



# Holkham Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 1800

**Present** Kate Bonham, Harvey Gunhouse, Elaine Hendry, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), & Emma Sargent  
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Peter Fisher (NNDC)

- 1) **Apologies** Daisy Hone
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** None
- 3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 11 January 2022** Agreed and signed

#### 4) **Reports**

##### **b) North Norfolk District Council**

The toilets in Stearman's Yard have been demolished. It is hoped that the replacement block will be finished by July. Cromer Pier will be lit in Blue and Yellow to show solidarity with Ukraine. NNDC budget was approved at 23 February meeting. The Council believes that it is robustly investing in services while charging one of the lowest Council tax rates in England. Allocation of Council tax – 8% NNDC, 14% Police, 75% NCC, 3% Parish Councils.

Regarding long-term empty homes NNDC has a relatively low rate. In October 2021 there were 477 homes unfurnished and unoccupied for six months or more, as opposed to 564 twelve months before. NNDC cannot stop owners leaving properties empty but can levy owners with extra Council tax. (Vacant 2 years = +100%, 5 years = +200%, 10 years = +300%) The District would prefer that owners bring houses into use; as an authority that provides shelter for those presenting as homeless, it is interested in leasing those properties from owners to provide temporary homes. The Council can provide a guaranteed rental income for properties in a fair liveable condition. The Council will take enforcement action, and this could result in a forced sale if houses are left in serious disrepair.

##### **c) Parish Clerk**

KL had provided a report to Councillors which is attached to these minutes and appears on the website. With regard to the Cycling Paramedics that were mentioned in the report DJ understands that they are returning this summer. Dates not currently known

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

- 6) **To complete signing arrangements for Barclays Bank Account**  
Following the usual unhelpfulness of Barclays, a new form was signed, which will be accompanied by a letter explaining that DJ's signature may well have changed over time.
- 7) **To consider financial appeals from local organisations**  
It was unanimously decided to donate the total budget of £100 to the Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme.
- 8) **Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement**  
A copy of the current bank statement and spreadsheet was circulated and was approved.  
Payments:
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| Norfolk Association of Local Councils – annual subscription 2022/2023 | 134.79 |
| Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme – as above                   | 100.00 |
- 9) **Minor Matters**  
None
- 10) **To confirm date of next meeting**  
Tuesday 10 May 2022 – 1800 at Heritage House

**The meeting closed at 1840**