

WIVETON PARISH COUNCIL

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meeting of Wiveton Parish Council on Wednesday 16th Sept, 2020
(restricted to councillors in accordance with Covid 19 safety guidance)

DRAFT MINUTES

- 1 **Apologies : Marie Strong, Rachel Pryor, Martin Pearce**
- 2 **Declarations of interest and dispensations : None declared**
- 3 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting started on 15th July and completed on 28th July. Councillors confirmed they had read them and John Ramm signed them as approved
- 4 **Matters arising** from the minutes
- 5 **To receive reports** from the County and District Councillors and the Police

District Councillor Marie Strong reported :

NCC's free hazardous waste days:

Hempton appears as the most convenient site for our division and will be open as follows:
Hempton : 9am-4pm 9, 10, 11 October. These free events are for residents with hazardous waste needing specialist disposal. The following types of products are accepted: paint, paint thinners, wood preserver, fertilizer, fungicides, pesticides, weed killer, thermometers, drain cleaners, oven cleaners and aerosols. Items such as asbestos, fireworks, explosives and gas canisters are not accepted. More information is available here: <https://www.norfolkrecycles.com/household-hazardous-waste-day-2020/> and if you have other waste to dispose of it is advisable not to use these sites at these times, as they may be busy.

Norfolk's Libraries: By the time you read this most libraries will have opened with the remaining sites to open in the coming weeks. Library users are required to wear a face covering in line with the latest Government guidance. Each library will have a one-way system to allow for social distancing and hand sanitiser available to use on the way in and out. Open library access remains unavailable and opening times have to be changed accordingly. Latest information can be found on the Norfolk County Council website <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/coronavirus-update>. (Mobile Libraries are being prepared to meet Covid-19 regulations.)

Norfolk County Council: www.norfolk.gov.uk should lead you on to a range of specific sections which are well worth a visit. For instance, <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/adults-health/coronavirus/community-support-for-people-at-home/help-if-you-are-self-isolating>. Amongst the many pieces of information is an updated section on the impact of Covid-19 on NCC services - which affect all of us in many ways. (Please share this information where appropriate.)

Government Response: Latest government response is to be found on <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> : includes the lifting of restrictions - best read very regularly for whilst we could list current recommendations as you know changes take place.

Public Transport: Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health at Norfolk County Council, tells us that: "Anyone experiencing one or more of the Coronavirus symptoms should not travel but should self-isolate along with their household immediately and book a free test by calling 119 or visit nhs.co.uk/coronavirus. Symptoms include a high temperature, continuous cough or change to or loss of sense of smell or taste. We all must work together to protect ourselves, protect others and protect Norfolk." For information on public transport in Norfolk visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-transport/buses/bus-timetables-and-operators>

Face Coverings: The guidance on face coverings has been updated to reflect changes on when face coverings should be worn and information on those who are exempt. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

The Distance Aware initiative - The Distance Aware initiative has been recently endorsed by the Department of Health and Social Care. The initiative was set up to enable individuals and organisations politely to prompt ongoing distancing and respect of individual social space. Badge/poster templates are available to download from the site. <https://www.bevancommission.org/distance-aware>

b). North Norfolk Councillor Karen Ward reported :

The Wiveton Bell : it was confirmed that the use of the decking has not been approved and is still in the hands of the planning authority

Longfield : the revised plans submitted to the NNDC have been approved with the provision that there will more trees which are to be planted during the next planting season.

Following complaints to the Council about the tree works being carried out in the Loke off Hall Lane the Tree Conservation Officer will visit and check the work on both sides.

The appeal by British Telecom to retain both masts will now be considered by the inspectorate which requires written representations to be submitted.

The NNDC is anticipating that there will be another "spike" in Corid 19 infections and has detailed plans in place (see website). The recent high number of visitors has caused considerable extra work for the teams who collect litter and rubbish and the council is seeking extra powers to deal with the problem.

Karen Ward is preparing a response to the Government's White Paper which aims to make sweeping changes to Planning legislation with considerable implications for the way development decisions will be taken.

