

Matlaske Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 July 2023 at 7.30pm St Peter's Church, Matlaske.

Councillors Present: Cllr Sara Buxton (Chairman), Cllr Felicity Rushmer, Cllr Ian Fitzpatrick-Swallow, Cllr Lucy Raynes, Cllr Stacy Buckley

In Attendance: Mrs Emma Childs (Clerk)

1. To Consider Accepting Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Dick Fiddian and Cllr Marion Shepherd (Vice-Chairman)

2. Public Forum

a) To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:

None

b) To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:

a) County Councillor

Digital report received from Cllr Vardy

500 Norfolk locations join the Refill Revolution and offer free water refills

Norfolk residents and visitors can now top up their reusable water bottles for free at more than 500 locations across the county. Many locations also refill reusable coffee cups, lunch containers and groceries too. Norfolk County Council has joined the award-winning Refill campaign which connects people to places they can eat, drink and shop without the pointless packaging. By downloading the free Refill app it's possible to discover the hundreds of locations across Norfolk where they can reuse and refill in their local area.

Norfolk County Council is on a mission to make living with less plastic easier and we want to see a world where everyone can choose to reuse wherever they shop, eat and drink. We've already proven that Refill has the power to create a wave of change needed to keep plastic bottles out of our ocean. But we knew the problem was much bigger than plastic bottles!

For any local businesses wanting to get involved, contact info@waste.norfolk.gov.uk. You can also add your business on the app yourself for free.

Norfolk County Council Top Priorities for the next year.

Norfolk County Council have agreed the council's top priorities for the next year, known as the corporate delivery plan. The report highlights how the council provides, for a population of 914,039 in an area of 2,079 square miles, including:

- £1.3 million per day on adult social care for 19,000 people
- Support for 1,150 children in care and 13 special schools
- 6,200 miles of road, 2,800 miles of footway and cycleway, and 2,400 miles of trails and footpaths
- 47 libraries and 10 museums
- 42 fire stations
- 20 recycling and waste centres and 15 re-use shops

So, the council's priorities for the next year are:

- A vibrant, sustainable economy, including £1.5 million of pilot projects through the Norfolk Investment Framework, completion of the Great Yarmouth operations and maintenance campus and delivering fibre broadband to 8,821 premises by next year.

- Better opportunities for children and young people, including plans for two more special schools, creation of a new learning strategy and working with the NHS on multi-agency, community-based support for children, young people and families.
- Healthy, fulfilling and independent lives, including 12 more independent living units for people with complex needs, using digital technology to identify people who could benefit from earlier help and completion of the Great Yarmouth multi-user hub by spring next year.
- Stronger, engaged and inclusive communities, including work with the voluntary sector on a new volunteering strategy, delivering, with partners, the hardship support programme and running public health campaigns through libraries.
- A greener, more resilient future, including starting to implement the council's climate change strategy, supporting electric buses and electric vehicle charging points and consideration of new recycling centres in the Sheringham, Wymondham, Long Stratton and North Walsham.

New hosts sought for Ukrainian families across Norfolk.

Norfolk County Council are looking for new hosts to join the hundreds of other Norfolk residents who have opened their homes and provided accommodation for a family or individuals from Ukraine.

A range of ongoing support is on offer for hosts, including a monthly thank you payment of £500. Hosts also get support with all safeguarding and accommodation checks from Norfolk County Council, alongside our district, borough, city councils and voluntary sector partners. Information packs are available to help hosts with the settling-in period and provide information on the practical steps that guests will need help with, like setting up a bank account and finding work.

Do you have a spare room or rooms and can offer a safe place to stay to those fleeing the war in Ukraine? Join hundreds of other hosts across the county and register your interest now at www.norfolk.gov.uk/ukrainehost

Reuse donations scoop £22k for Big C charity

Norfolk residents and recycling centre staff have been thanked for a significant £22,177 donation to Big C charity.

Norfolk's popular chain of reuse shops at 15 recycling centres help stop unwanted goods being thrown away, and sell the good quality items at bargain car boot prices. A cut of the proceeds is donated to a chosen charity, which since April 2022 is Big C.

As the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, I said: "I'd like to thank everyone who has donated and bought bargains over the past year, more than ever before, and for the dedicated site staff who have made it possible for the reuse shops to go from strength to strength. We're proud that satisfaction with our sites is up to 85% with people particularly pleased with how clean and easy to use our recycling centres are.

In the 12 months between April 2022 and March 2023 the reuse shops raised £22,177 for the Big C cancer charity, prevented 1333 tonnes from materials of being thrown away and saved an estimated 1270 tonnes of CO2. This is because materials are reused again instead of being transported away for processing or disposal. It also means that fewer new natural materials are required to make new products, as reused products are given a second life.

b) District Councillor

Digital report received from Cllr Callum Ringer

Two Additional Refuse Vehicles

In June, NNDC full council approved the purchase of two additional refuse vehicles. These will be for use on garden waste and trade waste collection rounds. The two vehicles should come into use by the end of the year. 64% of trade waste collections are currently carried out on domestic rounds.

