

Little Snoring Parish Council

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Present: G Brown, S Price (Vice-Chair), C Redford, L Spanton, A Talbot (Chair),
and: T FitzPatrick (District Councillor) SNT Fakenham

Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 24 July 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room

MINUTES

Welcome

1. **Apologies** from S Harvey, S Aquarone (County Councillor) were accepted.
2. **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below.
3. **Minutes of the previous Meetings** (22 May) were approved for signing.
4. **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.
5. It was agreed to **co-opt** Gary Brown to fill one of the two vacancies.

Proposed by	AT	Seconded by	SP	vote	all
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- i. He completed a declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.
6. **The meeting was temporarily closed for Parishioners to express any concerns they may have and for District and County Councillors to report.**
 - Report from NNDCllr Tom FitzPatrick: NNDC has achieved the silver award in the defence employer recognition scheme. 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.
 - Report from NCCllr circulated via email.The Chair re-opened the meeting
7. **Planning**
 - i. **Applications received**
 - a. RV/23/1169: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/2326 (Single storey rear extension connecting to garage (to be converted to habitable space) two storey porch extension) to allow alterations to height and fenestration of garage to be converted, and removal of workshop section. At **Little Manor Thursford Road**. Link circulated. No objection
 - b. PF/23/1311: Single storey extensions to rear and side of dwellinghouse at **8 Holt Road**. Link circulated. No objection
 - ii. **Decisions made by NNDC**
 - a. PF/22/2569: Porch extension to front of dwelling at **23 The Croft**. APPROVED.
8. **Highways:**
 - i. Parish Partnership Scheme is open for applications for highway improvements – 50% of cost from the County Council (deadline 8 Dec for 2023-24).

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- ii. Items to report: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>
a. Potholes on The Hill

9. **SAM2:** Report: The unit requires a new Radar. Cost (including labour) £871 + VAT. The Clerk was asked to see if it would be possible to apply for 50% of the cost through the Parish Partnership Scheme.

10. Financial Business

- i. Bank balances as at 29 June: Savings ac £14,535.30; Current ac £2,509.99.
ii. Receipts since 30 April: interest £28.02; HMRC VAT refund £465.17; NCC recycling credits £20.38, payments for adverts in newsletter £100
iii. Regular payments since 30 April: Anglian Water £34; FT Gds Maintenance £350; CGM (playing field) £258.6; Salary & on-costs.
iv. The following payments were approved:

to whom (details of payment)	Date	cheque no.	Amount
Fakenham Prepress Solutions (newsletter)	09/06/23	100916	£129.60
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (bottle bank)	17/06/23	100917	£5.40
Joanna Otte (expenses)		100918	76.51
Walsingham Parish Council (photocopying playground questionnaire)		100919	£14.08
Neil Brodie (emergency lighting etc)		100920	£957.02
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (bottle bank)		100921	£6.00
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (playground repairs)		100922	£4,788.64
Sandra Smith (flower arranging – Arts and Crafts)		100923	£44.30

11. Presentation of the village and reports

- i. **Health and Safety:**
a. Report (assets around the village)
1. Bus shelter tiles and internal board of roof damaged. Quote from Osier Developments received. The Clerk was asked to get further quotes.
b. It was reported that the lock on the bin near The Croft was broken. It was agreed to get rid of this bin, particularly as it was sometime used for disposal of unbag dog poo. The Clerk was asked to approach NNDC to see if they could assist with the removal and disposal.

12. Playground.

- i. **Public consultation:** questionnaire delivered with the Newsletter in June and also circulated to parents at Pre-School and Primary School.
- 19 responses all in favour of new equipment
 - About 50% would maybe help with fundraising: donation, bake sale, coffee morning, yard sale, bingo, craft fair.
 - Interpretation of choices for Slide, Trim Trail, Tipi Carousel and Swings. (first choice weight 4, second choice 3, third 2, fourth 1): Swings – 58 points; Trim Trail – 56 points; Slide – 47 points; Tipi carousel – 29 points. Also requests for zip wire, pyramid climbing nets, ground level trampoline, items suitable for disabled children / wheel chair user, parallel bars, roundabout, fencing.
- ii. **Quotes**
a. **Online Playground:** Replace trim trail items (balance combo, log steps): £2930 and bench: £1290
b. **Kompan:** Total with discount **£30,640** (+ VAT)
Swings (two flatbed, one toddler) £ 4548

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Tipi Carousel	£ 3526
Slide	£ 3137
Jumper	£11434
Picnic table	£ 1362
Bench	£ 737
Grass matting	£ 3407
Preliminaries	£ 3940
Post installation inspection	£ 435
Freight	£ 1830

c. Sovereign:

- Option 1: Yellowstone climbing structure and bench: **£6957.85**
- Option 2: Drop rope traverse, inclined balance weaver, log traverse, walk & stretch posts, stepping stone, and bench: **£7854.50**
- Post installation inspection £480

iii. Paying for the new equipment

- a. It was agreed to apply to the NN Sustainable Communities Fund for a grant (at least two comparable quotes would be required)
- b. Through a one off increase in to the Precept
- c. Fundraising – perhaps a Beetle Drive at the Primary School.

13. Community Room

- i. Fire Extinguisher – arrange with Steward Safety Supplies
- ii. It was agreed to waive the booking fee for a Church Mince Pie funding event in December..

14. Churchyard Conservation Project

- i. It was decided that a date for cutting and raking the long grass would be made in the autumn.
- ii. It was agreed to purchase some large wooden rakes for clearing the arisings about £40 each (£270 available from fund-raising event in April 2022).

15. Newsletter

- i. It was noted that the Priest in Charge was hoping to set up a Friends of Little Snoring Church to fundraise and apply for grants to cover the cost of the repairs and maintenance which had been identified in the recent quinquennial inspection. He would like to include a leaflet calling for volunteers in the newsletter.

16. Correspondence: circulated as usual.

- i. 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

17. Next meeting on **Monday 18 September 2023** at 7.30 pm in the Community Room.
Meeting closed at 8.53 pm

Meeting of Little Snoring Playing Field Association

Following the Parish Council meeting on 24 July 2023

1. **Minutes** of last meeting (22 May) were approved and signed.
2. **Financial business:** balance as at 30 June: £1630.45
3. **Other business**