

BUNWELL PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at the Village Hall, Bunwell.

Cllrs Present at the Meeting: Cllrs J Chapman, D Dickson, R Smith and R Watson

Also Present: County Cllr B Duffin, Parish Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

MINUTES

ACTION

Before the meeting started, the Chairman invited those present to stand to observe a minute's silence in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II and to proclaim HM King Charles III

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs T Harvey and D Ward was unable to attend.
- 2. To Consider Co-option Application** – An application had been received from Dr Sarah Spooner wishing to be co-opted as a member of Bunwell Parish Council. All councillors were pleased to accept her application and welcomed her to the PC.
- 3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda and to consider any requests for declarations** – There were no declarations of interest
- 4. To Welcome Representatives from Saffron Housing** – Emilie Hildreth and Lynne Riddoch attended to give information on the Saffron Housing Trust's customer involvement. They are keen to involve tenants and the wider community in the way they work which will help them to develop and improve their services. They invited tenants and community leaders to become Saffron Community Members. More information can be found on their website: www.saffronhousing.co.uk under the Saffron Community Member tab.
- 5. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th September 2022** - The minutes of the previous meeting on 7th September 2022, pages 430-434, having previously been circulated to all members, were agreed and signed.
- 6. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes** –
 - 6.1. Cllr Chapman had looked into obtaining the correct paint to use to repaint the telephone box opposite the shop which houses the defibrillator and it was agreed that the Spring would be the best time to carry out this work. In the meantime, Cllrs Chapman and Smith offered to clean the inside of the box.
 - 6.2. Dog Bins in Bunwell – Jason Goddard had refitted the dog bin and post down Barhams Lane and he was commended on his work. It was noted that all dog bins in the parish seem to be well used, but it appeared that they are only being emptied once a week, but the PC is charged for 2 emptyings a week. The Clerk

has contacted NCC to confirm the frequency of the emptying and to ensure the charge is correct. We are awaiting NCC's reply.

Clerk

- 7. To receive the District and County Councillors' Reports** – County Cllr Duffin passed on information from Norfolk CC on the following topics: the number of Covid cases in the area is still rising and residents were reminded that if eligible they should ensure they get their Covid Booster Inoculation. As part of the Government's Growth Plan for 2022, two infrastructure projects in our area will be accelerated as fast as possible aiming to get construction started by the end of 2023. These are the A140 Long Stratton Bypass and the Norwich Western Link. Norfolk, along with Suffolk, is among 38 areas across England to have been invited to form an Investment Zone. NCC Cabinet are considering further savings to address their budget gap, in addition to the savings of £32.5m already identified. NCC are proposing a total of 86 new specialist education places in six mainstream schools in Norfolk, thanks to the County Council's £120m transformation programme. NCC are also implementing a scheme to recruit three job coaches to support Norfolk adults with learning disabilities or autism seeking work, with help on and off the job. Cllr Duffin also passed on the following information from the Norfolk Coroners' Office:

The Norfolk Coroners Service is trying to trace the next of kin of Donald Green.

Donald Green, aged 95, died at his home in Great Yarmouth. There were no suspicious circumstances that led to his death. Despite carrying out extensive enquiries, officers have been unable to trace any next-of-kin

Anyone with information relating to Mr Green should contact the Coroner's Office in Norwich on 01603 774773.

- 8. Resident's Questions** – There were no questions from residents at the meeting.
- 9. To receive and discuss correspondence** – emails received had been forwarded to councillors and dealt with as necessary.
- 10. Highway Matters** – It was noted that Norfolk Highways had cleared the Trod Path along The Turnpike from Cordwell down to the footway. Cllr Smith had obtained a new battery for the SAM2 machine and this will be fitted in due course. It was noted that a resident had expressed an interest in taking part in the Norfolk Constabulary Community Speedwatch scheme. It was agreed that this scheme be advertised locally and anyone interested be invited to attend the next PC meeting on the 2nd November to see if at least 6 residents could be recruited to take part.
- 11. Footpath Warden's Report** – After requesting help with undertaking the task of reporting on the condition of public footpaths in the area, Cllr Smith said that he was pleased to report that our new councillor, Sarah Spooner, and another resident had said that they were willing to help with this work. They will report back to the PC on the condition and accessibility of footpaths in the parish.
- 12. Playground & Carpark** – Mr Gledhill sent a report stating that the roundabout work is progressing and the wetpour had been applied and the roundabout painted. It is hoped to refit the roundabout shortly. Volunteers are still needed to help clean and paint the playground equipment and any offers of help would be gratefully received.
- 13. Report received from the Bunwell Housing & Development Group (BHDG)**
Mr Gledhill reported that by early next year SNDC should release the Pre-Submission publication of the Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State in June/July

2023. It does not seem that there are any further changes or additions to the previously published Bunwell sites.

14. Planning Applications – to discuss and vote on any new planning applications – Planning Application No. 2022/1765 had been received and considered by Councillors since the last meeting and no objections had been raised, except to request that any surface water from the development is not discharged onto the public highway.

15. Finance

- 15.1. Payments for October had been circulated to councillors and were agreed. They had also been forwarded the Second Quarter Budget Position Statement.
15.2. Cashbook balance – this had been circulated to all Councillors and was noted.

16. To receive matters of importance from Councillors – There were no matters of importance which had not been covered at the meeting.

17. To receive items for the next Agenda for Consideration – to consider whether enough residents are willing to take part in a Police Speedwatch scheme.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd November 2022.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm

BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	
BALANCE AS AT 07.09.22	£0.10

RECEIPTS THIS MONTH – UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 07.09.22		£21,196.50	
DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT
28.09.22	South Norfolk Council	Precept	7,000.00
BALANCE C/FWD		£28,196.50	

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL THIS MONTH: UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT					
BALANCE AS AT 07.09.22				£21,196.50	
PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
BACS	CGM Group	Playing Field Grasscutting, Aug	293.94	48.99	
BACS	NARS	Donation	100.00		
BACS	Unity Bank	Bank Charge	18.00		
BACS	M Ridgwell	Sep Salary & exps	289.75		60.60
Total			£701.69	48.99	60.60
BALANCE C/FWD				£20,494.81	

CASHBOOK BALANCE: 05.10.22

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balance Brought Forward (Barclays Saver A/c & Unity Bank) A	21,196.60		
Receipts this month (see listed above) B		7,000.00	
Payments this month (listed above) C			701.69
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C)			27,494.91
Barclays Savings A/c balance			0.10
Unity Balance			27,494.81
TOTAL CASH IN BANK:			27,494.91