



# Holkham Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 1800

**Present** Harvey Gunhouse, Elaine Hendry, Daisy Hone, Derek Jarvis (Chairman), Emma Sargent  
Keith Leesmith (Clerk)

**Declarations of Acceptance of Office** signed by Daisy Hone and Emma Sargent

1) **Apologies** Peter Fisher (NNDC) Michael Dalby (NCC)

2) **Declarations of Interest** None

3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 9 May 2023** 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. The report mentioned that there were 500 places where people can refill water bottles without charge, Norfolk Fire and Rescue service sending equipment to assist in Ukraine after the Dam destruction, and a team working on next year's expected budget deficiency.

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

Peter Fisher arrived with a report which was distributed but had to leave immediately to attend another meeting. This is appended to these minutes and appears on the website. The report mentioned two further refuse vehicles being purchased, the ongoing attempts to stop seals being hurt by flying rings, and the search for suitable land to build affordable homes. There was also mention of a new Corporate Plan, assistance to Town and Parish Councils online, and the latest news on Nutrient Neutrality.

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

KL had provided a report to Councillors which is attached to these minutes and appears on the website. With regard to Councillor Register of Interest Forms, there seems to be a problem with these because almost all are showing sections with missing answers. In addition, NNDC seems to have made the assumption that all Councillors are computer users, which they are not. It is not (yet) a requirement for qualification as a Councillor. They have offered the opportunity for these Councillors to complete the forms at the NNDC office – approximately 45 miles round trip. This appears to be another problem with the policy of NNDC "becoming paperless" which often just shifts the costs elsewhere.

5) **To discuss any Planning Matters to hand**  
There were no planning matters for discussion

**6) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement**

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

There had been no transactions since the last meeting.

**7) Minor Matters**

a) The pump near the Old Reading Room is looking sad, with the thatch now gone, and several of the beams rotting. This does not provide the right impression to visitors.

b) Much of the traffic on the A149 travels too fast and there was an accident on the Victoria cross roads on the afternoon of the meeting. There were plans to reduce the 40mph to 30mph, as part of a larger scheme, but these have now been abandoned. Would the Estate be prepared to place “village entry gates” at both ends of the 40mph zone? These appear to assist in other places but would be much too expensive for our small budget.

c) The boardwalk onto the beach currently ends some way above the sand and there is a large step to negotiate. This is very difficult for pushchairs to manage, and probably impossible for wheelchairs.

d) Vegetation at the junction of the A149 and the B1155 (Burnham Market Road) is very high, making vision difficult, and needs to be trimmed, particularly in view of the speed which some vehicles approach the junction from the direction of Dale Hole.

KL would write to the Estate about items a-c), and to Highways about item d)

**8) To confirm date of next meeting**

Tuesday 5 September 2023 – 1800 at Heritage House

NB This is one week earlier than usual.

After the formal meeting KL had blank copies of the old Members Interests Forms for Councillors without computers to complete. Elaine Hendry completed hers. Derek Jarvis decided not to and having been told that this was a legal requirement decided to resign as Councillor with immediate effect.

**The meeting closed at 1920**