund. It was agreed that Cllr Clark would approach County Cllr Eric Vardy to see if he can access any additional funds.

## **8. Finance**

8.1 The full list of payments was approved. See appendix B

8.2 Funding for £600.00 for four bollards was discussed and approved, Proposed by Cllr Clark, Seconded by Cllr Harnett. Cllr Clark would contact Highways department to order the bollards, and arrange for them to be installed.

## **9. Parish Matters**

9.1 Cllr Griffin gave an update on the sports field and children’s play area. The “No dogs” sign had been removed and thrown into the bushes. It was agreed to look at the sign NNDC use and customise it for use for Salthouse Parish. Cllr Holliday will provide a copy of the sign.

Discussion took place concerning the nets used for the football goals. Currently, no netting is in place. Concern was expressed at what type of netting can be used that is animal friendly. Cllr Griffin agreed to investigate what types of netting is available.

9.2 Cllr Clark advised that the four residents on the allotment waiting list had been contacted and were aware the new allotments would be available shortly. Cllr Harnett and Cllr Dawson will measure the allotments.

The allotment track was discussed regarding how to make it stable. It was agreed that some hardcore or rubble would be a good solution. The cost for this would need to be agreed, the amount of £200.00 was Proposed by Cllr Clark and Seconded by Cllr Dawson.

## **10. Heath Report**

10.1 On going discussions were taking place regarding the barrier. NNDC Planning Department will consider the quote.

NNDC is organising a litter pick on the heath, date to be confirmed.

There will be a guided tour of the heath on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 Mike Bossingham had written to parish and local councils on behalf of Benjamin Court. He asked for support for his campaign to re-open Benjamin Court. Salthouse Parish Council have submitted a letter of support to him.

**12. Items for next agenda****13. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7pm, British Columbia Hall, Salthouse.

## District Councillor's Report August 2024

From NNDC:

### Planning

The Planning Inspector examining the draft new Local Plan says he's sees a 'clear way forward for the Plan' which is encouraging. He has identified a few areas where the plan might need a little more work, such as extending the Plan period from 2024-2040, addressing an identified shortfall of housing, a review of the number of small villages which could allow some additional growth, and an updated gypsy and traveller accommodation needs assessment.

There will be further public consultation on any proposed changes, hopefully towards the end of the year.

The consultation on the revised National Planning Policy Framework has started, and will run till September 24th. You can find this on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website and it's important as the NPPF sets the basis for planning decisions. There a focus on building more houses and methods to decide how many, and discussion as to where. The Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) has quite a good summary on its website.

The NNDC Planning Service has been rated as platinum by an industry expert for its speed and quality of decision making.

### Benefits

Please contact the Financial Inclusion team at NNDC if you think you are missing out on any missed benefits ( pension credit, for example, newly relevant with the means testing of Winter Fuel payments).

Email [Financial.Inclusion@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Financial.Inclusion@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

You can also contact NNDC Social Prescribers for questions about isolation, finances, benefits, legal matters, and power of attorney.

### Environment

Eligible shops which have agreed to longer sell flying rings or other items posing a danger to seals and other wildlife can now sign up for the NNDC 'Seal of Approval'. You can find out more at [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/seals](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/seals).

### Finance

Details of how NNDC has responded to a request from Government for a productivity plan can be found on NNDCs website under 'news'. This covers how NNDC is delivering services more efficiently, how it plans to use IT more effectively, and how it will reduce wasteful spend.'

### Blakeney Surgery

Holt Medical Practice is working constructively with Blakeney Parish Council to find an alternate venue for medicines collection. We have chased our submission to the Secretary of State for Health requesting his intervention against the closure.

### Dentistry

You can book an urgent appointment for dental pain via 111. The nearest urgent clinic for us is Fakenham. The system is working but the numbers coming from our area are small so please do spread the word. The Health Board says it is working to improve access by recruiting more dentists and dental nurses.

### Mobile connectivity and Broadband

I am in discussions with our new MP to make progress on digital hot spots, smoothing the digital switchover for our residents and broadband speed.

### Wind farms

Equinor, who have consent to build extensions to their existing wind farms, Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon, (not the current wind farm build out which is Orsted) have asked to increase the generating capacity of these windfarm extensions. This will involve an increase to the wind turbine rotor swept area, one additional offshore interlink cable and some additional cable crossings. The same area of seabed will be used. I'm just checking how this will work (given they have a maximum number of permitted turbines (53) and a maximum rotor diameter), and its impact on wildlife. If you have any questions do get back to me or contact [info@sepanddep.co.uk](mailto:info@sepanddep.co.uk).

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Appendix B

**AGENDA ITEM**

**8. Finance**

**8.1 List of Payments for Approval**

<b>Bike Storage Company</b>	<b>£372.00</b>
<b>Steve Jackman Website</b>	<b>£255.00</b>
<b>J Wright Grass cutting</b>	<b>£365.00</b>
<b>L Harper Clerk Salary/expenses</b>	<b>£783.44</b>

**8.2 Current Bank Balance**

<b>As at 16 July 2024</b>	<b>£5,970.16</b>
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