

7th September 2021

WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 7th September 2021, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, Wood Dalling.

Present: Jono Wilton (JW), Jonathan Rodwell (JRod), John Rawlinson (JRaw), Jeff Topp (JT), Kerry Oldfield (KO), Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk).
0 members of the public

21/69. Chair's welcome and apologies for Absence.

JW welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted for Alex Clark-Rudd. KO was presented with a gift as a thank you for her time as Chair of the Parish Council.

21/70. Declarations of Interest.

JRod – Church.

JT – newsletter.

JW – Red Pits. A dispensation to speak was granted.

21/71. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th July

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

21/72. Matters arising from the meeting.

None.

21/73. Members of the public register a desire to speak

No members of the public were in attendance.

21/74. Committee reports and recommendations:

Richard Harrold – Village Hall –None.

Jeff Topp – Newsletter – Cheverton have proven to be quick, efficient, and reasonably priced. There may be a need for a new distributor soon, as one of the current volunteers is selling her house. Getting reports from key people is proving difficult at the moment.

Jonathan Rodwell – Church – The choral evensong on 25th July was a great success, with a large congregation and some excellent singing. There was a very interesting and informative talk on bats on 20th August. There were 35 people in attendance, and the feedback has been very good. After the talk and refreshments, we were able to see the bats flying in the church via infra-red cameras. The evening raised £185 for church funds. The annual Norfolk Churches Trust charity bicycle ride takes place this coming Saturday 11th September. The concert by the Wood Dalling Singers and a brass group is now scheduled for 3.00pm on 7th November, refreshments will also be served. More information is available under “events” on the website wooddalling.com, tickets can be bought through the website or on the door. The harvest festival this year will be at 4.00pm on 17th October, and will be followed by refreshments in the church. There is still planned to be a string quartet recital at the beginning of December, details will be made available as soon as they are finalized. Advance notice of the 2021 carol service. This will be at 6.00pm on Wednesday 22nd December. Norfolk Open Studios will be on 25th September – 10th October, with 5 local artists participating.

Greg Peck – District & County Council – GP sent his apologies.

21/75. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting, including recent verge cutting issues

Graham Bygrave (Norfolk County Council) responded to the Parish Council's complaint regarding verge cutting, and apologised for the timing and quality of the cut. JW will ask ACR to ensure that her father doesn't cut through the internet cable when he cuts the hedges. Concern was raised that hedges and verges are overgrowing on the Heydon Road junction. The hedges are encroaching over the warning signs. It was agreed that all junctions should be kept cut. The Clerk will contact Highways to ask them to cut the verge and hedges at the Heydon Road / Church Hill junction, and to clear and replace signs as necessary. JRod asked why the 10mph signs are erected after resurfacing, and not removed. The Clerk will report this too.

21/76. To update on grass cutting

The August invoice has been received. All grass cutting areas are looking good. The churchyard looks good, but not around the newer graves, which cannot be cut.

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21/77. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary

Nothing to report.

21/78 To update on the wind farm projects

The Parish Council have added their name to the latest letter, and are happy to continue to support the pressure group. It was agreed that a unified approach is the best way forward.

21/79. To update on the SAM2

A complaint has been received from a Parishioner about the siting of the SAM2 unit, as it flashes up too late into the 30mph zone. JT reported that they attended training to put up and maintain the SAM2 unit, by the supplier. The locations were agreed in a Parish Council meeting and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed. The post locations were identified, but many of the posts are obscured by vegetation. The SAM2 unit will be moved by 10th September.

21/80. To discuss Platinum Jubilee Commemoration plans

JW has spoken to the Village Hall committee, who are happy to share the cost of any event with the Parish Council. It was suggested that people should form a committee to arrange this, including Village Hall and Parish Council representatives and Parishioners. A meeting will be arranged to form a committee. KO offered to be the Parish Council representative. A hog roast, and commemorative china for all children in the village was suggested. It was agreed it should be for villagers only. Budgets will need to be considered. Free tickets will be provided for village residents, and others would need to pay. KO will speak to the Village Hall Committee to see if they can provide a representative too, along with members of the village. Various options were discussed.

21/81. Planning

Steve Kenny (Broadland District Council Planning) is doing his best to remove the vehicles on the land at Red Pits, which have stayed over their allotted times. Two other properties have still not been regularised, and Greg Peck continues to chase this.

21/82. Finance and Payments

(i) Copies of the current cash book were given to all councillors prior to the meeting, and were approved.

(ii) Payments were approved and cheques were signed by KO & RH for-

K Cotgrove – August & September salary (inc. HMRC)	£244.14
P Collins – Aug grass cutting	£352.00
P Collins – Sept grass cutting	£352.00
P Collins – Oct grass cutting	£352.00
CIA Insurance – Town House Insurance	£296.99
Cheverton & Son – newsletter	£42.00
Wel Medical – defib pads and battery (retrospective)	£266.34
J Topp – padlocks for SAM2	£19.98

21/83. Matters for further discussion

None.

21/84. Correspondence

(i) Broadland Community Clean Up 2021 – Noted. The Parish already conduct regular litter picking sessions. JRaw will suggest that volunteers wear high visibility vests whilst picking litter.

(ii) Transport for Norwich Consultation Strategy Consultation – Noted.

(iii) Norfolk County Council Flooding Leaflet – Noted.

(iv) Broadland & South Norfolk Accommodation Review – Noted.

21/85. To note the resignation of the Clerk, and to update on / agree a replacement

One application has been received, and the candidate was interviewed prior to the meeting. It was agreed to appoint her, on SCP 15 for three hours a week, subject to references.

21/86. To close the Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 7:30pm, in the Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:46pm.

KO recorded her thanks to the Clerk for her work over the years.

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Approved as a correct record

Date