

# Witton & Ridlington Parish Council

## Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Elaine Pugh - Clerk to Council – 01692 402998

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**Minutes of the Witton & Ridlington Ordinary Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 19th February 2019 @ 7pm Witton and Ridlington Village Hall**

**Present:** Darrell Swail - Chair, Ken Yerrill, Nigel Cole, Carol Gilman  
Barbara Penn and Eunice Parkinson

**Apologies:** None

**Others:** 1 member of the public and Eric Seaward - NCC

### ACTION

1. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and Pecuniary Dispensation forms and authority**  
No declarations were made.
2. **To consider apologies for absence**  
No apologies were necessary.
3. **To approve outstanding Minutes -  
Witton & Ridlington Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
It was resolved that these be approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation (15 mins),  
North Norfolk District and County Councillor Reports**  
**Resolved to open the meeting for public participation**  
*A member of the public* informed that they had attended the Boreas/Vanguard hearings in Norwich. They pointed out the suggested “ring main” option for channelling the electricity from the windfarm around the sea rather than digging up areas of North Norfolk. It was expressed that the “ring main” idea would probably delay the application for 3-4 years. It may then lead to the project NOT proceeding as DC. Everyone had fought so hard for DC and anything else was not acceptable. The implications of any alterations would be significant and unacceptable.

Eric Seaward, NCC - gave his report which is attached at Appendix 1.

**Resolved to close the meeting to the public.**

### 5. Finance

#### 5.1 To approve payments

TOTAL	DATE	TO	CHQ
£19.20	19.02.19	Indigo Waste	143
£37.20	19.02.19	HMRC	144
£228.58	19.02.19	Elaine Pugh	145
£40.00	19.02.19	Witton & Ridlington Village Hall	147
£17.60	19.02.19	HMRC replacement cheque 138	146
TOTAL	DATE	TO	CHQ
£35.00	05.03.19	ICO - Data protection	d/d

**Resolved to pay enbloc**

**Funds received**

Interest

£0.38p

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

- 6.1 Witton village sign** - the stone base is deteriorating  
It was agreed that this needed further investigation and the Clerk would ask a supplier to take a look at it. EP
- 6.2 Provision of defibrillator within the village**  
This item was discussed at length and it was agreed that there was no suitable location for a defibrillator due to the distances between the two parts of the parish. It was requested that this item be placed onto the Agenda with a view to give a further donation to the Stalham First Responders who are equipped to deal with these types of emergencies. Agenda
- 6.3 License for dangerous animals** - NNDC confirmed that no application had been received and this would be monitored.
- 6.4 2019 - Council Elections**  
The Clerk outlined that the Elections for Parish Councillors would be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone who would like to continue as a Parish Councillor will need to complete a new form. These were handed out to Councillors for their attention.
- 6.5 Vattenfall**  
This had been covered in Agenda item 4. All updates were on the Councils website.

**7. To review correspondence** - these were noted by the Council

- NNDC - survey on sports and recreation of the area  
Clerks and Councils Direct  
Witton & Ridlington Village Hall  
NCC - update on Children's Services  
NCC - temporary road order - Heath Road and North Walsham Road  
NNDC - Big Society Fund  
Norfolk Police  
Boreas/Vattenfall - update/newsletter - on website  
Oulton Parish Council - regarding new concept - Clerk to acknowledge EP  
NCC - 18/0641 - Appeal process  
NNDC - Elections May 2nd

**8. To review and consider any additional planning if received**

18/2272	Friars House, Happisburgh Rd	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/1583 to vary design and fenestration, resiting of ext and 2 new dormer windows	No comment
18/2012	Dairy Farm Barn, The Street	Internal and external works to facilitate conversion of barn and outbuildings to dwelling with linked annexe	Withdrawn
18/1761	Dairy Farm, The Street, Ridlington	Conv of existing barn and outbuildings to residential dwelling with linked annexe, conversion of outbuilding to hobby room and erection of garage/workshop	Withdrawn

**10. To Receive Reports from Councillors**

- Pot holes along Stonebridge Road. EP

**11. To Confirm the Date of the next meeting - Witton & Ridlington**

- Annual Parish Meeting followed by the  
Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Meeting - THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Witton Village Hall at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 7.55pm

## **ERIC SEAWARD – NCC – FEBRUARY 2019 REPORT - APPENDIX 1**

### Council Tax Precepts New Financial Year 2019/20

For Band D Council Tax payers the County Council precept will rise by nearly £40, the Police Authority precept will rise by £24 and the District Council precept rise is recommended to be just under £5. These rises reflect Government policy in recent years to reduce central government grants to local councils and instead expect them to raise more funds at a local level to fund council services. In spite of these rises all three authorities are currently forecasting varying levels of financial deficits in future years.

Sandscaping Project: The required funding for the extension of the scheme from the Gas Terminal to the villages of Bacton and Walcott has been secured. Planning and Marine consents for the project were given in December. Following a tender process a contractor has been appointed. The District Council is the overall co-ordinator for the project. Work is scheduled to begin in April and will continue throughout the summer.

Vattenfall Windfarm (Vanguard) Planning Application. In recent weeks the public hearings in front of Planning Inspectors have been taking place in Norwich. I attended a public participation session on February 6th. The main issues for parishes like Witton & Ridlington is the construction timetable for the ducts/laying of cable, access by vehicles to the construction path and the location of building storage depots. Happisburgh Parish Council have been frequent attenders given their concerns over the landfall site to the south of the village. There is also a Better Broadband for East Ruston community group which is in discussion with Vattenfall about using their cable duct for fibre optic cable to improve broadband connectivity to rural communities. They wish to build and run a community owned 'full fibre to the home' service. They are looking for support from adjoining Parish Councils.

**Eric Seward**

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