

Great Snoring Parish Council

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Present: Averil Cooper, Tom Norman (Chair), Joyce Tibbitts

and: Tom FitzPatrick (District Councillor) and seven members of the public

Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council on Thursday 13 July 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Social Club

MINUTES

Welcome

1) **Apologies** from Steven Hall, Dawn Spiteri (Vice-Chair), and Michael Dalby (County Councillor) were accepted.

2) **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by the Councillors in any of the items listed below. None

3) It was agreed to **co-opt** David Clifton to fill one of the two vacancies.

Proposed by	T Norman	Seconded by	A Cooper	vote	all
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4) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** – 11 May were approved and signed.

5) **Matters arising:** Progress on items from previous meetings for information or reminders only. Items not on this agenda requiring decisions will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. None.

6) **The Meeting was temporarily closed** for Parishioners to express any concerns they have and for reports from the District and County Councillors.

NNDCllr Tom FitzPatrick: report from the District Council: following the elections in May the Council has introduced a new corporate plan with goals to improve local homes that are sustainable and of high quality; local economy and local businesses; customer focus; democratic engagement; quality of life for residents (particularly the elderly): make NNDC financially stable and have a campaign to protect trees and hedgerows.

David Perowne: spoke in response to numerous rumours circulating around the village at present. 'Firstly, the rumour that when we restock Top Farm and Lower Farm, we will be changing to intensive farming is not true. The legal definition of intensive farming is birds more than 25kg per square metre (as is stated on the GB poultry register), we currently stock at 9 birds per square metre, with the birds weighing 1.8kg. When we restock in February, we will again stock at 9 birds per square metre on the same flat deck system as before, the only difference is the chickens will not have access to the range. When a vaccine for Bird Flu becomes available, we will revert back to Free Range, our decision to change temporarily to barn egg production is solely for welfare reasons. At Lower Farm we will no longer keep ducks, so the mobiles on the field will be removed and the muck carted away after 12 November when our restrictions are lifted. We will keep our quail in one of the buildings at 6.2 kg per square metre, both a long way from being intensive!!! Secondly, the sheds at Top Farm have not been mucked out, this will not happen until after 12 November, and the muck removed from the village, we are currently removing equipment in preparation to mucking out and washing. Whilst I understand the logic behind the idea of no flies with no chickens, means that the chickens are the sole cause of the flies. I have two comments about this as the fly survey shows we are not a truly fly free village, also in May 2018 we had a visit from environmental health because of large fly numbers in the village, and we were empty!!! If you are in any doubt about my sincerity I suggest you listen to my interview on Radio 4's Farming Today on Tuesday 4

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July, available on BBC sounds, or feel free to contact me by email david@topfarmeggs.co.uk, due to current biosecurity restrictions we are unable to offer any visits around the poultry, if and when restrictions are eased we will be happy to show people around.

Tim Schofield of Raven Development spoke about the planning application at land west of School Farm. He explained that it was an outline planning application to see if it would be possible in principle to build a two-storey dwelling on the site using the criteria set out by the government for self-build. Although NNDC does not have its own policy for self-build, it will consider the application in the light of the national policy and guidelines. Since the introduction of the policy in 2016, NNDC has granted consent for one self-build dwelling. There are currently 157 people on its register for self-build. To be eligible for self-build a person has to be meet certain criteria including being in full-time employment and three years resident in North Norfolk and the self-build will be their principle private permanent residences for a further three years. The idea for this project if outline permission is granted, will be for Raven Development to work with the self-build owner to design a dwelling (which will then go through the usual planning application process with consultation) and then build the property.

The Archive Group said that once the Kissing Gate had been formerly added to the Definitive Map they would be collecting funds and arrange for the making and installation of a new kissing gate. The upright support was firmly fixed in the church wall so the hinges could be re-used and the wall left undisturbed. Enough funds would be collected to cover ongoing maintenance (similar to the arrangement for the Parish Clock).

Concern was raised about the newly painted wall at listed building 90 The Street.

The Chair re-opened the meeting.

