



Holkham Parish Council

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2024/09

Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 1830

Present Laura Bailey, Harvey Gunhouse, Clary Harvey, Elaine Hendry, Mark Morrell, Emma Sargent
(Chairman)
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Peter Fisher (NNDC)

1) **Apologies** None

2) **Declarations of Interest** None

3) **Minutes of the Meeting held 9 July 2024** Agreed and signed

4) **Reports**

a) Norfolk County Council

Michael Dalby had sent a report which had been distributed to Councillors. This is appended to these minutes and appears on the website.

b) North Norfolk District Council

PF issued a written report which was circulated to Councillors at the meeting, is appended to these minutes, and appears on the website. NNDC has a budgetary “black hole” of £1.2m due to the cost of housing homeless families. This is a statutory duty which is not fully funded by central government and has risen considerably over the past few years. One of the areas that they are considering saving money is in the provision of public toilets (not a statutory duty) and a review is currently being undertaken. It is possible that the Beach Road toilets in Wells will in future be closed during the winter months.

c) Parish Clerk

KL did not have any information to provide in a report before the meeting. However, the day before the meeting he had received an email from Electoral Services asking if the Parish Council agreed that the “temporary” move of the polling station from *The Victoria* to the *Ancient House* should be made permanent. Councillors agreed that the *Ancient House* was a good alternative in view of the fact that there is now no public meeting place in the village.

5) **To discuss any Planning Matters to hand**
None

6) **Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement**
A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors.
There had been no financial transactions since the last meeting

7) Minor Matters

The A148 through the village was still in a poor state although white lines had now been repainted and presumably road studs were about to be added. KL would speak to Highways.

8) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Agreed as Tuesday 12 November 2024 – 1830 at Heritage House

The meeting closed at 1910