



Minutes of the meeting held on September the 9th, at 1900 hrs at The Village Centre, Station Road Ormesby

In attendance: Councillors: P Nathan (Chair), K Wendt (V Chair), P Holley, J Shrimplin, C Williams, G Freeman, A Deeks and Parish Clerk C Batten

The Chair welcomed members of the public, Councillors and Borough Councillors, and our new Cllr Amanda Deeks to her first meeting since the election, and the meeting was formally opened.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr's S Calnon, A Grant and J Gingell
2. **Declaration of interests not previously disclosed** – None.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1 To approve the Council meeting minutes of the 12th of August 2024. Proposed by Cllr Wendt and Seconded by Cllr Williams – Carried.

3.2 Matters arising and not covered by the agenda of this meeting. None

4. Clerks Report - Report Attached (Annex 1)

The Chair moved to suspend the council meeting – Seconded by Cllr Shrimplin - Carried

5. Public Participation

5.1 A member of the public raised the question of sea defences, asking if there was any form of update and what, if any, help the parishioners could provide. Cllr Nathan and Cllr Freeman explained the current situation and confirmed that GYBC had submitted a Grant Application to the CPE, which was being processed.

5.2 The same parishioner also raised concerns about the encroachment of boundaries onto recreational land in California. Cllr Nathan suggested that they meet after the meeting to discuss that matter, as he, too, was aware of the issue.

5.3 Cllr Freeman delivered his Borough Council report. He announced the appointment of Sam Hubbard to the Planning Department, which was seen as a very positive move. He explained the changes to the strategy for new housing build figures due to the government change. Essentially, this change would see the new property count change from 354 to 569. But due to our advanced actions under a regulation opportunity, we may well be able to stick to the original figure, although this is not certain.



5.4 Cllr Freeman went on to express concern at the number of complaints he was personally receiving in relation to parking and noise from The Smoke House. The Parish Council decided to request the Clerk write to the Police and Highways regarding these concerns.

5.6 Cllr Bensly (NCC) talked through his latest report, which is attached to these minutes (Annex 2)

The Chair reconvened the meeting

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The current balances on the Parish Bank Accounts and the payment list for this period were reviewed. The payment schedule is attached (Annex 3).

6.2 The Clerk requested that £5,000 be transferred from the deposit account to the current account to cover the payment run. Proposed by Cllr Freeman and seconded by Cllr Wendt – Carried.

7. Planning

7.1 06/23/0459/F - Proposed Change Of Use Dairy Farm, 37 Yarmouth Road – No objections.

7.2 06/24/0355/HH – Alterations & Conversion 35 The Esplanade Scratby – No objections.

7.3 Barton Way Update – No update is available at this time.

8. Planning Advisory Committee Formation - The council agreed that Planning was one of the most important issues for parishioners in recent months and that it would be beneficial to form a Planning Advisory Committee to hold public meetings a few weeks before the Parish Council meeting to collate and report to the Council on relevant public concerns relating to planning applications. Cllr Wendt agreed with the concept as did Cllr Freeman, who also thought it would be worth contacting Borough Council for some form of training on the planning process. Cllr Williams also agreed that this would be a good progression. Cllr Williams proposed that the Council progress with this idea and Cllr Wendt seconded the motion – Carried.

9. Open Spaces Report – Cllr Wendt reported that the work on the Bollards at Ormesby Village Green has been completed. Work has also started on the replacement of noticeboards, with the Village Centre being completed first. Next on the list will be the Recreation Ground, the Ormesby Bus shelter, Monument Bollards, and Memorial Green



Bollards. The Concrete base for the Christmas Tree is also on the list. The Clerk and Cllr Wendt will also conduct a survey of documentation for land and buildings throughout the Parish. A date for this is still to be confirmed. Cllr Wendt requested a thank you letter be sent to the contractor for their timely and professional execution of removing the dead tree and stumps on Ormesby Green.

10. Burial Ground Report - Unfortunately, Cllr Gingell could not attend the meeting, so the Clerk updated the meeting on progress made. Cllr Freeman confirmed that work on the new soil-bin location would start on September 23rd.

11. Beach Maintenance – Cllr Nathan explained that as we progress, the need for beach maintenance and not just litter picking will need to be looked at and that there were opportunities for support from landowners and potential funding opportunities. Cllr Nathan proposed that the Clerk be instructed to research this possibility. Cllr Williams seconded the motion – Carried.

12. Parish Ranger – The Council discussed the benefits of appointing a Parish Ranger to ease the burden on the Council and improve general maintenance and other tasks. Cllr Bensly (NCC) mentioned that this had been an asset for a neighbouring parish. It was proposed that the Clerk be tasked to research the opportunity and report back to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Shrimplin and seconded by Cllr Freeman. Passed.

13. CiLCA Qualification - The Council was briefed on the ongoing plan for the Clerk to become CiLCA qualified, with a plan to start the year-long course in October on the anniversary of his appointment. Cllr Nathan explained what this would mean to the Council and the support they could give to the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 20:53. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on October 14th at 1900 in All Saints Parish Hall Scratby.

