

Minutes of the Pentney Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.30pm  
at Pentney Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Littlehales (Chair) Cllr K Harvey Cllr B Howlett  
Cllr L Rons Cllr P Wells Cllr C Dallas  
Cllr M Parker

Also present: Clerk, Borough Councillor & 8 Members of the Public.

- 1. To receive and consider apologies for absence:  
Everyone Present.**
- 2 To receive Declarations of Interest**  
None Received
- 3. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions. (10 mins max 3 mins per Speaker.)**

Neighbourhood Plan

A Parishioner raised concerned regarding the neighbourhood plan. One concern was why put adult gym equipment onto the playing field when the playground equipment is in need of attention and there is a gym in the village. The parishioner was advised that it was obtained after a consultation exercise with young people in the village especially the teenagers as they had nothing geared for them and the gym equipment can also be used for adults. The playground is in need of attention and the Council are currently looking for quotes/funding to undertake. The Parishioner was also concerned about the data behind the plan and was it out of date and could the public be given access to it. It was agreed for a Community Engagement Report be put on the new website as it has not been transferred to the new site. This should answer concerns. The Parishioner was urged to fill in the online questionnaire or comment forms in the Village Hall. All forms and responses would be looked at with regards to the plan going forward.

Speeding

A Parishioner asked if something could be achieved regarding the speeding in the village before someone is hurt/killed. The Chair explained that one Sams device is being replaced but data is being removed from the one currently in use. The Chair also advised about trying to get a Speedwatch Team started in the village as this data will also aid the situation. The Parishioner wondered if two cameras could be placed a certain distance apart as this would be more accurate and judging the speed as people will slow down for one but these are not so easily seen. The Clerk advised that currently the Council would not be able to undertake and if more data is obtained from the Sams, then the Police/Highways together would be able to undertake such a scheme.

**4. Reports**

**4.1 County Councillor.** The County Councillor had given his apologies and issued a report. This would be placed at the end of the minutes.

**4.2 Borough Councillor.** Cllr Michael Howland advised that had been representing this ward for the last four years and represented another ward previously. He informed the Council regarding Cllr Nick Daubney being made an Alderman.

Cllr Howland left the meeting at 8.00pm.

**4.3 Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.** The Chair advised that they were currently waiting for the consultation period to end and then they could look at the comments/concerns. The Chair urged everyone to get Parishioners to make comments.

**4.4 Speed Awareness Report.** The Parishioner was unable to attend there is currently no data available. **It was resolved for the Clerk to check re funding and ordering of the new Sams.**

**5 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 14 March 2023.**  
**It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair and a true and accurate account of the meeting.**

**6. To consider matters arising from the minutes of 14 March 2023.**  
**No matters arising.**

**7. Finance**

**a) Monthly Accounts for Payment.**

The Clerk has sent round a list prior to the meeting. (Please see attached) The Village Hall hire, one for £140.00 should be £120.00. **It was resolved for these payments to be made.**

**b) Money received.**

The Clerk advised that the Precept money should have been received. Cllr Wells advised that it has not been received into the Unity Bank account. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase the payment.**

**c) Bank Rec March 2023.**

This cannot be completed on the Barclays accounts as there is no access currently to the accounts. The mandate had got lost between King's Lynn and the Mandate Team. Cllr Wells had rung the Mandate Team and a copy was being resent.

**d) CGM Contract**

Cllr Rons has been dealing with this and it has been hard going. The new contract has been received and has highlighted some concerns. Cllr Rons has addressed these issues in a round of lengthy emails. Cllr Rons advised that the three months' notice is now six months. She advised that the contract is cancelled at the end of the season and we obtain quotes etc. and then if necessary we sign up another contractor. There is also a clause of they can increase the price without warning during the contract. **It was resolved for the contract for the cut down cutting schedule be signed but cancelled in October and quotes obtained again. It was resolved for Cllr Rons to undertake and the first cut to be the 17 May.** The Chair thanked Cllr Rons for all her efforts in undertaking this time-consuming task.

**8. New Clerk Update**

The Chair advised that no applications had been received.

**9. Document Retention Policy**

The Clerk advised that she had sent round with the agenda. **It was resolved to accept the policy and for the Clerk to place on the website.** Cllr Rons had sent round an email detailing the information currently being stored with Norfolk Records Office.

## 10. Village Matters

### a) Feedback on River Swan issues

Cllr Parker advised that the water was running freely.

### b) Highway and Community Rangers

The Chair advised that the Culvert work was under way. Norfolk County Council Highways had accessed the pipes with a camera survey and they were broken and out of alignment and are being replaced. Some of the work will not be achieved if there are services above or below. The Chair advised that hopefully it will help with the village drainage issues going forward.

### c) Relocation of Noticeboard.

The Chair advised that this has been undertaken and thanked all who were involved.

### d) Coronation

The Council had given a grant to the Village Hall to purchase a large cake and Cllr Rons had purchased a flag for the Council which will be flown.

