

Methwold Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7.30pm
21 Room St George's Hall Complex Methwold

Present: – Cllr. R Scott - Chairman, Cllr. D Scott, Cllr. J Marriage, Cllr. C Beukes, Cllr. S Liddle, Cllr. M French, Cllr. J Rodwell.

Cllr M Storey, Cllr T Ryves

Three members of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and thanks everyone for turning out on such a cold night.
2. Members agreed to accept apologies for absence. B Horton, D Charlesworth-Smith.
3. Declarations of Interest (In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011) and requests for dispensations - None
4. Cllr French proposed to approve the minutes from Thursday 24th November 2022, Cllr Liddle seconded APPROVED.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes not included on the agenda but for information only – None.
6. Finance
 - 6.1 Accounts Update – The Clerk went through the Bank Reconciliation – no questions
 - 6.2 For Approval of payments – Income & Invoice List – Cllr. D Scott proposed to accept, Cllr Marriage seconded - APPROVED
7. Planning
 - 7.1 To receive planning decisions – None
 - 7.2 To receive planning applications – None
 - 7.3 To consider planning applications received after the agenda was published - None
8. Items received for the agenda - None
9. Correspondence

Training courses from Norfolk ALC and Norfolk Parish Training & Support are being offered for Councillors, let the Clerk know if there is a course you wish to attend.

EF Plastics – invitation to visit the site.

Highway Rangers – all councillors are asked to send details of – Potholes, standing water, mud on road, side out carriageway/footway, hedge/tree/vegetation encroachments and damaged or dirty signs, to the Clerk by Thursday 15th December for the visit from the Streetscene Inspectors.

SAAA have announced the appointment of PKF Littlejohn as the External Auditor for 2022-23 to 2026-27
10. Open Forum for Public Participation

An opportunity to hear from members of the public, Borough, and County Councillor

Cllr Storey – NCC are opening 47 libraries for people to attend in these difficult times, Downham Market and Thetford are the closest and more details can be found online.

Budget is ongoing at County Hall, the meeting to decide is expected to be mid February.

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Several have replied on how money can be best spent.

Cllr Storey has a meeting with Highway on 21st December, if there are any outstanding issues please let Cllr Storey know so he can discuss at the meeting.

If the council have any small highway schemes please let Cllr Story know.

Thank you to all attending the meetings each month, Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.

Cllr. Ryves, this has been a difficult year for many including the Ukrainians who have been staying in the village, they are very appreciative of the support they have received whilst they have been here.

The Government is in the throes of changing the planning regime to increase local influence and remove the “5 year land supply” rule, which was a loophole that allowed a number of developments to proceed locally.

Please can the heating be turned on for the Zumba class on Wednesday in the main hall? - To Trust.

Can the white village gates in Brookville be cleaned or painted?

Have the overgrown branches covering the signs towards the primary school as reported last month been reported to Highways?

Thank you to all involved in the Hot Spot, you're doing a heroic job, with wonderful food.

Thank you to all members of the parish council who work so hard throughout the year.

11. Further reports and items for the next meeting agenda – January 12th 2023

Would it be possible to reinstate the teas and coffees at the start of the meeting as used to be available before the pandemic?

Question received regarding Muslim burials in the Cemetery?

The Chairman wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, thank you for your attendance.

12. To pass a resolution (under the Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960 to exclude members of the public and press for the following confidential items –

Meeting ended 8.35pm