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Finance

a) to approve payment of invoices :

Payments made during August were formally approved:

Dennis Francis : grass cutting July	£70
Eddie : village maintenance	£50
Louise Stephens : preparing annual accounts	£252.76
Taxworks - Audit Fee	£60

Approved at the meeting

Dennis Francis : grass cutting August £35

Received

The Parish Room paid £261.74 being the final payment of the loan due to the Council

Bank Balances : as at 15 September :

Community Account £13,840.95
Savings Account £15,021.05

It was agreed that we should transfer £5,000 from the Community a/c to the Savings a/c.
CN agreed to do this.

b) the Wiveton Bell has undertaken to send its Donation for use of the Village Car Park in July, August and September

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Planning (see also item 5b)

The application for retrospective permission for a large garden store in the land adjoining Parva Cottage was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the Council should object in the strongest possible terms, and that objections previously raised should be brought forward. John Ramm agreed to write to the Planning Office expressing the Parish Council's views.

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Highways & Footpaths

a) the current use of Sandy Lane by vehicles was discussed. Currently several vehicles are using it, including a large white van. The PC has sought advice from Norfolk County Council on the legal status of the Lane. A application was made some time ago, by the British Horse Society to change the status of the bridleway to a restricted byway,. This application does not seek new rights over the route. Pubic rights to use the route are restricted to foot, horse and cycle, and the use of a horse and cart. If it remains a bridleway private vehicular rights will depend on usage of over 20 years or more or through rights recorded in the landowner's deeds. It was agreed to seek further clarification whether any such rights have been recorded.

b) it was agreed to ask Martin Pearce and Stephen to prepare a plan for planting trees in Sandy Lane which will take into consideration views of parishioners and the advice given by the NNDC Conservation Officer as to suitable hedgerow species. Trees are still available free of charge from the NNDC.

c) the speed of traffic on the A149, Blakeney Rd and through Wiveton is still a cause of considerable concern. The Parish Council found Highway's response and Duncan Baker's acceptance to a specific request to consider extending the 30mph limit on the coast road to between Cley and Blakeney as unacceptable and will take this matter up again with the County Council and ask for the views of Cley and Blakeney Parish Councils. Speed limits through the village would involve a great deal of signage and probably not have much effect. Mr High pointed out that within a 30mph limit cars can park without lights and this would probably lead to further problems. Other solutions such as SAM2 speed monitors, creating "pinch points" or installing speed humps can be considered but are unlikely to receive outside funding.

9 **Village Maintenance and Grass Cutting**

a) the issue of overhanging hedges was discussed and we now have a map of the points where hedges are a nuisance as they make the lanes narrower and are a danger to pedestrians. It was agreed that a note should be sent out to parishioners as it is the legal obligation of landowners to ensure that their hedges do not protrude outside their boundaries.

b) **the Village Car Park & Bottle Bank** : work required was discussed : JR will ask Eddie to cut back and shape the new hedge along the Glandford Rd and will get the large hedges, brambles etc cut with farm equipment in the Spring. The Wiveton Bell has asked if they can continue to use the further side of the car park for the next few weeks while they are so busy and this has been agreed. The PC agreed that small neat "No Parking" notices should be put around the edge of the Village Green together with three reflective signs directing cars to the Village Car Park. Antonia will order the signs, together with a "defibrillator" notice for the top of the old phone box.
Cars and vans trying to access the Wiveton Bell continue to be a nuisance to traffic using the junction with the Street and the public footpath in front of the pub is often partially blocked by customers. However, it is good to see the Bell back in use and welcoming visitors.

10 **The Allotted Land and Allotments**

a) to discuss its future use : it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.

b) the Allotment Tenancy Agreement has been agreed and invoices for the use of the allotments will be issued.

11 To consider the request from Amnesty to place a memorial stone on Wiveton Green : it was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting and to circulate the information from Amnesty to the PC Members

12 **Covid 19**

the imminent threat of a further spike was discussed. The NNDC website provides a mass of information. Parishioners needing help or information are urged to request support. It was agreed that our next meeting will be held on Zoom as it is not practical to use the Parish Room. Antonia agreed to purchase the necessary licence.

13 **Correspondence** : emails were received from parishioners expressing concern about vehicles using Sandy Lane, and traffic travelling dangerously fast through

the village, on the A149 and Wiveton Long Lane. There was also a request to cut back the hedge on the north side of the A149 (which has now been done).

14 **Any Other Business :**

It was agreed that bi-monthly meetings are too far apart to be effective and the Parish Council should return to meeting nine or ten times a year. August and December will be excluded.

Carolyn Newman shared her intention to resign from the Parish Council.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.05pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 November.

CN :