

# **WITTON & RIDLINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Tuesday 15th May 2018**

**@ Witton Village Hall – 7.00pm**

*followed directly by WITTON & RIDLINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING*

*Chair – Darrell Swail*

*Members of the Parish – 17 and 2 members from Vattenfall*

## **1. Chair's review/report for the year 2017-2018**

I would like to thank all Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work over the last year.

It has been an extremely busy time behind the scenes with the Vattenfall project looming. We organised a highly successful meeting which Norman Lamb hosted to try and find out Vattenfall's intentions and discussions were extremely robust.

We were all relieved when Vattenfall announced that it was going to use DC technology which meant that there would be no need for any hideous Cable Relay Stations. The Parish Council fought hard against the Cable Relay Stations and campaigned with others for the DC route.

There is still a great deal to discuss with Vattenfall on this matter and we hope that the issues will be addressed and the relevant financial support offered to our community.

The glass recycling bank brings in a small income which is passed onto the Village Hall and we thank the team for their incredible hard work throughout the year. They ensure that this village asset is maintained to an extremely high standard. Please continue to utilise the bottle bank.

There will be a new Parish Council website in the near future which will be managed solely by the Council. This will be able to accommodate the more demanding tasks required of it and be more user friendly.

We have adopted the second telephone box which will be refurbished now the better weather is here.

Finally the Council decided not to purchase any defibrillators but to support the work of the First Responders and make a donation. It was considered that the First Responders are better placed to utilise this equipment and are quicker on the scene than going to fetch a unit from a telephone box. The village hall has arranged to hold an information training session.

We continue to work with highways reporting issues with potholes - a saga which is always ongoing!!

## **2. To Approve Minutes -**

**Witton & Ridlington Parish Annual Meeting - 16th May 2017**

It was resolved that these be signed.

### 3. Receive Annual Reports from local organisations

No reports were forthcoming.

### 4. Vattenfall presentation/discussion

Both Susan Falch-Lovesey and Graham Davey from Vattenfall attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of what had been happening over the past months the major achievement being that of the company to follow the DC route which was a relief to everyone.

Highlights were given on the success of the open days and the consultation process. Approximately 783 responses were received which were analysed and fed back into the process. There was discussion regarding drilling and width of the openings and the length of time this would all take. All information was available on their website and it was updated on a regular basis. Mobilization units were discussed and this seemed to be a major issue to local residents who thought that they would intrude into the countryside and cause major traffic problems. The main area to be effected would be at Necton where the substations would be built to extend to the National Grid. Vattenfall are working with local schools and colleges to outline the opportunities in the business which is a growing sector. 4 internships have already been lined up for this summer to give work experience and a skills strategy put together. There will be enormous benefits in the supply chain for businesses and employers to work and collaborate together. The next step is for the document to go to PINS who have 28 days to accept the proposals or not. This document will then go out for public consultation where the public will then need to communicate their issues with PINS directly. It is hoped that commencement of the project will be in 2021 and onshore from 2022-2023 with connectivity in 2026.

### 5. Floor open to Parishioners

A question and answer session was held between Vattenfall and the public which covered the concerns with the mobilization unit in Witton, hours of working, the size of the compound units, construction within the small villages, horizontal drilling, the one hundred stream. Community compensation was also highlighted. Eric Seaward spoke about the views from the County Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm followed directly by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

# Witton & Ridlington Parish Council

## Annual Parish Council Meeting

Elaine Pugh - Clerk to Council - 01692 402998

Raynham House, 10 New Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, nr28 9df

**Minutes of the Witton & Ridlington Annual Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 7pm Witton and Ridlington Village Hall**

**Present:** Darrell Swail (Chair), Ken Yerrill, Nigel Cole and Eunice Parkinson  
**Apologies:** Carol Gilman  
**Others:** Eric Seaward - NCC  
2 members of the public

