

Pulham St Mary Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Pulham St Mary Church, on Tuesday 9th July 2024.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Scanlan, Cllr Freeman, Cllr McDaniel, Cllr Burrige, Cllr Hudson (attending as a parish Councillor and District Councillor), Cllr Langshaw, Cllr Yaxley

and Cllr Andersson Hewitt. The Clerk, County Cllr Wilby and District Cllr Thompson were also in attendance

1. Welcome.

The Chairman, Councillor Scanlan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To consider apologies and reason for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Boardman.

3. To consider declaration of interests and dispensation by Councillors

Cllr Scanlan declared interest on Pennoyers and YEP.

4. To approve minutes of the last meetings of 11th June 2024.

The minutes of 11th June 2024 were then ratified as a true record of the meeting, a copy was signed by Cllr Scanlan

5. To discuss matters arising from the last meeting – for information only.

Parish Website.

All news items and statutory records have been updated.

Village/CIL Maintenance and Projects.

All matters for discussion or update are included within the agenda

Councillors received notice of the consultation on introducing a local connection eligibility test for the SN self and custom build register and release of information for the 2024/25 parish partnership scheme (PPS). The Clerk will include the PPS on the September agenda.

6. To receive the Chairman's Report.

The Chairman provided a report and update on refurbishment and restocking of the village planters. Progress on the setting up of a Neighbourhood watch scheme. The commencing of summer trips for the Youth Club and his ongoing support of the Men's Shed programme and the Pennoyers Centre.

7. To receive County and District Councillors Reports

Reports from County Cllr Wilby and District Cllr Thompson were received and copy attached.

District Cllr Hudson added his congratulations to Pink Tractor volunteers and supporters, and to the newly elected Green MP, Adrian Ramsay.

Cllr Hudson provided additional information on the consultation on introducing a local connection eligibility test for the SN self and custom build register, details of <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communities>

And a reminder of the next Town and Parish Forum on 7/8/24 – which will be available on the usual utube link https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=south+norfolk+council

8. Public Forum

*No public were in attendance but a letter was received on overhanging foliage across the road, from The Grange. **ACTION** Council requested the Clerk write to the landowner.*

9. Items for discussion and ratification

• Current Planning Applications

2022/1353 Land South of Norwich Rd – Objection submitted 22/8/22 Amendments received January 2023; Objections confirmed 24/1/23 – **LPA is awaiting revised plans. (Cllr Hudson confirmed reason delay in updating change of planning application details)**

2022/2394 Amendment Land South of Chestnut Rd. Erection of 9 dwellings – Objection submitted by 14/1/23 – and objection to amendments on 4/10/23. Amendments to 2022/2394 Land South of Chestnut Rd, Erection of 11 properties including 3 x 2 bed social provision properties. **Support submitted 14/2/24**

2024/1012 Kings Head – demolition of main public house building. **A request that this application is considered for refusal submitted 12/6/24 - because the demolition of this historic building within the conservation area, in the centre of the village, would have a negative impact on the current street scene and would cause unacceptable aesthetic damage.**

2024/1466 Upper Vaunces Farm – Scoping opinion for 2 no Poultry sheds – **While Council have no objection to the addition of 2 no Poultry sheds, they are becoming increasingly concerned on the condition of the access route for the A140. Semere Lane has several pot holes and the road has become a hazard for users. Objections to this scoping application were submitted 12/6/24**

No New Applications

- **To receive Rospa report** – Cllr Freeman reported that new chains will be required for the next swing, additional matting provided either side of the slide and the gaps in the older mats filled. Cllr Hudson suggested the Men's Shed could help with this work.
- **Update report on playground equipment project (Cllr CY and VHA)** – Additional quotes have now been procured. Action Play and Leisure have provided the most competitive quotes for both the zip wire and trampoline. Cllr Yaxley has submitted an application for grant funding from the National Lottery and should hear within 12 weeks. This item will be moved to the October agenda.
- **Update on bus shelter project – awaiting street furniture license** – GO, from NCC has provided permission to proceed. Council confirmed they would be happy to proceed with Westcotec, who provided the best value quote of £3,996.00 plus vat for 2 bay shelter in black + £990.00 + vat for solar lighting. This will be supported by a 50% grant from the Parish Partnership Scheme. **ACTION** The Clerk will advise The Pennoyer Centre that permission has been granted to position a cantilever shelter on highways land and will organise a meeting with the contractor and NCC to confirm the actual positioning of the shelter.

