

Matlaske Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11 September 2023 at 7.30pm St Peter's Church, Matlaske.

Councillors Present: Cllr Sara Buxton (Chairman), Cllr Felicity Rushmer, Cllr Ian Fitzpatrick-Swallow, Cllr Stacy Buckley, Cllr Dick Fiddian and Cllr Marion Shepherd (Vice-Chairman), District Councillor Callum Ringer

In Attendance: Mrs Emma Childs (Clerk Outgoing), Amanda Yacoubian (Clerk Incoming)

1. To Consider Accepting Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Lucy Raynes

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

New fares make it even cheaper to park & ride

Fares on all Norwich park & ride services will be even cheaper from this September, making it easier and more affordable to travel car-free into the city centre by bus. The new fares will be introduced, thanks to money that Norfolk County Council has secured from the Department for Transport (DfT) to help improve bus services across the county.

From Monday 4 September, passengers will be able to travel for one price at any time of day.

Adults - £3

Concessions £2

17-19 year olds - £2

Child (5-16) - £1.50

Extra passengers will cost just £1 when travelling with a full paying passenger.

Under 5s still travel for free

Bid to boost Norfolk's 3bn tourism economy.

A new drive to boost Norfolk's £3 billion per year tourism economy will be considered by cabinet.

Norfolk County Council is considering increasing its investment in Visit East England's tourism work from £10,000 to £110,000 per year, under proposed changes to how tourism is supported nationally. "Tourism is one of Norfolk's largest economic sectors and makes up close to 20 per cent of all jobs in the county – many of them in the most deprived coastal areas.

The council's proposed £110,000 investment would support Visit East England's move to become a local visitor economy partnership (LVEP) for Norfolk and Suffolk, able to access Government funding that Norfolk cannot currently apply for.

Norfolk street lighting going green as final round of LEDs are installed.

The final round of LED upgrades to Norfolk County Council's Street Lighting is underway, cutting CO2 emissions by over 200 tonnes a year. The work, which will replace traditional High Intensity Discharge (HID) lighting with the latest generation of LED lanterns, will take place over the next 24 months, and involve replacing 16,800 HID lights with LEDs. When complete, 100% of Norfolk County Council's streetlighting will use low energy LEDs.

This final phase of the move to low energy LEDs will save an estimated 1,099,032 kWh of energy per year, equating to approximately £380,000 p.a. at the current electricity prices. This represents an estimated carbon saving of 227 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year as a result of the final stage of switching from HID to LED streetlighting.

b) District Councillor

CLlr Callum Ringer attended. Callum.ringer@nndc.gov.uk

August has been a quiet month in terms of meetings. There has been a strain on services for high season.

The Reef

The Reef in Sheringham solar array has been completed and this will help to safeguard the asset for the future.

Corporate Peer Challenge

Next week NNDC will be taking part in a Corporate Peer Challenge, which is a form of authority lead service improvement.

Development Committee

Thursday is development committee – affordable housing in West Beckham will be going – this is an exception scheme, built contrary to normal development needs. Direct connection to West Beckham or the surrounding villages in order to be housed. 10 houses subject to planning to be built by Broadland Housing. 45 families in the local area are currently in the top three tiers in terms of housing need.

The Refuse Centre

NNDC looks after bin collections, NCC looks after recycling centres. NNDC will object as the new site is within the AONB, there would also be a huge cost attached in re-siting the refuse centre.

NCC is currently reconsulting as the original plans were amended.

Option to use the site as it is now – most expedient way of improving the facility.

CLlr Vardy will be responsible.

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 Monday 17 July 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023 previously circulated to all members. Unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

6. Finance

a) To Review the Financial Update 2023/24

The financial update was noted, reporting that the Council had £418.93 in the bank as of 30 June 2023.

b) To Approve Payments

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| i) | Emma Childs | Salary | £217.60 |
| ii) | HMRC | PAYE | £54.40 |
| iii) | Countryside Recycling | Waste | £33.00 |

- c) To approve any invoices received since the agenda was created
None
- d) To note income received
None

7. Correspondence

- a) To find out who would like to attend MP consultation on speeding.
This was not of interest to any of the Councillors.

8. Planning

- a) To Comment on and Recommend/Object any Current planning applications:
None
- b) To receive an update on any previous planning applications:
PF/23/1448
External alterations to dwelling | 5 The Green Matlaske Norwich Norfolk NR11 7JG
Approved

9. Other Matters

- a) To note potential funding sources available to people in the Parish
 - Norfolk Community Foundation | Together, Norfolk shines brighter
 - Sheringham Shoal Community Fund | Norfolk Community Foundation
 - SPACE Youth Fund | Norfolk Community Foundation
 - Nelsonspirit Future Leaders Fund | Norfolk Community Foundation
 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund (north-norfolk.gov.uk)
- b) To confirm Amanda Yacoubian as the new Parish Clerk
The Councillors confirmed the appointment of Amanda Yacoubian as the new Parish Clerk.
- c) Bus Timetable
Action - Cllr Shepherd to get a bus timetable for the bus stop.
- d) Waste Recycling Payment
Action – Clerk to submit a waste recycling claim to NCC.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm St Peter’s Church, Matlaske on Monday 13 November 2023

The meeting closed at 8pm.