



Holkham Parish Council

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2023/01

Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 1800

Present Harvey Gunhouse, Elaine Hendry, Daisy Hone, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), Emma Sargent
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Michael Dalby (NCC), Peter Fisher (NNDC)

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| 1) Apologies | None – all present |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 8 November 2022 | Agreed and signed |
| 4) Reports | |

a) Norfolk County Council

Michael Dalby had sent a report which was distributed to Councillors. This is appended to these minutes and appears on the website. In addition, he spoke about the government's plans for Norfolk devolution. This would involve the direct election of a Council leader, elected by all Norfolk residents. It would not require a separate Mayoral department, as all administration would be undertaken by existing staff.

b) North Norfolk District Council

Peter Fisher distributed a report to Councillors present at the meeting. This is appended to these Minutes and appears on the website.

c) Parish Clerk

KL had provided a report to Councillors which is attached to these minutes and appears on the website. In addition, he had attended an NNDC Zoom meeting the day before this meeting. He had raised the issue of the cost of unopposed elections, which he felt should be offset against the extra costs that the Parish met by having to display the additional publicity over the election period. He also asked that Parishes be informed of the result of planning applications, which they used to be in the past, but are not being at present. With regard to the proposed change of polling station in the village, Councillors were unanimously in favour of the proposed move from the Victoria to the Ancient House.

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

6) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors and was agreed.

The following were agreed for settlement.

Parish Clerk – 4 th quarter salary and contribution to expenses plus backpay	680.36
HMRC – PAYE on above	163.60

7) Minor Matters

Unfortunately, the Children's Centre in Wells had closed, having failed to find a new firm to operate it. Rents for Holkham properties were increasing alarmingly and many new tenants appeared to be "second home users" rather than local people.

8) To confirm date of next meeting

Tuesday 14 March 2023 – 1800 at Heritage House

The meeting closed at 1905