- **Update on moving the power supply at South Green (Cllr CH)** – The Men’s Shed Volunteers have spent 2 days on site clearing and digging a trench for the power supply. One additional day is required to provide a concrete base and erect the Kiosk. The Men’s Shed have submitted a pre planning application to SNC, if this meets with approval a full application will be submitted. Pending the success of an application, there is an anticipation that work could be carried out over the winter. Grant funding has been procured from the founder members and Community Action Fund, towards the projects costs.
- **Update on Lease for South Green (Pulham Charities)** – Cllr Scanlan advised Council that a solicitor from Spires LLP is willing to provide a quote on costs. The Charities will need to meet to discuss details.
Council have agreed they require a 99 year lease for South Green from the Charities and they plan to sub lease to the Men’s Shed/Talent FC. The Clerk will keep Council to date on any updates from the Charities and with Councils permission she may need to use delegated powers to advance this matter prior to the September meeting.

10. Accounts

- **To ratify income and expenditure for July 2024 and bank reconciliation for June 2024.**

Cllr Yaxley approved the bank reconciliation for June 2024 and Council ratified all income and expenditure for July 2024.

The balance following presentation of the listed Income and expenditure will be £71,625.44

PULHAM ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL				
ACCOUNTS : MONTH : July				
INCOME:	Amount	Description		
TOTAL INCOME	£0.00			
Cheques to be paid:				
EXPENDITURE:	Gross	VAT	Net	Description
Wave - Anglian Water	37.99	-	37.99	Allotment Supply
BT	53.73	8.95	44.78	Phone and internet to 23/7/24
Rospa	108.00	18.00	90.00	Playground inspection
L shulver	616.60	-	616.60	Salary
L Shulver	25.60	-	25.60	Parish Admin
L Shulver	14.39	2.40	11.99	Reimburse parish expenditure 123 Reg - Domain renew
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£856.31	£29.35	£826.96	£856.31

Additional payments were raised for £675.46 Excite and £200.00 Plants. These payments will be included in the August accounts.

ACTION Cllr Andersson Hewitt will approve all payments raised by the Clerk.

11. To receive other reports.

Flood Mitigation Cllr McDaniel provided an update following the 24/6/24 meeting. Land owners are being contacted by the Water Management Alliance, to discuss ideas on how water can be held up during flood events.

Neighbourhood Watch No further report.

Youth Engagement Programme Cllr Scanlan provided the latest attendance data for YEP

Footpath Warden Cllr Freeman advised that at lease one of the bridges he reported last month has now been replace/repaired.

Tree Warden no further report

SAM No further report

Armed Forces Champion no update

Sports and Recreation Committee.

Cllr Burridge advised the ditch/soak away in North Green Road requires clearing and requested Council lower/cut back the playpark hedge to gain access. Council provided consent for Cllr Burridge to organise this work with the Councils hedge cutting contractor.

To consider the date of next meeting There will be no meeting in August, the September meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday 17th September 2024, 7.30pm at Pulham St Mary Church

Meeting Closed at 20.40

Signed Date.....

Cllr MW Report

Congratulations to Mrs Annie Chapman, all of the Pink Tractor Ladies and all of their backup support that took part in this year's tractor run. Its always great to see the very colourful tractors with their colourful drivers on board arriving at Thorpe Abbots Airfield from 7am onwards, they all set off at 11.30am through our town and villages lined with people giving their support to them. All tractors and drivers arrived safely back to the airfield from 4.30pm onwards. Well done to you all.

