

Minutes of the Meeting of Tasburgh Parish Council held in Tasburgh Village Hall on Tuesday 21st July 2021 7.30pm

Present

Jill Casson (Chair), Geoff Merchant, Keith Read, Matthew Read, Preston Thomas, Willie Crawshay and Tina Eagle, Parish Clerk

Also present

No members of the public present

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Michael Edney, Brian Hill, and Adrienne Watts.

2. Declaration of interest for items on the agenda and applications for dispensations

Keith Read, Jill Casson and Matthew Read declared an interest in Agenda item 15e, and Willie Crawshay Agenda item 11a (i)

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2021

The minutes of the last meeting previously circulated were considered. It was **agreed** to accept the minutes as a true record of the proceedings proposed by, Keith Read seconded by, Matthew Read, all in favour.

4. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021

Due to no planning applications being received the meeting was cancelled

5. Urgent Items to be raised through the Chair

It was reported that along some parts of Saxlingham Lane private hedging is encroaching onto the Highway making it very difficult for pedestrians in these areas. It was agreed to write to occupants asking them to trim back the hedges. **Clerk**

6. Update on matters arising from the minutes

a) Asset of Community Value Nominations

It was noted all five nominations had been approved by the District Council and would be added to the Council's Community Asset register for a further five years.

7. Correspondence

a) Parish Partnership Scheme 2022/23

It was **agreed** to add to August agenda for discussion.

b) New Rangers Partnership

It was noted that any future reporting of work for the Rangers to undertake in Parishes would now be done using the Norfolk County Council online Highway reporting system. It was noted that the road signs needed cleaning.

8. Reports on Meetings Attended

a) Village Hall Management Committee

As previously circulated

b) Poringland Safer Neighbourhood Team Public Meeting

Keith Read attended this meeting. It was disappointing that no residents were in attendance to raise their concerns directly with Police representatives in person. PC S Locke provided an

alternative contact number to report vehicles driving/parking dangerously or abusing a 7.5 ton weight limit. The three local priorities **agreed** were speeding, burglary and violent crime.

- c) Councillor networking session
No report available.

9. Finance

It was resolved to pay the following:

a) Tina Eagle	Salary/Expenses	£463.71
b) Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension Contribution	£142.30
c) Public Sand & Gravel Marlpit	Yearly Rent	£25.00
d) GeoXphere Ltd	Annual subscription	£42.00
e) Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment DD	£272.91

The payments presented were **agreed** proposed by, Matthew Read, seconded by, Preston Thomas all in favour.

- f) Quarterly inspection of accounts and budget comparison
Willie Crawshay had inspected the accounts and confirmed their accuracy. The first quarter budget comparison previously circulated was noted.

10. Public Participation and Exchange of Information

The meeting was suspended to allow the public and those Councillors with a prejudicial interest to speak.

- a) County Councillor Alison Thomas
Not available
- b) District Councillor Michael Edney
Not available
- c) Public Comments
None present

Willie Crawshay raised his concerns that 2 oak trees had been taken down on Flordon Hill which appeared to be in good order.

Willie Crawshay requested that the Parish Council should show leadership and remove restrictions with regards to the wearing of face masks and social distancing now that lockdown restrictions have been removed. It was noted that caution and consideration for all members of the Council would still be adopted when attending meetings and would be reviewed on a monthly basis.

The meeting was reconvened

11. Planning

- a) Planning Applications

Willie Crawshay left the meeting

i) **Appl No:2021/1302** Location: The Grange Low Road Tasburgh NR15 1AR

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to residential annexe.

Preston Thomas presented the application to members noting that the conversion of the outbuilding to a residential annexe caused no overshadowing and proposed the application be supported seconded by Keith Read, all in favour.

Willie Crawshay returned to the meeting

ii) **Appl No:2021/1207** Location: Foundry Plant Centre Ipswich Road Tasburgh NR15 1NA

Proposal: Erection of a potting shed.

Jill Casson presented the application to members noting that the erection of the potting shed fitted in with the design of the building and proposed the application be supported, seconded by Keith Read, all in favour.

iii) **Appl No: 2021/1323** Location: 8 Curson Road Tasburgh Norfolk NR15 1NH

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of 2020/1438 – Porch canopy extension and additional roof window to front and change of roof tiles.

Jill Casson presented the application to members noting it was a variation of a previous application to increase the roof windows from three to four, erect a porch canopy and remove and replace the current roof tiles which would have no impact on neighbouring properties and proposed the application be supported, seconded by Preston Thomas all in favour.

b) Planning Decisions

None received

c) Planning Appeals

None received

d) Next Planning Meeting

It was **agreed** that the next planning meeting would be held on **3rd August 2021**. Jill Casson, Preston Thomas and Geoff Merchant confirmed their attendance and Preston Thomas **agreed** to take the plans.

