



# Holkham Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 1800

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

### 1a) Election of Chairman

Daisy Hone was proposed and elected, signed an acceptance of office, and immediately took the chair.

### 1b) Apologies

Harvey Gunhouse would be a few minutes late

### 2) Declarations of Interest

None

### 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 18 July 2023

Agreed and signed

**Harvey Gunhouse arrived at this point**

### 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 the need to clear drains and ditches to prevent flooding, an investment to support Norfolk tourism, and congratulations to GCSE and VTQ students. These had sat exams, as opposed to receiving teacher assessments for the first time since 2019.

At the meeting he was also able report success with the proposed opening of a new facility to replace the closed Polka Nursery. This would be called "Little Gillies" and it was hoped that it would open after October half-term. It would be community run with County Council assistance.

#### b) North Norfolk District Council

Peter Fisher said that he had not produced a report as little had changed during the holiday season. However, the government pronouncements on Nutrient Neutrality (NN) were likely to have an effect on Planning. There were a lot of plans "held up in the system" because of NN. It depended on how fast the government acted to change the law on NN. If it acted quickly those plans that were held up, including the big new development in Fakenham, were likely to take precedence. If the government was slow to act, then plans for places like Wells (unaffected by NN) would go through first.

#### c) Parish Clerk

KL had provided a report to Councillors which is attached to these minutes and appears on the website.

In addition, he said that he had received a reply to his letter to Peter Mitchell. Peter was sympathetic to a repair of the pump house and is looking into it. The “gap” at the end of the boardwalk is the responsibility of Norfolk County Council. Jake Fiennes has been in touch with them, and I was asked to reiterate the request to NCC – which I have done. He is prepared to “jointly fund” village gateways but is not convinced that they will slow traffic.

A discussion on this matter ensued and it was decided in the first instance to write to NCC highways asking if there was any possibility of re-instating the proposed 30mph speed limit through the village which would have helped if the scheme for the whole coast road had not been abandoned. MD said that he has a small budget for highways improvements if we eventually decided to apply to the Parish Partnership Scheme for Village Gateways. KL mentioned the “Speedwatch” scheme, but Councillors did not think that this would be popular.

### **Michael Dalby left the meeting at this point**

#### **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 not been produced, as there was only one transaction since the last meeting; this being the repayment of £35 to the Barclays Account which was direct debited in error at the time of our account switch.

#### **7) To discuss the search for additional Councillors**

DH suggested a possible person who other Councillors believed might be suitable. If this person was interested, they would be invited to the November meeting.

#### **8) Minor Matters**

DH thought that the initiative should be taken to try to install some of the “old spirit” into the village. This seems to have been lost over the years. PF said that in his village they had started “coffee drop-in” sessions where local residents could meet at the village hall. These had proved popular. Holkham no longer had a village hall, but maybe somewhere like the cricket pavilion could be used. It was agreed to agenda this matter for discussion at the next meeting.

EH asked if future meetings could be held at 1830 instead of 1800. All agreed that this was suitable and would commence with the next meeting.

#### **9) To confirm date of next meeting**

Tuesday 14 November 2023 – 1830 at Heritage House

**The meeting closed at 1855**