### ACTION

1. **Election of Chair to Council**  
Resolved that Darrell Swail continue as Chair.
  - 1.1 **Election of Vice Chair**  
Resolved that Ken Yerrill remain as Vice Chair.
2. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and Pecuniary Dispensation forms and authority**  
It was noted that Ken Yerrill had a personal interest in planning application. 18/0461 as a neighbour. No other interests were received.
3. **To consider apologies for absence**  
Carol Gilman - accepted by the Council.
4. **To approve outstanding Minutes**  
**Witton & Ridlington Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - 20th February 2018**  
Resolved that these be signed.
5. **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation (15 mins), Norfolk Police, District and County Councillor Reports**  
Resolved to open the meeting to the public  
  
Eric Seaward, NCC gave an overview of what was happening at the County Council and urged people to monitor fly tipping and report it to NNDC. The charging for DIY materials at the recycling centres is being challenged  
  
No other members of the public wished to speak.  
  
Resolved to close the meeting to the public
6. **Co-option of new member(s)**  
Resolved that Barbara Penn be co-opted onto the Parish Council.  
Paperwork to be completed and forwarded to NNDC.

EP

**7. Finance**

**7.1 To approve Accounts for 2017/2018**

These had been circulated and it was resolved that they approved.

**7.2 To approve AGAR and sign Audit & Governance Form 2017/2018**

This had been circulated. It was resolved that the AGAR be approved.

**7.3 To re-appoint Ros Calvert Internal Auditor for 2018/2019**

Resolved that Ros Calvert be re-appointed.

**7.4 To review internal audit report**

The internal report was reviewed and noted.

**7.5 To consider the renewal of membership of NALC or NPTS**

The Clerk outlined the benefits of the two and the costs involved. It was resolved that the Council transfer its membership to NPTS due to a more responsive service being offered and cost.

**7.6 To approve payments**

TOTAL	DATE	TO	CHQ
£40.00	15.05.18	Ros Calvert	126
£9.60	15.05.18	Indigo Waste	127
£337.18	15.05.18	Came & Co Insurance	129
£30.00	15.05.18	NPTS	133
£35.00	15.05.18	Doug Cheer (website)	130
£369.74	15.05.18	Elaine Pugh	131
£31.40	15.05.18	HMRC	132

Resolved to pay enbloc

Payments received

AMOUNT	DATE	FROM
0.13	09.04.18	Lloyds interest
422.00	11.04.18	Walcott Farms - Thomas Love
1125.00	23.04.18	NNDC Precept - 1st tranche

**8. Matters arising - update and information only**

**8.1 Gritting along the North Walsham Road - with Highways**

**8.2 Bottle bank and VAT - claims in place**

**8.3 Sandscaping Scheme**

Ken Yerrill outlined that the scheme was helpful and that it should be beneficial to protect the coastline. He had attended a recent meeting held by NNDC and would be tracking future progress.

**8.4 Vattenfall**

The Council would be monitoring this and working with Vattenfall as necessary. All were relieved that there would be no Cable Relay Station within the parish.

**9. To review and adopt the Policies on the GDPR and appoint the Clerk as the Councils' Data Processing Officer. Clerk's appointment to be amended in the contract of employment.**

The policy was adopted and the Clerk appointed as the Council's Data Processing Officer and this would be amended in the contract of employment.

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**10. To review correspondence**

Age UK request for donation - noted  
Vattenfall - re acknowledgement of attendance at meeting  
Norfolk Police Report - Noted  
Mundesley Parish Council - Norfolk Day  
NNDC - Arts and Culture Fund

Agenda

**11. To review and consider planning if received**

18/0641	The New Bungalow, Mill Common Road, Ridlington	Change of use of existing farm track to residential access and farm track	Objected to
18/0585	Plough Corner, North Walsham Rd	Erection of single storey side & rear ext	No objections

**12. To consider the re-purpose of the red telephone box at Witton**

This was deferred to the next meeting however it was anticipated that it would be refurbished during the summer.

Agenda

**13. To Receive Reports from Councillors**

No reports were forthcoming.

**14. To Confirm the Date of the next meeting -**

**Witton & Ridlington Ordinary Parish Council**

**Meeting - Tuesday 7th August 2018 - Witton Village Hall at 7.00pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Darrell Swail - Chair

7<sup>th</sup> August 2018