



Newton Flotman Parish Council Meeting Minutes

28 November 2023, 7.30pm, Newton Flotman Village Centre

Present: Paul Weeks (Chairman) Maria Hutson (Clerk)
Bruce Turnbull
Drew Broad
Lesley Crump
Cate McNerney

District Councillor, John Cook; 1 member of the public.

- 1) To consider accepting apologies for absence
None received
- 2) To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations
Paul Weeks and Bruce Turnbull declared an interest in item 8d as there are members of the Long Stratton Medical Partnership's Patient Participation Group.
Drew Broad declared an interest in item 8b as he is on the Village Centre Committee.
Paul Weeks and Drew Broad declared an interest in item 8f as they are on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.
- 3) To approve and confirm minutes of the last full council meeting on 7 November 2023
These were agreed as a true record of proceedings with no amendments.
- 4) Matters arising from previous minutes
Cate's and Lesley's website profiles are outstanding
Trees on Grove Way – Lesley Crump has had a response and acknowledgment that work will be undertaken.
Nathan Harris has been in contact from South Norfolk Council. Paul Weeks and Maria Hutson will be meeting with him to discuss the flooding issues on St Mary's Close.
- 5) Public Participation – an opportunity for the public to ask questions or to make comment and for any District or County Councillor reports
John Cook - Long Stratton bypass due to start Easter 2024. There was a discussion regarding general speeding and highway issues.
- 6) To review any correspondence received (that is not already on the agenda) – **for information only**
An email has been received from SNC regarding Clean up and Bloom funding. The clerk will apply for this grant to help cover the additional costs of the new cutting regime for the rewilding of the Village Green.
- 7) Councillor updates (to hear reports from Councillors on any parish activity they have undertaken since the last meeting, and which is not on the agenda) – **for information only**

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Paul Weeks and Drew Broad attended a workshop regarding the A140 Long Stratton Bypass and the impact it will have on traffic flows on the A140 north of Long Stratton

8) Regular Items – to receive any updates and to agree any necessary action in relation to:

a) Highway Issues including reviewing Parish Partnership application

Revised figures for the Parish Partnership application had been received and are £4,158.64. The application was discussed and all agreed to submit it. **Clerk to submit application**

There had been a recent incident near St Mary’s Close and the Parish Council were asked if it would support lighting being installed in the area. This was considered and in respect of the “Dark Skies policy” they could not support this. Councillors believe that parents should ensure their children are adequately supervised and that additional lighting would not improve the situation.

b) Newton Flotman Village Centre & Alan King Playing Field

At the recent committee meeting there were discussions regarding the pre-school restarting. Different options will be looked at. The social club is doing well and the film nights are generally well attended. A tree survey has been undertaken and work will be started soon. A Pride of Place application has been submitted for the roofing work. They are looking at upgrading the CCTV.

c) Church activities

None

d) Patient Participation Group

None

e) Youth Club

The clerk is applying for additional funding through the Community Foundation and is awaiting some stats from the YMCA for the application.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

£6835 funding from Locality has been secured. Awaiting a decision from SNC. A number of meetings are scheduled as things are starting to move forward.

9) To receive an update on D day celebrations

Paul Weeks has contacted Cranes Farms regarding the use of the barriers and is awaiting a response.

10) Finance

a) To note receipts and payments made since the last meeting

Anglia Water	Allotment water	£41.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension Contributions - November	£197.74
Maria Hutson	November Salary, Expenses & Back Pay	£639.59
HMRC	Month 8 PAYE	£54.20
Pam Moyes	Bus shelter cleaning Oct & Nov	£62.52

The payments were noted

b) To agree invoices for payment

None

c) To confirm the budget for 2024/25

It was agreed to set the allotment fees for 2024/25 as £20 for a full plot and £10 for a half plot

It was agreed to set the precept at £29,757 for 2024/25

11) Planning

a) To consider any planning applications that may be received after the publication of the agenda.

None

b) To note any planning decisions made

2021/2784, Construction of 31 new dwellings (Class C3) with associated landscaping, drainage and highway works, Land South West Of Alan Avenue Newton Flotman Norfolk. Amendment to reduce social housing from 7 dwellings to 4 – Approved.

12) To receive items for the next agenda

Asset inspection report

13) To note the date of the next meeting Parish Council Meeting – 30 January 2024, Village Centre, 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 21:06