NCC warns of new scam aimed at pensioners. Scammers have been targeting pensioners with health conditions in Norfolk. People across the county have reported receiving calls from individuals claiming to be local medical practitioners or health workers. The caller said the person was entitled to a free medical alert device because they are over 70 and have health issues. They then ask for payment to "register the device". NCC trading Standards advice is: " As with any telephone call that you receive out of the blue, we urge you to be vigilant and take a moment to stop and think – especially if you receive a request over the phone or e-mail to make a payment from someone claiming to be from a trusted organisation. All scam calls can be reported to the council via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service line on 0808 223 1133.

In the 1990s, Norfolk established Roadside Nature Reserves (RNRs) to protect and enhance nature next to our roads. Some of these RNRs, representing remnants of Norfolk's natural grasslands, give sanctuary to rare species like spiny restharrow, pyramidal orchid, sandy silt puffball and fragrant agrimony. Many RNRs being unchanged grasslands, feature common meadow flowers and grasses important for the well-being of bees, butterflies, and other insects. Our RNR network also functions as essential corridors for wildlife, connecting Norfolk's diverse habitats. As part of our commitment, we have increased the number of RNRs from 111 to 224. For more information visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolksRNRs In collaboration with Suffolk County Council, we are actively working to implement Nature Recovery Demonstrator Pilots countywide. These initiatives assist the council's goals in managing verges for and habitat connectivity.

The Summer Reading Challenge which is run by all of our libraries across the county is a highly successful national programme aimed maintaining or improving the literacy of 4-11 year olds over the long summer holidays. It's key to our strategy in supporting children to become more confident readers and is a tool to provide the benefits of reading to families. Last year 11,261 joined the challenge in Norfolk (an increase of 27% on the previous year) and this year we hope that number will grow even more. Although there is a theme again this year – Marvelous Makers – the emphasis is on the fact that children can read anything they like – from comics to recipe books – to take part in the challenge. All details from our libraries.

Also, for our youngster's across the county during the summer holidays we have the Big Norfolk Fun programme, where we work with Active Norfolk to deliver loads of different activities for children and young people throughout

the summer. As always, children who receive benefits-related school meals can join up to 16 free sessions and receive a free healthy lunch. There are also places available if you are not eligible for a free space. The scheme is a great way for children to have fun, stay active and make friends and is part of our commitments to helping every child in Norfolk to flourish as well as supporting families and our wider communities. Visit our website for all of the details.

My next surgery will be at HIP on Saturday 3rd August at 10am.

Best wishes Martin

**Cllr Delme Thompson:
Report for Pulham St Mary Parish Council, July 2024.**

General Election I'd like to thank all who engaged in the election process – campaigning, supporting at polling stations and counts on the day the day and of course, voting. The near all time low turnout nationally reflects the frustration and disconnect between the public and politics, but I was pleased to see that turnout for the Pulhams was on par with the rest of the constituency.

My congratulations to the Green Party on winning the Waveney Vally seat, and I look forward to seeing our new MP engage the diverse range of communities.

Pink Ladies Tractor Run I'd also like to thank all those who made the 21st PLTR another great success yesterday, with 180+ tractors taking part and a great public turning on the route and for lunch at Gawdy Hall. It was a pleasure to help marshall the event and support such an important cause.

SNC Council Matters With the national election now done, committee meetings will resume (albeit with a summer break for some).

FRAG I will be taking on the Chairmanship of the Finance, Resources, Audit and Governance Committee, reviewing SNCs governance practices and financial risk monitoring among other things. We will be appointing an external, independent member to this committee (non -council staff or councillor), and interviews are taking place this week.

Town and Parish Forum Tuesday 9 July. A recording of this forum should be appearing on the Council's YouTube channel shortly, for those who were unable to attend.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=south+norfolk+council

Congratulations on the launch of the Men's Shed.

A very positive start to this important initiative, and my congratulations to the leaders and founding members. Hopefully should receive more positive news regarding the CAF application, in the coming weeks