7) Planning

a) **Proposals** received from NNDC since the last meeting:

- i) PO/23/1216: Erection of self-build two storey detached dwelling (outline with all matters reserved) at **Land West Of School Farm Fakenham Road**. Link circulated. It was decided that there was no objection to this application. However some concern had been raised about the sewerage system in the village and whether there is sufficient capacity for further building. The sewage from the village is collected at the station near the bridge and from there it is pumped to the works in Little Snoring. There have been major problems with leakage both on the road and in the meadows and then into the River Stiffkey.

b) **Decisions** made by NNDC

- i) PF/22/2850: Erection of garden building (garden room/ store) at **Methodist Chapel The Loke** . APPROVED

8) Highways: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

a) **Items to report**

- i) Overgrowth obstructing pavement outside Church House
- ii) Hedgerow obstructing speed limit signs on Thursford Road
- iii) Vehicles obstructing pavement outside Forge Yard

9) Street furniture / Environment

a) **Kissing Gate:** Hazel Seekings or organising subscriptions to make a fund to replace and maintain a kissing gate once the final decision has been made to add the gate to the Definitive Map.

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b) Fly Survey

- i) 29 surveys completed: 14 from Thursford Road, 6 from The Street, 5 from Dilldash Lane and one each from Fakenham Road, Norwich Road, The Loke and Walsingham Road. While 22 noted that they had unacceptable levels in previous years, 8 reported that they also had unacceptable levels this year (Dilldash Lane, Thursford Road, The Street and Walsingham Road). One reported problems year around, others reported problems starting in April, May and June. Most said that the problems were general worse during July and August. The flies are worse in warmer (and wet), sunnier weather. The majority commented that the problem seems to have been solved because there is no poultry at the moment. However this is not the case across the village, e.g. some properties on Dilldash Lane have had a problem with flies since April.
 - ii) Report sent to the Environmental Protection officer and team at the District Council with a request to investigate areas with problems this year. The Officer has requested that people with fly problems contact her. Residents to be notified via the newsletter.
- c) **Litter Pick** set a date at the next meeting.
- d) **Dog Fouling** – a continuing problem. Signs encouraging people to pick up after their dogs to be put up at strategic points around the village.

10) Allotments

- a) Steven Hall has not been able to cut back the vacant allotments and suggests that FT Grounds Maintenance trim them as last year. Once the growth is cut back he should be able to mow it back and keep the growth under control.
- b) Notice has been given to a tenant who has not paid rent this year and has not cultivated the allotment that this breaches the Tenancy Agreement. No response has been received, so it was agreed to handover the allotment to a new tenant.

11) Gurney's Ground

- a) It was noted with appreciation that two benches have been provided for the play area.
- b) It was noted that FT Grounds Maintenance pegged the turfs on the mound and have left the grass uncut to allow it to establish properly.

12) Financial business

- a) **Receipts** 1 Apr – 31 May: Recycling credits £32.98; Precept (1st of two instalments) £3250, HMRC VAT refund £4430.72, donation for use of Gurney's Ground for Church fundraising £15; allotment rent £60.
- b) **Regular payments** 1 April – 31 May: salary & on costs
- c) **Balances as at 31 May:** Current ac: £10,897.21; Savings acc (allotment deposits): £303.13; Defib savings £38.53 & chq ac £30.33; Clock savings £587.23 & chq ac £3.
- d) To note that the Standing Order instruction to pay FT Grounds Maintenance had to be resent to Barclays as the first one was not set up.
- e) **The following payments were approved:**

Payee	Cheque no	Amount	Date
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (bottle bank)	100487	£9.00	16/05/2023
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (bottle bank)	100488	£4.80	17/06/2023
Joanna Otte (expenses)	100489	£43.14	
Walsingham Parish Council (newsletter June)	100490	£10.08	
Gt Snoring Social Club (hire of hall)	100491		
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (bottle bank)	100492	£4.20	
JGCT (refund of VAT for playground)	100493	£4278.07	
FT Grounds Maintenance (SO order not set up until July)	100494	£502.28	

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13) Correspondence: mail circulated as usual via email

- a) It was noted that Rodent Services are now part of Vergo.
- b) Email received from the District Council with information as follows: ‘Notice is hereby given, in accordance with regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that North Norfolk District Council submitted the Proposed Submission Version **North Norfolk Local Plan** to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities on 11 May 2023 for independent examination.’ The submission documents are available for public inspection via the Council’s examination website at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/localplan

14) Items for report or placing on the agenda for the next Meeting.

15) Date of the next meeting will be on the Thursday 14 Sept 2023 at 7 pm in the Social Club.

Meeting closed at 8pm