

NETTLESTEAD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish held at

7.30 pm on 25th January 2023 at Nettlestead Church

Present: Nick Cooper, Fran Cooper, Neil McCarthy, Jeanna McCarthy, Ken Southall.

The Meeting was opened at 7.30 pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Alison Taylor, Ann Pratt, John Pratt.

2. Election of Chairman.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Meeting. Nick Cooper was proposed by Ken Southall and seconded by Neil McCarthy. There being no other nominations, Nick Cooper was unanimously elected as Chairman.

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of 30th May 2022.

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Draft Minutes be approved. This was seconded by Fran Cooper and agreed unanimously by the Meeting. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting of 30th May 2022.

Meeting website - in progress.

Meeting response to the East Anglian Green Consultation - sent.

5. To receive the District Councillor's Report.

The District Councillor was not present.

6. Finance

a. To note the Clerk's Financial Report.

The Meeting noted the Financial Report, including the paper copy of the most recent bank statement that had been emailed out and verified the balance figure stated in the Financial Report. Fran Cooper signed the Financial Report to confirm this.

b. To approve the Parish Financial Budget for 2023/2024 (to include any proposals for expenditure).

Fran Cooper proposed that the Budget be approved. This was seconded by Ken Southall and unanimously approved by the Meeting.

c. To agree the amount of Precept for 2023/2024.

The Chairman told the Meeting that he did not feel there was any need for the Meeting to raise a Precept. Neil McCarthy proposed that the Meeting should not raise a Precept for 2023/2024. This was seconded by Ken Southall and unanimously approved by the Meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to inform BMSDC that the Meeting had resolved not to raise a Precept.



d. To consider any payments under the LGA 1972 S137.

The Clerk informed the Meeting of the 2022/2023 S137 expenditure limit. Neil McCarthy proposed that the following payments be made:

Somersham Village Shop - £300.00

MacMillan Nurses - £110.00

East Anglian Air Ambulance - £110.00

St. Elizabeth Hospice - £110.00

This was seconded by Fran Cooper and approved unanimously.

7. Governance

a. To approve the Meeting's Financial Regulations and Controls

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Financial Controls and Regulations be approved. Ken Southall seconded this and it was approved unanimously by the Meeting.

b. To approve the Meeting's Risk Assessment (Financial and Other).

Ken Southall proposed that the Risk Assessment (Financial and Other) be approved. Neil McCarthy seconded this and it was approved unanimously by the Meeting

c. To approve that the Clerk continue as Responsible Financial Officer.

Fran Cooper proposed that the Clerk continue as Responsible Financial Officer. This was seconded by Neil McCarthy and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

d. To note the change of provider for the Meeting's insurance cover.

The Meeting noted this, the Chairman having explained that the previous provider had increased the premium for 2022/2023 considerably and that the new company provided similar cover at a more reasonable cost.

8. To consider any response to DC/22/06288 | Hybrid Planning Application 1. Full Planning Application. Erection of 3no warehouses and new vehicular access. Extension of estate roads, boundary landscaping, nature reserve and SUDS. 2. Outline Planning Application. (Access and Landscaping to be considered) for further estate roads and 6no warehouse plots. | Port One Business And Logistics Park Bramford Road Little Blakenham.

The Chairman explained that he had drafted out a possible response on behalf of the Meeting. Neil McCarthy asked that it should include a request that the buildings be fitted with solar panels to make use of the roof area and decrease the need to cover farmland with solar panels. Members agreed that the draft response was an excellent summary and thanked the Chairman for producing it.

ACTION: Clerk to send amended response to MSDC Planning.

9. AOB

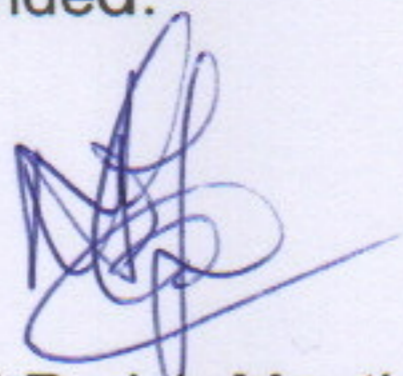
Jeanna McCarthy gave an update on the various power line projects in the area. Valley Ridge - the Chairman said that there had been no news from BMSDC on this.

The Meeting noted the complaint from a resident about the damage to footpaths in the area caused by farm machinery and that she had been advised by the Clerk to contact the Public Rights of Way Team at MSDC.

Neil McCarthy thanked the Chairman and the Clerk for all their work for the Meeting and this was agreed unanimously.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.08pm with thanks to all who attended.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. McCarthy', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Chairman Nettlestead Parish Meeting.

Date: 10th May 2023