Annex 1. Clerks Report

1. We've continued to receive multiple enquiries about the planned maintenance for the Permissive path in Jubilee Woods. While we have a group willing to voluntarily take on the task of maintaining the path, their availability was not for another three months. So, I sought three quotes for the work to be completed as soon as possible, and the contract was awarded in late August. The work on the path will take place this week.
2. Cllr Holley has requested that I look into the current parish Defib strategy to explore the possibilities of standardising consumables. This is on the task list for research, and a report back to the Council in late September or early October with options and costs.



3. We have booked the fire extinguisher service checks for this Friday at The Village Centre and Recreation Ground on Friday the 13th at 1200hrs.
4. Concerns have been raised regarding traffic congestion and the Football Club parking disruption. It was felt that this was hazardous and was also causing issues for some residents leaving or entering their driveways. This concern will be researched and included on the agenda for the October meeting.
5. Concerns relating to sea defences have been raised, and a question has been asked about the regular inclusion of Sea Defences as a standard agenda item at our meetings. The Parish Council is committed to keeping up with this important issue, and we continue actively reviewing any progress. Please be assured that where the subject of sea defences is not on the agenda, this is simply because there's nothing new to report on this subject. We are waiting to hear from the Borough Council and the CPE.
6. We have received some suggestions regarding the management of the Parish Allotments. While it is too short notice to include this subject today, the suggestions are being taken seriously. Once suitable research has been completed by the Committee responsible for Allotments, they will be on the October agenda for discussion.
7. We have received a request from GYS to remove the signs that refer people to them, as they no longer accept responsibility for the upkeep of the toilets.
8. The Parish Council's planned works are underway, and the progress will be highlighted later in this agenda by Open Spaces and Burial Ground Committee members.
9. The council's query about Anglia Water has now been fully answered, and the complete transcription of the answer can be found on Basecamp for further comment by Councillors.
10. Badger Building has been given our representation relating to the investment made to the area of the proposed footpath and our need to maintain that investment's integrity during and after the development.

Annex 2. NCC Report

Norfolk residents encouraged to take up free NHS Health Checks

Norfolk County Council has launched a campaign highlighting to residents that the NHS Health Check is a great opportunity to get their blood pressure checked and receive advice on how to lower their risk of cardiovascular disease and other long-term conditions. The campaign coincides with the national Know Your Numbers blood pressure testing and awareness campaign. It is targeting specific households in the Gt Yarmouth, Norwich, Thetford and Kings Lynn areas where there is a lower take up rate of the NHS Health Check.



The NHS Long Term Plan has identified cardiovascular disease as the single biggest area where the NHS can save lives over the next 10 years. The Plan identifies the NHS Health Check as a priority area for improvement; to improve the effectiveness of the check and identify and treat those at risk earlier.

Prioritising prevention is one of the four strategic priorities for the Norfolk and Waveney ICS, with a priority action to prevent people from becoming ill through promoting healthy lifestyles and improving mental wellbeing.

Anyone aged 40-74 without a long-term health condition is eligible for an NHS Health Check every 5 years. NHS Health Checks assess your risk of serious illness such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, kidney disease and dementia.

Norfolk residents will now be able to carry out an NHS Health Check primarily via their mobile phone, tablet or computer, as part of a pilot scheme by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) that will operate alongside the in-person service. Norfolk, alongside two other local authorities, was selected to test the digital NHS Health Check as part of a national pilot following a competitive expression of interest process.

People who complete the digital NHS Health Check will receive their results and personalised advice on ways to reduce their cardiovascular risk depending on these results. Those with results that fall outside of the normal range will be advised to follow up with their GP.

In Norfolk there are three GP partnerships participating in the pilot:

- Acle Medical Partnership (Acle Medical Centre and Reedham Surgery)
- Drayton Medical Practice (Drayton, Horsford and Horsham St Faiths Surgeries)
- Great Massingham and Bayfield Surgeries

Key information for how you can get involved:

- Residents can check their eligibility for a health check and book one online: [Check if you're eligible](#)
- Please help signpost people you think might be interested to our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/healthchecks
- Councillors and residents are encouraged to display posters in their local areas. (A printed stock of posters will be available on request by emailing marketing@norfolk.gov.uk)
- We are also encouraging residents to spread the word within their communities about the importance of getting an NHS Health Check.

Battery warning after Norfolk house fire

Residents across Norfolk are being reminded of the importance of buying lithium-ion batteries for a range of everyday devices only from reputable and safe retailers, to ensure they meet UK safety standards and aren't a fire risk.

As a Safety Bill about the rechargeable batteries is due to go before the House of Lords on Friday (6 September 2024), Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service and Norfolk County Council's



Trading Standards team is investigating a house fire which is believed to have been started by a battery which was charging.

The occupants of the house in Bowthorpe managed to escape the fire last Tuesday evening, and a subsequent fire investigation has concluded that the fire started with the battery, purchased from an online retailer, and charger.

