



Holkham Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held at the Estate Office Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 1800

Present Jane Berwick, Harvey Gunhouse, John Hall, Elaine Hendry, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), Matthew Mayes, & Emma Sargent
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC), Peter Fisher (NNDC)

- 1) **Apologies** None – all present
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** None
- 3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 12 November 2019** Agreed and signed

4) **Reports**

b) North Norfolk District Council

Flytipping is increasing, but a recent miscreant just outside Fakenham was caught and taken to court. The court fined them £2900; £1600 to compensate the farmer, and £1300 for NNDC's legal costs. Anybody using a contractor to remove rubbish should ensure that they are licensed to do so. You can do this by telephoning 03708 506506. The next full council meeting will consider the question of having one rather than two heads of service.

c) Parish Clerk

There will be a meeting of the North Norfolk Parish and Town Council forum at Cromer on 22 January at 6.30 for 7.00. Nobody from Holkham PC wanted to attend. KL advised that he had given notice to Binham PC to end his employment there from 31 March. At present he is intending to continue at Warham and Holkham.

a) Norfolk County Council

Because of the general election, the Boundary Commission has extended the consultation date for the redrawing of NCC ward boundaries to 11 February. At present Marie has 21 Parishes in her area, but this could increase to 29 under some proposals. The idea is to even out the population for each Councillor to about 8500 each. But if Councillors are to regularly attend Parish Council meetings, their workload will vary considerably. There is also the question of second homes, which are not included in the formula, but can (and do) call on the services of County Councillors.

The fire service is again offering free home checks for vulnerable people. They will also fit smoke alarms at no cost to the householder.

Norwich Bus station is about to be re-vamped.

- 5) **To discuss any Planning Matters to hand**
Nothing to hand.

6) To discuss request to place Purple Poppy Wreath on the War Memorial

KL had had a request from a group that would like to place a purple poppy wreath on the War Memorial in the village. These commemorate the actions of animals (particularly horses and dogs) in wartime. The official day for these is 23 August, but the wreaths are often placed on Armistice day. Councillors thought this was a good idea and, were happy to give their approval to the scheme.

7) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A copy of the current bank statement and spreadsheet was circulated and was approved.

The following payments were agreed:

NNDC	Cost of uncontested Parish Election (May 2019)	£35.46
Keith Leesmith	Clerk's 4 th quarter salary and contribution to expenses	£490.29
HMRC	PAYE on the above	£116.60

8) Minor Matters

DJ thanked the Estate for repairing the prominent manhole covers that he had reported at the last meeting. Councillors reported that traffic and parked cars on the main road through the village was bad over the Christmas period and asked what the current position was with regard to the extension of the clearway. MS said that plans were progressing slowly behind the scenes and she was in regular contact with JB.

9) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 10 March 2020 – 1800 at The Estate Office.

The meeting closed at 1850