

WITTON & RIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meadowcroft, 40 Cromer Road, Mundesley, Norfolk, NR11 8DB

Tel: 07900 957888. Email: wittonandridlingtonpc@outlook.com

Chairman: Mr Richard Barker

Parish Clerk: Denise Revell

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting of Witton and Ridlington Parish Council on 20th March 2024 at 7pm at Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Present: Rebecca Barringer, Richard Barker (in the Chair), Stirling Byford, Gillian Owles, Amanda Sands and Jane Simpson.

Clerk: Denise Revell

Members of the Public: 2

1. **To receive Apologies for Absence.**
 - 1.1 To consider and agree apologies for absence
Cllr DeFeyter sent his apologies, work commitments, the Council agreed to accept the apologies for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations**
 - 2.1 To consider and agree declarations of interest and requests for dispensations
None received
3. **Minutes of previous meetings**
 - 3.1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the **17th January 2024**
Council agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2023 and they were signed at the meeting
4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman attended the Safer Neighbourhood Planning meeting and reported that the police would be tackling antisocial behaviour, shop lifting and speeding in the North Walsham area. He also reported that people be aware of illegals coming in on boats at Mundesley, any suspected sightings should be reported to the police.

The webinar regarding the Digital Switch over was well attended and plans are underway to switch off the analogue telephone systems. Vulnerable people should contact their telephone provider to get support with this.
5. **Public Participation Time**

The meeting will be adjourned for a period of 15 minutes) to allow Members of the Public to speak, to receive District and County Councillors reports and any Councillors with prejudicial interests to speak.

Note that only items on this Agenda are to be discussed – for any other item/ subject please contact the Clerk in writing for submission at a future meeting.

District Councillor Pauline Porter spoke about the changes to the bin collections and offered her support to anyone experiencing difficulties. The District Council are due to introduce food recycling bins but this may take some time to implement.

County Councillor Lucy shires added that NNDC had a balanced budget this year and she explained about the second homes council tax

She then went on to say that the County Council had a large deficit on their budget, support was being offered to Happisburgh regarding the recent flooding. Any problems on the roads regarding pot holes or mud, please report direct to her
6. **Matters arising from previous meetings**

To report on progress on items from previous meetings. No decisions may be taken

6.1 Lloyds Account closed and balance transferred to Current Account

7. **Planning**

To consider and agree responses to planning applications and receive updates

None

8. **Finance**

8.1 To review the budget

Council received the budget update, no comments were made

8.2 To consider and agree the bank reconciliation of accounts

Council agreed the bank reconciliation of accounts

8.3 To consider and agree membership for Society of Local Council Clerks

Council agreed to pay the membership with Norfolk Parish Training and Support

8.4 To consider and agree membership with Norfolk Parish Training and Support

8.5 To consider and agree the Internal Auditor

Council agreed to appoint Roger Canwell as the internal auditor

8.6 To consider and agree funding for the Defib at Witton Bridge

More research needs to be carried out, council deferred this item for a later date

8.7 To consider and agree donation to Broadland First Responders

Council agreed to donate £100 to Broadland First Responders

8.8 To consider and agree Payments and receipts

Council agreed the payments and receipts as follows

<i>D Revell</i>	<i>Salary and Expenses</i>	<i>£429.72</i>
<i>NPTS</i>	<i>Subscription</i>	<i>£ 55.00</i>
<i>SLCC</i>	<i>Subscription</i>	<i>£ 45.75</i>
<i>Unity Bank</i>	<i>Bank Charges</i>	<i>£ 18.00</i>
<i>Broadland First Responders Donation</i>		<i>£100.00</i>

9. **Policies, Documents, Communications and Training**

9.1 To consider and agree Operation Menai Bridge

Council amended and agreed the documents associated with Menai Bridge

9.2 To consider and agree actions relating to Mace Cottage and Batchelors Lane

Council agreed to instruct the clerk to write to Norfolk County Council regarding the issues with Mace Cottage and Batchelors Lane

10. **Events**

10.1 Litter pick 17th March 2024

The Litter pick was very successful, large amounts of rubbish were collected, most of which came from the North Walsham Road, with one particular area having a large number of empty alcohol bottles. Although most of the councillors took part, more needs to be done to get community engagement in this event. There will be two litter picks a year, one in early March and the other in early Autumn.

To receive update on the Litter Pick held on the 17th March 2024

10.2 To agree the date and format for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 22nd May 2024, Mundesley Lifeboat would be invited to give a talk.

11. **To report any other business**

Note that this is to report matters for inclusion in a future agenda or matters which require no decision to be made by the Council

12. **Correspondence**

To consider any correspondence and agree responses thereto

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

**To confirm that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at Witton Village Hall**