This is expedient in some circumstances, however, does increase the likelihood of crews running out of time or having to tip more frequently. It is therefore hoped that as a spin off from these two additional vehicles punctuality on the domestic rounds will improve.

Sheringham Reef Solar Array

Work continues on this project and will hopefully be complete in the coming weeks. The energy generated from this will help the leisure centre reduce its emissions, and also help it to be more resilient to energy price fluctuations.

Sheringham Recycling Centre / Holway Road Roundabout

Norfolk County Council are re-consulting on the closure of the tip on the A148 in East Beckham, and its relocation across the road. There are a lot of concerns over the ongoing cost to the County Council of this proposal, especially when the existing site could be extended to meet the additional recycling requirements.

Cromer Pier Show

I was very pleased to attend the opening night of Cromer Pier Show on 01 July. The show runs until the end of September and is well worth going along to watch.

Michael Sayer BEM

I was delighted to learn that Michael Sayer, long-time chairman of Bodham Playing Field Committee has been awarded a BEM for services to the community. He had served on the committee since the 1950's and ran the Red Hart pub for a period in the 1970's and 80's. Deserved recognition for a real gent. There are so many community minded people across our villages, running churches, halls, playing fields and clubs – what would our communities be without them?! Thanks go out to them all for their hard work.

Norfolk Churches Trust – Sponsored Cycle Ride

On 09 September I will be taking part in the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride. The money I raise this year will be split between the trust and All Saints' Church, Bodham. The cycle ride is always a great day and well worth taking part in. To donate visit:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/callum-ringer-1688369441473> or drop me an email.

Councillor Facebook Page

I have started a new District Councillor Facebook page. Search Cllr Callum Ringer – Gresham Ward to find the page. It will largely contain information and news about things happening around the ward and district.

Summer Village Tour

Taking inspiration from Sir Norman Lamb, I have decided to do a summer surgery tour around the ward. I will be in Matlaske on hand to speak to any residents and listen to any concerns. I will be outside the Parish Church Monday 14th August 11:30am – 12noon. Of course, I remain available to speak to residents at other times, just use the contact details below.

Finally, if I can be of any assistance with any issues, please do contact me on 07824381519 or email callum.ringer@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

3. To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:

None

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 09 March 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 09 March 2023 previously circulated to all members. Unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Defibrillator Pads – New defibrillator pads have been placed in the Village Defibrillator.

6. Finance

a) To Review the Financial Update 2023/24

The financial update was noted, reporting that the Council had £1,041.46 in the bank as of 30 June 2023.

b) To Approve Payments

i)	Emma Childs	Salary	£249.60
ii)	HMRC	PAYE	£62.40
iii)	ICO	Data Protection	£35.00
iv)	Zurich	Insurance	£196.00

c) To approve any invoices received since the agenda was created

i)	Emma Childs	Expenses (Defib Pads)	£81.53
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d) To note income received

None

7. Correspondence

a) To find out who is organising Music and Pizza in the Park

Cllr Marion Shepherd is organising Music and Pizza in the Park.

Action: Clerk to pass these details on to the Community Connectors.

b) To discuss if the parish council would like an information folder in the Church

The Parish Council would like an information folder in the church – ask people to take details and leave the leaflets, so the folder does not constantly need the leaflets replacing.

Action: Clerk to speak to the Community Connectors to get this organised.

c) General Correspondence

Correspondence from the District Council regarding register of interest forms.

Action: Clerk to forward to relevant Councillors

8. Planning

a) To Comment on and Recommend/Object any Current planning applications:

PF/23/1448

External alterations to dwelling.

5 The Green, Matlaske, Norwich

No comment from the Parish Council on this application.

b) To receive an update on any previous planning applications:

IS2/23/0578

Demolition of existing Nissen huts and use of land for siting of 3no. holiday cabins

Land Off Wickmere Rd To The Rear Of The End Peg The Street Matlaske Norwich Norfolk NR11 7AQ

The principle of the proposal is not considered to be acceptable, and it doesn't appear that there are other material considerations which would outweigh such conflict. Consequently, if the proposals were to be formally submitted these would not likely be supported by the Local Planning Authority.

9. Other Matters

- a) To discuss whether the Parish Council would like to reappoint Catherine Moore as internal auditor for 2023/24.

Council approved the reappointment of Catherine Moore as internal auditor for 2023/34

- b) Recycling and VAT Payment

Action: Clerk to chase up the outstanding recycling and VAT payments.

- c) Clerk Resignation

Clerk let the Parish Council know that she would need to hand in her notice.

Action: Clerk to begin the process to recruit another clerk

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm St Peter's Church, Matlaske on Monday 11 September 2023

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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