12. Advisory Groups

a) Neighbourhood Plan

The draft minutes previously circulated were considered. It was **agreed** that the village sign logo is to be retained on all publicity material, and costs would be considered at the August meeting when examples of publicity material can be viewed proposed by Geoff Merchant, seconded by Matthew Read all in favour. **AW**

b) Traffic Advisory Group

i) Appoint Parish Council representatives to the group

It was **agreed** to appoint Willie Crawshay and Andrew Patrick as the two remaining members to the group.

ii) To receive nominations and appoint co-opted members to the group

It was **agreed** to co-opt the four nominations as received proposed by Keith Read, seconded by Preston Thomas, all in favour. Geoff Merchant advised that once the group was established he would be stepping down.

13. Consultations

a) South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation

After considerable discussion it was **agreed** to submit comments in relation to Ques 132: Do you agree with the extent of the Settlement Limit and any changes proposed? Yes, agree with the extent of the settlement limit and changes.

Ques 133: Do you support or object to the allocation of the preferred site?

Yes, supportive of preferred site SN4079 and the increased numbers. If planning is approved would reiterate previous concerns objecting to vehicle access from Henry Preston Road. This would increase traffic past the Primary school and therefore sole vehicle access is required from Church Road. The development should also host a housing mix that includes affordable housing and bungalows in keeping with the design and character of the nearby area.

Ques 134: Do you think that any of the rejected sites should be allocated instead of, or in addition to, the preferred site?

Not suitable for reconsideration for the same reasons as outlined at the time of original assessment. **Clerk**

14. Ongoing Projects

a) Community traffic calming

i) Community Speed Watch Group and SAM2

Willie Crawshay advised that the group is still short of volunteers and struggling to create enthusiasm. One new volunteer had come forward and their application is currently being processed. It was **agreed** to discuss how the group can progress at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting. **Clerk**

PC Locke had conducted speed enforcement checks on Grove Lane having received the recent SAM2 data and one motorist was advised about their speed. They were also in attendance on Low Road to monitor the increase in the reported HGV's exceeding the 7.5 ton weight limited.

ii) Extension of 50mph on Bungay Road

It was reported that Highways had confirmed they would not consider an extension of the speed limit as the main trigger for any reduction would be increased residential development, which is very unlikely to happen on such a rural road.

b) Repairs to Low Road Village sign

It was noted that repairs would continue with the weather turning drier.

15. Ongoing Items

a) Covid-19

i) Tasburgh Community Snake Rock

No report available

b) Playarea

i) To receive quotes for Senior Multi-play equipment

It was **agreed** to grant an extension of time as two of the contractors were experiencing difficulty in finalising quotes due to Covid isolations proposed by Jill Casson, seconded by Keith Read, all in favour. **Clerk**

ii) Update on repair to tractor roof

No report available.

c) Burrfeld Park

No report available

d) 1 Million trees in Norfolk

It was **agreed** to obtain more information from Redwings on the land currently available.
Clerk

e) Tasburgh Allotment Society (TAS)

A report of the meeting held on 30th June previously circulated was considered. It was **agreed** to review the situation once the Trustees of the Village Hall Management Committee had cleared the perimeter boundary. It was noted that there is no clear evidence to show that rabbit proof fencing makes any difference to controlling an infestation of rabbits.

16. New Items

a) Health & Safety Inspection Report

Preston Thomas had carried out the inspections and noted the following recommendations:

- Grit bin on Church Hill is overgrown with vegetation from Heritage field hedge **Clerk**
- The handrail to the steps on Burrfield Park nearest the dog bin feels weak **Clerk**
- Horseshoe Footpath post number 2 needs repairing **Clerk**
- There were fallen branches from ash tree by the pedestrian places. It was **agreed** to report to the Diocesan. **Clerk**

b) Quarterly reminder

It was noted that the deadline for articles 6th August

c) Training Event

National Association of Local Councils online training event 'Making Rural Housing more affordable' 17th November 2021 was noted.

17. Items for next month's agenda

Parish Partnership Scheme 2022/23

Burrfield Park request for additional grounds maintenance

SN4079 – Land north of Church Road application

18. To confirm date of next meeting, Tuesday 17th August 2021, 7.30pm Main Hall

It was **agreed** to hold the next meeting in the Main Hall and review on a monthly basis.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

CHAIR