



Holkham Parish Council

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2024/11

Minutes of meeting held at Heritage House, Wells Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 1830

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

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| 1) Apologies | None |
| 2) Declarations of Interest | None |
| 3) Minutes of the Meeting held 10 September 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. In addition, he said that devolution discussions were ongoing. He did not know whether this would include Suffolk.

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. In addition, he said that the proposed development on Mill Farm in Wells would be discussed in committee on Thursday 14th; Officers are recommending that it be approved. The plan is for 47 dwellings, of which 21 will be affordable.

c) Parish Clerk

KL had written a report which had been circulated to Councillors. This is appended to these minutes and appears on the website. In addition, he mentioned a circular that he had received from NNDC on the day of the meeting. This stated that there were 117 homes in the Parish, of which 8 were second homes or holiday homes. There is also one empty (for at least 6 months) home. There are 42 households in the Parish on the housing list.

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

- 6) **To approve the budget for 2025/2026 and fix the precept.**
KL had prepared a budget for the coming year. He stated that for the past couple of years we had very little surplus at the end of the year, and he recommended that we increase the precept from £3500 to £4500. This was agreed.

7) Financial Statement and Accounts for Settlement.

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. There were no queries on the spreadsheet provided.

8) Minor Matters

The A148 through the village had not yet been repaired and KL would once again speak to Highways. There were also several potholes in Chapel Yard and also in the road which runs parallel to Park Road and is routed down past the back of the old Reading Room. These are the responsibility of the Estate

9) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Agreed as Tuesday 14 January 2025 – 1830 at Heritage House

The meeting closed at 1915