

Methwold Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council
Thursday 11th August 2022 at 7.30pm
21 Room St George's Hall Complex Methwold

Parish Councillors present: – R Scott - Chairman, D Scott, J Marriage, B Horton, D Charlesworth-Smith, S Liddle, M French

10 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, thank you to those in attendance.

1. Co-Option – C Beukes was co-opted onto the parish council. 2 councillors abstained.
2. Cllr Beukes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took their seat on the council.
3. The parish council to receive and resolve to agree apologies for absence. I Cotterell apology accepted
4. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations. C Beukes declared an interest in item 10.2 planning application and will not speak or vote on the matter.
5. To approve and sign the minutes for Thursday 14th July 2022 Parish Council Meeting S Liddle proposed to accept D Charlesworth-Smith seconded – APPROVED 1 abstention
6. Matters arising from the last minutes. None
7. Reports
 - 7.1 Update and report from Open Spaces – due to holidays and illness there was no meeting in July 2022, the next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 25th August 2022.
 8. Items received for the agenda
 - 8.1 Norfolk Community Foundation – Approval for the Parish Council to apply for Household Support Fund Grant to be distributed by the Batchcroft Trust – the increase in the amount which is available was discussed, R Scott proposed that if the Batchcroft Trust reached the limit of the amount of applications they are able to make the parish council will apply for a grant to pass to the Batchcroft for distribution in Methwold. S Liddle seconded APPROVED
 9. Finance
 - 9.1 Accounts Update – Bank Reconciliation & Income & Invoice List – circulated to all
 - 9.2 For Approval of payments – J Marriage Proposed to approve, D Scott seconded - APPROVED
 - 9.3 Finance Group recommended a transfer of £20k into the Charitable Trust bank account this is to be used towards the running costs of the complex and will be regularly reviewed. J Marriage proposed to transfer the funds, D Scott seconded – APPROVED.
 10. Planning
 - 10.1 To receive planning decisions
 - 22/00689/F Laurel Farm 36A Globe Street Methwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 4PQ - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 of Planning Permission 20/01063/F: Conversion of existing barn into two residential dwellings Application Permitted 28 July 2022 Delegated Decision
 - 22/01009/F 1 Old Feltwell Road Methwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 4PW - Lime plastering of front of the house, replacement of gates to swan neck gates Application Withdrawn 25 July 2022 Delegated Decision
 - 10.2 To receive planning applications
 - 22/01098/F Single storey rear extension and installation of solar panels to the rear roof 24A High Street Methwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 4NT – SUPPORT 1 abstention
 - 22/00907/F Construction of 2 dwellings Land E of 8A To 8D Globe Street Methwold Norfolk – OBJECT
 - 22/01384/F Construction of one dwelling including new access at Land S of 1 Brandon Road Methwold Norfolk – SUPPORT

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The Chairman reminded the public that they are able to go online and make comments on any planning application, in fact it is better for comments to be made on the borough council planning portal than on social media where those comments are not taken into account.

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20077/planning_applications/111/view_and_track_planning_applications

10.3 To consider planning applications received after the agenda was published

11. Correspondence

Mobile coffee vendor has asked permission to park in the recreation ground car park to trade, at present he is parking on Fair Hill. Have they got a street trading licence?

Building within Brookville – enquiry as to whether allocations have been met, Clerk has responded and copied in the parish council.

The Old Chapel – Cllr Storey sent an email to say he has contacted a third party and is waiting for a reply.

The primary school asked for the parish council's written support for an application for CIL funding, this came after the last meeting and before this meeting, the Clerk responded - as decisions to support funding applications have to be made by the council at a full council meeting therefore unable to help at this time, other councils manage these requests by giving the Clerk designated authority to email the council at the time then dependant on the response from councillors ratify the request at the next meeting?

E-Learning for councillors – Norfolk Association of Local Councils have asked for comments from those who have used this training.

The Clerk reminded the council that there are training courses available for all to attend, these are for experienced councillors as well as the new councillors, ask the Clerk for details of training.

Open Forum for Public Participation

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

Noticeboard on the recreation ground, when will this be replaced? – To Open Spaces

Car park at the rear of St George's Hall – someone is parking here overnight – To Trustees to discuss

Damage to mats under play equipment – when will these be repaired? – To Open Spaces

What is happening about the trees for the Jubilee? – These are still available but will not be planted until the autumn. Methwold Hythe – no site found yet. Methwold – Wild Flower Meadow Brookville – to be confirmed?

Plan of action for maintenance around the buildings – it looks a mess – To date this has been undertaken by volunteers but will be looked at by the Trustees.

12. Further reports and items for the next meeting agenda – September 8th 2022

SAMs2 Data – S Liddle gave an overview of data from the SAMs2 machine which had been sited in Brookville, the average speed was around 40mph, it is busier during the week peaking early morning and early evening. A third of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit, vehicle count for month was 51904 and maximum speed detected was 95mph on 19th July at 21.20pm.

The Police speed cameras have been seen in the area recently, but vehicles have also been seen warning other drivers of their presence.

Cycle path along B1112 Brookville to Methwold – hedging is growing back and part of the pathway has eroded.

Complaints that there are cobwebs outside the Fenton Room and Post Office.

13. 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: None

Meeting ended 9.00pm

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