## 11 To discuss any planning applications or local developments.

### Applications:

23/00399/F Application for Retrospective approval for the re-alignment of land drainage ditch at Charolais Low Road Pentney.

There were concerns regarding houses and land either side and had a drainage assessment been received. There is also no report or mention regarding the incomplete waste water. **It was resolved to recommend refusal on the ground that no drainage survey had been received and if there is a copy can the Council please have a copy and what is happening regarding the waste water.**

23/00565/F Application for Construction of a boat house with store above 52 Pentney Lakes, Common Road, Pentney. Cllr Rons advised that there have been comments made regarding use and safety. **It was resolved to recommend refusal as not details available on the planning portal. There are concerns regarding if this property has access rights to the water and regarding health and safety as if the boat is hired out with the building will any hirer be adequately trained.**

### Determination:

None had been received.

## 12 To receive an update on playing field equipment.

The Chair advised that she had not been able to obtain a further quote. **It was resolved for the Chair to pass on the specifications and the Clerk to try and obtain a further quote.**

## 13. Items for next Agenda Defibrillator.

## 14 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7.30pm at Pentney Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.21pm.

## Pentney Payment 11 April 2023

Linda Rons	Sewn Union Flag	£126.66
Newprint	A5 Flyers N/Plan	£ 45.00
CGM	Grasscutting – 1 <sup>st</sup> Cut	£ 64.80
Village Hall	Use	£120.00
Norfolk ALC	N/Plan Questionnaire	£200.00
Scribe	Accounts package	£172.80
J Howard	Website Subs	£108.00
C Of E	Allotments	£1532.50
KLWNBC	Printing N/Plan	£106.85

### Action List

#### Cllr Littlehales

- Sent the Clerk the specification re the playground and the Clerk to try and obtain new quote.

#### Cllr Rons

- Sign the Grasscutting Contract.

#### Clerk

- Continue to Chase Barclays re mandate.
- Check re precept monies.
- Check re funding of New Sams Unit.
- As soon as access to Barclays is obtained undertake the accounts on Scribe.
- Put the Document Retention Policy on the website.
- Obtain price for Defibrillator.
- Making Planning Comments to the Borough Council.

## COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

### Government

#### Government Emergency Alerts Service – national test

On Sunday 23 April 2023, there will be a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts service.

Emergency Alerts is a UK government service that will warn you if there's a danger to life nearby.

In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe. The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert.

Emergency alerts will only be sent by:

- the emergency services.
- government departments, agencies and public bodies that deal with emergencies.

The alerts will be about emergencies such as flooding, fires, and extreme weather.

You'll get alerts based on your current location - not where you live or work. You do not need to turn on location services to receive alerts.

More detail about the government emergency alert service [here](#).

More details about the national test and the message that people will receive [here](#).

### County Deal for Norfolk - update

Norfolk County Council has received funding from central government to secure new affordable homes to rent in Norwich.

Norfolk County Council successfully bid for the money during the negotiations on the in-principle county deal devolution agreement, which was signed last December.

The £2 million received by the county council will be transferred to Norwich City Council, which will buy a number of new homes currently under construction by its own company, NRL Ltd and use them for affordable housing for rent.

The county deal would give Norfolk new powers and further funding to unlock housing and employment sites to drive regeneration and build affordable homes.

Subject to reaching final agreement later this year, the deal with the government will also enable the county council to invest in areas such as better transport, skills and job opportunities, tailored to the specific needs of local people.

A public consultation about the deal closed on 20 March. The County Council's Cabinet will meet in the summer to consider the results of the consultation, decide whether to proceed and, if so, submit the consultation results to the Government.

All County Councillors will be asked in the December 2023 Full Council Meeting whether they support the move to an elected leader and cabinet system of governance.

In spring 2024, Parliament will decide whether to approve the 'statutory instrument' required to let the Deal proceed.

### Making it Real Board launch new training programme

New Coproduction training has been launched by the Making it Real Board in Norfolk to ensure people with disabilities and unpaid carers are involved in developing new social care services.

The new on-line training package is for Norfolk County Council staff and will provide good examples of co-production and how to do this correctly, from start to finish. It has been developed to help ensure that disabled people with lived experiences of Adult Social Services, are involved in the planning of changes in social care.

The Making it Real Board is an independent group of disabled people and unpaid carers. Some of the board members represent groups of disabled people and carers across Norfolk and others are individual members. The board is also attended by appointed NCC Councillors.

## **Norfolk County Council - trees for Norfolk**

As the 1 million Trees for Norfolk initiative approaches the end of its third planting season, Norfolk County Council is to announce a significant milestone in the journey to a greener, healthier county.

The aim of 200,000 trees by the end of this season has been exceeded, with the total now standing at nearly 210,000 trees and hedgerows planted. The efforts of the community and our partner organisations have been vital in us achieving this and in securing a sustainable future for Norfolk.

With funding secured for the next planting season in November, Norfolk County Council will continue to work towards the goal of planting 1 million trees by 2025.

More information about the 1 million trees for Norfolk initiative is available [here](#).