

TERRINGTON ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at Ely Row Methodist Church Hall

1. Present

A Bishop – Chair, J MacCallum – Vice Chair, C Gibbs, B Dye and J Ware

It was **resolved** to co-opt J Ware.

Cllr Brian Long

2. To consider accepting apologies for absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies from A Hoey.

3. To record declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest from members in any item to be discussed and consider any requests for dispensations

There were no declarations on interest.

4. To approve the minutes of the last ordinary council meeting held Wednesday 4th January 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the 4th of January 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, and they were duly signed by the Chair.

5. To receive reports from Borough and/or County Councillors

Cllr B Long was welcomed to the meeting and noted that he is now doing more things at NCC and has new roles. NCC has been looking at devolution, which would be a new deal for Norfolk. This will not affect borough or parish councils. It will see new money and new responsibilities. Norfolk will need a directly elected leader. Government will then deal directly with the elected leader. Money has been pledged for education. The members discussed the QEH with B Long and how important it is for the building to be improved.

6. To allow public participation – to include information from developers, Police representatives, Ward and Borough Councillors or any other person invited to speak

No members of the public present.

7. To receive the Clerk's report, including matters arising from last month's meeting

a) To report on any matter regarding asset items

Nothing to report on at the moment.

b) To report on Ely Row

The Clerk reported on the update from IDB and Highways and they will be inspecting to the dyke to see if it needs clearing.

c) Information about the Probation Service

The Clerk suggested this could be an option to get the smaller jobs done in the village, such as painting the notice board, painting the white bars and the washing of the gateways. It was **resolved** the Clerk should make initial inquiries.

d) To report on the circulation of the Parish Council newsletter and receive suggestions for the February edition

It was **resolved** that February would be too soon for another newsletter but that a March edition should be published.

e) Invitation to host the next SNAP meeting on 18th April?

It was **resolved** that permission should be sought from the Methodist circuit and the village should host this on 18th April.

8. To receive and consider reports and updates from Councillors regarding the areas they have been delegated to take a lead responsibility on

a) Councillor B Dye – nothing to report on at this time.

b) Councillor C Gibbs:

- **TSJ Consolidated charity trustees** (other Trustees A Hoey and J MacCallum) C Gibbs noted that last month 37 collect xmas dole, now have 46 signed with forms returned. C Gibbs has continued to follow up on others that are still outstanding. The trustees tried to hold a meeting but this was not quorate so it was rescheduled, however since then the meeting needs to be rearranged again.
- **Parish Social events**
Coronation King Charles III on 6th May 2023 – see item 12 –
It was **resolved** that the PC is going to work with Tilney St Lawrence Village Hall committee to arrange celebrations.

c) Councillor A Bishop:

- Norfolk Association of Local Councils – nothing to report on at this time.
- Had an email from A Binns from Downham Market police because of car lights on 5 mile drain as there should not have been any late at night. A Bishop reported the conversation with A Binns and noted there have been some positives arrests regarding rural crime. Police are keeping an eye on rural crime at the moment.
- Meeting with Liz Truss MP 27th January
The members felt that this was a very positive meeting and she was keen to hear what the council had to discuss. Councillors raised, hospital, getting more people to insulate their properties, council is now taking batteries, Methodist church – L Truss agreed to take that further and find out about not having these restrictions on the property

d) Councillor A Hoey:

- Scout Hut – not present.
- SAM2 – not present.

e) Councillor J MacCallum:

- Internal audit control – J MacCallum will take the financial records to review the period Oct to Dec 2022.

9. To consider financial business

a) To receive bank account balances

Balance as at 310123 £66,517.11

b) To receive details of income received

Rental income £770 banked and £15.00 banked yesterday.

c) To consider the recommended payments

Net wages	£845.12
HMRC	£24.00
Westcotec	£16.50
Vodafone	£14.11
Electric est	£50.00
Clerk expenses	£331.14
HHA Weed spraying	£86.40
Userone	£3.60

d) To consider how to distribute the Picnic in the Park fundraising amount of £182.50

Staff numbers:

Burman House 30	£96.00
St John's Surgery 21	£67.00
Willows Pharmacy 6	£19.50
Total 57	£182.50

It was **resolved** to give this in cash so money could be spent on staff as they wished.

10. To consider donation requests

It was not **resolved** to make any donations.

11. To consider planning matters

a) Applications

Any applications that appear on the Borough Council planning portal up to the date of the meeting that require the consultation of the Parish Council will be considered by the Councillors at their scheduled meeting, even if they are not listed below.

b) Decisions

c) Address notification

d) Correspondence

12. To consider how the Parish Council can be prepared for the coronation celebrations of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May 2023 and to consider direction for the Community Foundation grant application – deadline 21st February 2023 picnic

It was **resolved** to make an application.

13. To consider progress and actions regarding the possible purchase of the Methodist Church

No further information to provide at this time. It was **resolved** a further consultation should be discussed on the March newsletter. B Long discussed asking support from Ward Councillors.

14. To receive general correspondence via email during the month and consider any further actions required:

a) CIL bid to improve site facilities at Police Station (see email of 6/1/23)

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would be able to support this.

b) To consider parking and speeding problems outside the school – email 1/2/23

The members considered this but felt there was very little they could do to help. The matter will be raised in the March newsletter and the other SAM2 sign will be moved to a position near the school.

15. To receive items for next month's agenda

Coronation
Village hall

16. Date and time of next meeting – Will be held on Wednesday 1st March 2023

17. To resolve on the moving into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s.1(2)

It was **resolved** to close the meeting.

- a) To consider quotes for work required – It was **resolved** to consider grounds maintenance quotes at the next meeting.