

WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7:30 pm
in the Village Hall, Wood Dalling.

Present: Jonathan Wilton (Chairman), Kerry Oldfield (Vice Chair), Alex Clark-Rudd, Rory Harrold, John Rawlinson and Jeff Topp

Officer: Laura Trabucco (Clerk)

Members of the public: Greg Peck (Norfolk County Councillor) and Dave Thomas (Broadland District Councillor) were present as members of the public

Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence

23/50: The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Declarations of Interest

23/51: Jonathan Wilton declared an "other" interest for a white caravan on Red Pits land, Jeff Topp declared an "other" interest for Min 23/54 (ii) Newsletter.

To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2023.

23/52: Comments were made to amend the minutes as follows:

Min 23/45 *Matters for further discussion:* the last paragraph should read "It was noted that there are two separate website, the Parish Council official website and WoodDalling.com, this needed to be corrected."

The following were missed from Min 23/45 and needed to be included: "Noticeboards: It was mentioned that due to high winds the noticeboard at the Church had blown over and therefore needed repairs. It was agreed to seek three quotes from carpenters." "Village Sign: It has completely rotted off at the base and currently resides temporally in the church. It was agreed to seek quotes to re-erect. A suggestion was made by Kerry to request a quote from Elite Equipment."

Matters arising from the meetings

23/53: An update was given of the following:

Min 23/45 – Noticeboard: Waiting to receive quotes. Alex to forward quotes to the new incoming Clerk.

Village Sign: Suggestions and options were mentioned for a potential repair and to look if it needed repainting / cleaning. It was agreed that a visual inspection by the Chairman would take place before the next Parish Council Meeting.

Members of the public register desire to speak

23/54: Committee Reports and recommendations

(i) Village Hall- Sarah Ambrose – It was mentioned that Sarah had sent her apologies. No further update.

(ii) Newsletter- Jeff Topp informed Council of the slight delay in producing the Newsletter, due to the May minutes that needed to be corrected by the incoming Clerk. It was mentioned that the next Newsletter should be ready at the end of July.

(iii) Church - Noted as received.

Normal pattern of church services – Holy Communion at 9.00 am on the third Sunday of each month have been continuing as planned.

The annual Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored bike ride and walk will take place on Saturday 9th September between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to take part in this event, which is a great opportunity to visit parts of the county and churches where you have not previously visited. I would remind you that 50% of the money raised by anyone supporting our church is returned to us, and is a great help to our annual accounts. Sponsorship forms are available from me, at the contact phone and email given below.

Harvest Festival this year will be held at Pages Farm at 3.30pm on Sunday 17th September.

As I will not be continuing as churchwarden after the end of this year, the way the church is run will require some changes, and our Rector, Helen, has suggested that in future the church could, as well as being a religious building, be a centre for arts and music, to reflect the several artists in the parish as well as music by the Wood Dalling singers and others. This would require a group, or committee, of interested people who could arrange events in these fields. This group could meet, probably on Zoom, on an occasional basis. We hope we have found someone from a neighbouring village who would be prepared to take on the administrative and financial aspects of running the church, so these duties would not have to be taken on by the committee. It is planned to hold a discussion meeting within the next two months (date to be arranged) to explore the possibilities of such an arrangement. Anyone who is interested in being involved in this is very welcome to come to the meeting, and in order that they can be advised of it's timing, they are invited to contact me on 01263 587 631 or at jwmrodwell@btinternet.com.

There will be a concert by the Wood Dalling singers in the church on Saturday 30th September, time to be announced.

It is also hoped that there will be another musical evening in the church in the middle of September, but as that is in the early stage of planning, details are not yet available.

(iv) County Councillor - Greg Peck gave a general update on Norfolk County Council (NCC) matters and mentioned a new administration at County Hall. A brief update on the Norfolk Western Link (NWL) was given, as the business case had recently passed and hoping it would be approved as there had been a lot of pressure from NCC due to reduced spending money. It was mentioned that works on cables had started and caused horrendous traffic, due to signs being placed in the wrong location. It was mentioned that if a similar issue reoccurred to contact him directly.

(v) District Councillor- Dave Thomas gave a general update on Broadland Council matters and mentioned that they are looking to increase the Ward Grants from £500 to £1000 and this will be discussed at Full Council in July. A road sign at Crabgate Lane North & Heydon Road was damaged, reported and replaced. Broadland Council has started a consultation that ends on the 12th July 2023: [Customer satisfaction survey 2023 – Broadland and South Norfolk \(southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk\)](https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)

The Town and Parish forum hosted by Trevor Holden is on the 1st August. Parish members and Clerks all welcome to attend. If of interest to reply by 24th July 2023. Unfortunately Planning have not come back regarding the Old Salvation hut as yet.

Highways/potholes/hedge cutting/verge cutting

23/55: Several large potholes have been reported, and the one on Corpustry Road by Red Pits now repaired.

An update on the Town House and to agree any payments necessary- eg rotted back door replacement: Rory Harrold

23/56: Rory gave a brief update and it was mentioned to get prices of wooden door as resident's preference.

To update on wind farm projects, if any

23/57: None. Reepham was mentioned as likely to suffer severe congestion.

Planning: to receive responses from the Planning Department at Broadland District Council, if any

23/58: Noted. None

23/59: Finance and Payments:

- *To receive and confirm the accounts on the handover between outgoing and incoming clerks:* It was mentioned that no handover had taken place as the outgoing Clerk was still holding everything. It had been difficult to contact and arrange a meeting but further attempts will be sought to retrieve everything as soon as possible.
- *To make such payments as are agreed by councillors on receipt of debits, (eg Grasscutting, Cheverton Printers, clerk's salary) none having been received from outgoing clerk at this time:* Two invoices had been received by the Chairman who informed the incoming Clerk and was able to include it in agenda pack. It was mentioned that the salary of the outgoing Clerk would be paid upon receiving all equipment and documents of WDPC.

The following were **approved** for payment:

Wood Dalling Village Hall	Room hire (x7) from Sept'22 to July '23	£140.00
M Packman	Grass cut (no.5) on 03/07/23	£335.00
M Eversfield	May salary	TBC
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23/60: Matters for further discussion- (Insurance renews in September)

Zurich insurance was coming for renewal in September, it was agreed that the incoming Clerk would follow this up. **Noted**

It was mentioned that the Church field grass needed further attention as there was a patch uncut. Rory to check and look into this. **Noted**

Correspondence

23/61: None.

23/62: The date of the next meeting was **confirmed** as Tuesday 5th September 2023

23/63: Resolved to exclude the press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 in consideration of the following item due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed. Members of the public left the meeting at 8.04pm

ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN CONFIDENCE / BELOW THE LINE

To review and approve the contract of the new Parish Clerk.

23/64: Resolved to approve the contract of the new Parish Clerk.

23/65: The meeting closed at 8.24pm

Approved as a correct record

Date