[More details](#)

[Find out more about how to stay safe with lithium batteries.](#)

[Find out more about the national battery safety campaign.](#)

[Read more about the Lithium-ion battery safety bill.](#)

Work to begin on new Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital roundabout

Improvements are due to be made on the main Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital roundabout through an upcoming developer-led scheme.

Work on the £1 million-plus scheme is scheduled to start on Monday 9 September and will last for around six months. The work will see improved pedestrian and cycle access to the hospital and nearby research park, alongside the installation of a new Toucan crossing.

The developer is leading the project, with certain elements delivered in partnership with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council. This partnership approach has enabled the improvements to be delivered as a single scheme, reducing disruption to road users during the work.

The roundabout will remain open during the majority of the scheme. Colney Lane East - which leads to the hospital from Round House Way - will be closed to traffic for four weeks in early 2025. During this closure, alternative access to the hospital will be via Hethersett Lane and Rosalind Franklin Road, which provides a direct route to the multi-storey car park and the hospital access road.

Norfolk joins call for urgent reform to support children with SEND

Norfolk County Council is calling on the government to urgently reform education and funding for children with special educational needs and disabilities, amid national pressures on a "broken system."

A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet reveals that despite significant investment and more than 2,000 extra specialist places being developed, the council, schools and academies are struggling to meet unprecedented demand and the ring-fenced schools' budget, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), is continuing to overspend.

The forecast cumulative deficit on the DSG is now estimated to be £115m by March 2025.

Cabinet continues to lobby government for reform and for funding to support a more inclusive education system.

Delivery of Long Stratton Bypass is on track



Senior council leaders and delivery partners visited the site at Long Stratton in July to view progress on construction of the new road first-hand.

Preliminary works have been underway since the start of this year, with the main construction commencing in late May, following the final approval of the council's full business case from government.

The current estimated overall cost of the bypass is approx. £46.9m with funding primarily sourced from The Department for Transport, a £14.5m commitment from the Greater Norwich Growth Board, plus local developer contributions.

The project is expected to be complete by late 2025.

National updates

Levelling up projects to be reviewed by new Government

Local growth Minister Alex Norris [has confirmed that existing projects](#) as part of the Levelling Up Fund will be reviewed by Government before the budget on 30 October.

The Levelling Up Fund has come under fire from the current Government whilst they were still in opposition for being ineffective, both in terms of the administration of the fund (with it being a competitive bidding pot) as well as the slowness of the funding (as of Spring 2024, only 10% of the fund had been spent).

Household support fund extended by 6 months

The Household Support Fund has again been extended for another 6 months, the Government's work and pensions Secretary [has confirmed](#).

The extension will cost the Government £421 million and will go to councils to help them support the most vulnerable who are struggling with household bill costs, such as food and energy.

With over 60% of local authorities considering ending the support they provide to vulnerable households, the funding has allowed for an extra six months of support.

The LGA has reacted positively to the announcement, highlighting the targeted support that local authorities are able to provide, especially for the most vulnerable cohort of people who may fall through the gaps of other support schemes.

Ofsted calls for tighter controls on profiteering within children's homes

Ofsted wants to tackle excessive profit-making by private-equity owned children's homes, [as part of wider efforts](#) to strengthen the regulation and inspection of children's social care.

In response to a major consultation, the inspectorate said new legislation should regulate profit-making by large groups of children's care providers, to "make sure their decisions are made in children's best interests and not solely for profit".

The consultation also highlights a number of other proposed changes, which recognise the growing pressures on the education and social care space and are designed to alleviate rather than add to these pressures where possible.



Government setting up Shadow Great British Railways

The Transport Secretary, the Rt Hon Louise Haigh MP, is instructing the CEO of Network Rail, the Director General for Rail Services in the Department for Transport, and the CEO of DfT OLR Holdings Ltd (DOHL) [to establish a Shadow Great British Railways](#), which will see the main organisations responsible for the operational railway work together in closer collaboration.

This partnership is being established in advance of the official establishment of Great British Railways, which will require primary legislation to be passed through the Houses of Parliament.

Annex 3. Payment List

Item	Payee	Amount
Electricity	British Gas	£52.80
Grass Cutting All Areas	Darren's Gardening	£858.18
Grass Cutting	Burial Ground	£543.00
Mobile Phone	EE	£20.71
Tax / NI	HMRC	£143.16
Toilets	D&F Cleaning	£1119.49
Parish Financial Software	Scribe	£66
Litter Pick	R Scott	£36
Ormesby Green Works	G Westlake	£330.50
Tree Felling & Removal	Maple Tree Services	£525.00
Public Works Loan	PWL	£1333.75
Cllr Expenses	Cllr Nathan	£84.16
PAYE	Clerk / RFO	£1416.84
BaseCamp	Rainmakers Club	£15.00
Jubilee Woods	K Fenn Services	£560.00
Total		£7104.59