

Witton & Ridlington Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Witton & Ridlington Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 20th February 2018 @ 7pm Witton and Ridlington Village Hall

Present: Darrell Swail (Chair), Ken Yerrill, Nigel Cole,
Eunice Parkinson and Carol Gilman

Apologies: None

Others: Eric Seaward - NCC, Lee Walker NNDC and
George Cooper - Stalham and Smallburgh First Responders
7 members of the public

ACTION

- 1. To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and Pecuniary Dispensation forms and authority**
None were forthcoming.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence**
None were necessary.
- 3. To approve outstanding Minutes -
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Resolved that these be signed.
- 4. Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation (15 mins),
Norfolk Police, District and County Councillor Reports**
Resolved to open the meeting.
Eric Seaward, NCC - informed that both NCC and NNDC had submitted their responses to the Vattenfall proposals and both viewpoints reflected those of the Parishes. These comments included the issues around the Happisburgh cliffs and relay station; all elements were considered unnecessary together with the proposed cabling routes. Vattenfall were holding no further consultations until June/July when the finalised plans should be available. The planning process will be as standard however the Environment Agency and Government Ministers will be involved. It will be the Planning Inspectorate who makes the decision. NCC is preparing a joint statement in conjunction with the 7 district councils regarding windfarms connecting to the National Grid. Community and householder compensation being highlighted as a key discussion point and will be sought.
Lee Walker, NNDC - informed that they had set up a cabinet to address the issues with Vattenfall and is due to meet on 1st March. At this point it is unknown whether the meeting will be open to the public or not and this will be confirmed soon. As yet the preferred site for the relay station has not been confirmed and it is understood that when the plans are finalised that Vattenfall will have to identify this. There is grave concern regarding the cliffs at Happisburgh which recently eroded by 15ft.
Eric Seaward, NCC - The Consultation Summary Report should be available at the end of February 2018. Residents had noted that surveyors had been out and about in the local area. Norman Lamb is involved and is being urged to get more information out of Vattenfall to find out what they are doing before the plans are formally submitted. There needs to be a clearer plan.

Sandscaping - funding is almost in place with £5-6m to protect the coast from Bacton to Walcott and it is hoped that the Environment Agency will top up the outstanding balance. Gathering of consents for onshore and marine evaluation should commence soon. **Council Tax** - Local Councils have to raise money locally to provide services to their community and this is an extremely difficult task with central Government informing at the last minute amounts due to the relevant Councils. NCC will increase from 5.9 per cent/Police 3.5% with an NNDC projection of 3.6%; this has not been increased for 8 years. If you are registered disabled you can ask NNDC to reassess with the possibility of being taken a band below.

Members of the public informed that if you used the BT internet to communicate with Vattenfall - it spammed the email back.

Issues with gritting along the main North Walsham road which is the only major road used by all services was a problem and had been taken up directly with Highways who had then re-directed this to the Parish Council. The Clerk would write to Highways and ask for their feedback on this and request that the road be gritted regularly as it is a main road. Children also walk along this road and there are two inclines along it. The community considered that this route must be gritted. EP

A member of the public informed that they would like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council and the Clerk would place this onto the Agenda and write to the resident on this matter. EP

Resolved to close the meeting.

5. **To receive presentation/update George Cooper-Community First Responders**
The Chair welcomed George Cooper to the meeting and he outlined his duties as a First Responder who informed that they were all volunteers. Their call out is via the 999 service who dispatch the First Responders in conjunction with an ambulance where necessary; they are not utilised for road accidents or child incidents. A demonstration of items was given and the cost of the "kit" was approximately £1,700 which included a defibrillator. In 2017 the team were called out on 539 occasions. The Responders are self-funded and receive no payment from NHS and they were happy to undertake defibrillator training. Clerk to let CG know contact details. EP

The Council presented a cheque in the amount of £100 which had previously been agreed.

6. **Matters arising - update and information only**
- 6.1 **Common Land** - the Clerk read out a letter from the resident offering to purchase part of the Common land which was currently being encroached upon. The Clerk was instructed to write and explain that the land was not for sale and that it was currently rented. EP
 - 6.2 **Damage to BT Telephone Box in Ridlington** - work completed
 - 6.3 **Vattenfall** - the Clerk read out a letter which had been sent to the NNDC committee. This outlined the Council's concerns regarding the Vattenfall proposals for a relay station at Witton & Ridlington.
 - 6.4 **BT red telephone box - Witton** - adoption completed and insured
Discussion took place with regards to the possible use as a lending library for the residents and the painting/refurbishment. This would be an Agenda item for May. **Agenda**

7. To review correspondence

NNDC - Bacton to Walcott Sandscaping Scheme - Ken Yerrill to be confirmed as Council's representative

EP

NNDC - Flytipping

NNDC - Norfolk Safety Advisory Group

Clerks & Councils Direct

Neighbourhood Plans

Invitation to Defibrillator training at Southrepps - Saturday 24th March 10 -12

NCC - Norwich Western Link

Resident regarding common land - noted Clerk to respond

Eastlaw - GDPR approaching - approximate cost 2k for support

Police report

Kickstart

8. Finance

8.1 To approve payments

TOTAL	DATE	TO	CHQ
£7.20	20.02.18	Indigo Waste	122
£40.00	20.02.18	David Archer (glass repair)	121
£44.00	20.02.18	HMRC	123
£237.50	20.02.18	Elaine Pugh	124
£100.00	20.02.18	Stalham First Responders* (May 2017 Minute item 7.5)	125

Direct Debit - due - ICO £35.00 March 2018

Funds received

Bank interest Oct/Nov/Dec

0.38p

Resolved to pay enbloc.

9. To review and consider planning if received

No new planning applications had been received.

10. Clerk's report - update on GDPR and website

A new website was due to be set up and be under the direct control of the Council via the Clerk. This would be easier to manage and not be reliant on outside sources. The GDPR was of great concern to the majority of small parish councils and although had not passed through Parliament it would mean that Councils had to be clear about how they managed and handled people's information.

11. To Receive Reports from Councillors

The sign at the "Crossways" had fallen down.

EP

Potholes at Broomholme Barn/Rookery Road x 2

EP

Outside Mill Common House and Mill Common Road

EP

12. To Confirm the Date of the next meeting -

Witton & Ridlington Annual Parish Meeting followed by

Witton & Ridlington Annual Parish Council Meeting

Meeting - Tuesday 15th May 2018 - Witton Village Hall at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.55pm.

15th May 2018

DARRELL SWAIL - CHAIR