



# Meeting Minutes

## Parish Council Meeting of Raynham Parish Council

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7pm, West Raynham Village Hall

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### In Attendance

Cllr Sidell (Chairman), Cllr Brookes, Cllr Coombes, Cllr Joice, Parish Clerk

1. **Cllr Sidell welcomed all and opened the meeting at 7.05 p.m.**
2. **Apologies**  
Cllrs Buck, Fenn & FitzPatrick
3. **Declarations of interest**  
No declarations of interest were made.
4. **Matters arising from minutes from last meeting (for information only)**
5. **Minutes of APC Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were AGREED and Signed by Cllr Sidell.**
6. **Meeting adjourned to hear from Councillors and members of the public present**
  - The speed signs were discussed at length, including the preferred option between battery powered mobile signs or fixed signs. All agreed that signs would be required in West and East Raynham with 30mph and 50mph respectively. The sign that shows your speed as you pass it is most popular. Clerk advised Westcotec price including a commuted sum to NCC. Clerk to speak to Whissonsett Parish Council to find out what type of speed sign they have. Update at next meeting.
  - Complaints have been received from over 5 local residents that the green public bus travels round The Drove but does not collect or drop at any stops on this road. Clerk to raise the issue with Carters green coaches of Litcham.

### Report from Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick (Please see appendix 1)

Chairman read out the report received from Cllr Fitzpatrick. Chairman wished to thank Cllr Fitzpatrick for the report.

### Report from Cllr Beck Palmer

Not received.

7. **Defibrillator**  
Clerk and Cllr Brookes advised on the 'Managed Solution' defibrillator option. Clerk to confirm the costs and process involved and update at next meeting for a decision.
8. **Open Spaces**
  - 8.1 Street lights  
It is believed the current street light bulbs are already low energy – Clerk to check this with K&M. The LED bulbs will not be pursued at this time.  
Clerk to continue to chase the missing street light.
  - 8.2 Bus Shelters  
The East Raynham shelter has been removed thanks to Raynham Estate. It was AGREED to go ahead with the order to the Village Hall maintenance man to carry out light maintenance work to the bus shelter and play area benches. Was agreed that Chairman would purchase the wood varnish.
  - 8.3 Footpaths  
Following further requests to cut back the overgrown hedge on the public footpath it was agreed that Norse would be given the go ahead to cut it back by 12" subject to Chairman notifying the property owner concerned at a cost of £358.36.  
  
Clerk to chase the footpath grass cutting as not response from Norse yet.
9. **Standing Orders**  
It was agreed to postpone this review until the next meeting due.

**10. Planning**

NNDC decision  
PF/18/0652 - Methodist Chapel - permitted  
PF/18/0516 -10 the Street – permitted

**11. Correspondence**

- David Bracey's play area report was satisfactory with some minor recommendations, including more frequent checks to the bark, replenish roundabout bark, (this could be done using bark from the slide as the slide does not require bark as it is a low fall height). All wood uprights should be checked quarterly for rot. Dog mess sign is faded and should be replaced.

Cllr Coombes suggested an alternative to bark – Clerk to source price of rubber chips.  
Clerk to produce a play area risk assessment to be adopted at next meeting.

Clerk to get quote for grass cutting from chestnut and Steve Hartland.

The roadside fence requires re-instating.  
Chairman read out 2 quotes for new fencing around the play area.

K&P Fencing £2450 (not available for some months)  
Jeremy Wales £1600 (available to carry out the work within 1 month)  
Chairman to obtain formal quote from Jeremy Wales, together with copy of public liability insurance and risk assessment.

- Chestnut Maintenance email – offering their services.

**12. Financial Matters**

Chairman read out the list of invoices to be paid (see below). Invoices were AGREED.  
**Invoices to be paid:-** Clerk Salary £207.96, Clerk Expenses - £24.18, NPTS training - £83.33, D Bracey £96, Hempton PC £16.11, K&M £3.03 **Total Invoices £430.61**  
**Receipts –** Amenities account £2475.23, Solar Fund £821.82  
Current bank balance & reconciliation as at 24.07.18  
Bank - Community Acc. £5132.01. Bus. Acc. £1722.85  
Cashbook - £5131.94, Bus. Acc £1722.85

**13. Items for inclusion on next agenda**

Play Area Risk Assessment review and adoption.

**14. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. Meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Signed by Chairman: ..... Date: .....

## APPENDIX 1

### Report from County Cllr Tom FitzPatrick – Raynham Parish Council

#### 1. New Leader and Deputy at County Council

Following the recent resignation and sad death of Cliff Jordan, Cllr Andrew Proctor has been elected Leader of the County Council and Cllr Graham Plant is the new Deputy Leader.

#### 2. Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee

At the meeting of the County Council on 23rd July, I was pleased to be elected as the Chairman of the Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee. As well as seeking to provide efficiencies at the County Council by use of technology, this committee is also tasked with improving the provision of the coverage of fast data and better mobile coverage in Norfolk.

#### 3. Charges for DIY waste

There have been calls in the press for the charges recently introduced for DIY waste since the concession of one bag was removed. The County Council is working with Districts to assess and monitor fly tipping and whether there has been any increase since charges for DIY waste were introduced. The review will be evidence based and will be in consultation with stakeholders. It should be noted that charges were only introduced for DIY waste.

#### 4. Detection of drivers using mobile phones

Norfolk County Council's Road Safety team have been working in partnership with Westcotec, a local company, to develop and deploy a new mobile phone detection system for use on the county's roads. The new system will identify mobile phone use from within a vehicle. It will be the first system of its kind to be used on the roads in the UK and was launched on 10 July.

The unit is able to identify what type of signal is being transmitted or received by the handset and whether it is being used via the vehicle's Bluetooth system. When the relevant signal is detected indicating that a mobile phone is being used within the vehicle, the road sign is activated as the vehicle passes, giving a specific flashing visual message that will prompt a driver to stop using their phone.

#### 5. New on-call firefighters start training

Norfolk's latest new on-call firefighters begin their initial two-week training programme and a total of 14 new firefighters started their first day of training on Monday (16 July) at the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service's training centre in Bowthorpe. On successful completion of their two week induction course, they will start work with other on-call colleagues across the county. There are still vacancies for more new potential recruits in rural communities. The Fire and Rescue Service Manager at Fakenhamham has recently been quoted in the press thanking those employers who release their employees when required which make the good running of the service possible.

#### 6. Future management of the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service

The Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Lorne Green, has launched a consultation to seek views from the public on whether he should take control of the Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, following the production of a business case. The County Council responded on Tuesday (17th July) with a report which outlines reasons why the governance of NFRS should remain with Norfolk County Council and describes Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) as "efficient, effective and economic" The report states that the risks far outweigh any potential operational or financial benefits and outline the case for working together better. The report and details of how to comment are at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/insafehands](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/insafehands)

#### 7. Launch of the Summer Reading Challenge

The launch of the free Summer Reading Challenge 2018 for young readers took place at Fakenham library and other libraries across the County on Saturday 14 July. This year's Challenge has been called Mischief Makers and is inspired by The Beano, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary. The reading challenge is an annual event which runs throughout the school summer holidays and offers children of all ages a fun and engaging way to keep up their interest in reading over the summer. Fakenham and other libraries across the county will be hosting a range of Summer Reading Challenge activities, everything from storytellers to slime workshops; comic drawing and finding out about Norse mischief makers.

Tom FitzPatrick 24th July 2018