

STOKE FERRY ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held
On Wednesday 20th September 2023, at 7pm in the
Village Hall, Lynn Road, Stoke Ferry

162/23 To record the names of those present

Cllr T Mann Vice Chair – Chair of the meeting, Cllr D Robinson,
Cllr D Stoking, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr G Reeve, Cllr A Howard, Cllr L Juniper-Solley
and Cllr S Collins

4 members of the public
Cllr M Storey – County councillor
G Robinson – Clerk and RFO

163/23 Openness and transparency notice - The Parish Council record the meeting.

Aggressive or abusive behaviour towards members of the Parish Council, staff or members of the public will not be tolerated. If this happens you will be asked to leave the meeting and if necessary, the meeting will be suspended. Member of the public asked to only speak when they are permitted to do so. The Chair of the meeting read the above statement.

164/23 To receive and consider acceptance for apologies of absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr S Lintern.

165/23 To receive declarations of interest from members or to note dispensations where applicable

There were no declarations of interest.

166/23 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th July 2023 and to note matters arising (Clerk's Report)

Cllr Taylor proposed that the minutes should be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Stoking and all agreed, with the exception of Cllr Juniper-Solley who abstained as she did not attend the meeting.

Matters arising

Footpaths

Update from a parishioner that kindly walks the footpaths regularly.

All footpaths not walked yet but will be in the next 10 days.

Route 1: Cattle grazing in field as before but no bull in evidence, I was able to skirt them quite easily and they didn't present a problem I cleared some overhanging branches near the bridge.

Route 3: The farmer has kindly placed bamboo marker poles across the field on FP1 to mark the route of the path, this is useful, as when the field has been harrowed it is quite difficult to distinguish the path otherwise.

I have cleared the vegetation from the marker post at the junction of School Lane/ River Drove on RB14. The post was totally obscured under heavy brambles and nettles but is now clear.

Wretton Road flooding, School crossing, Speed limit – traffic concerns

Cllr Lintern has a site meeting arranged with Andy Wallace from Highways scheduled for 28th September. The dip in Bridge Road also needs to be raised at the meeting.

Roadshow of household funding support

To showcase various funding streams where residents can go to get household support. J Medlock is getting leaflets for distribution around the village and the 5 villages in the same ward. To be held on 12th October from 11am to 1pm at the Bluebell. J McNeill to co-ordinate the event.

Land behind Buckenham Drive - land clearance/ Coronation Living Heritage Fund for Woods and Orchards

Clerk noted that the Senior Valuer at BCKLWN had been asked to give an update and told that the area is now clear.

A Stannard noted that there is still more rubbish to be cleared.

It was **resolved** that the slabs, concrete and brick rubbish on the site should be reported to fly tipping by the Clerk. Cllr Taylor to send pictures of this to the Clerk to assist with the reporting process.

Letter to all Parish Council Chairs from the Leader of the Borough Council

Cllr Mann to attend session for the Parish Council and Cllr Lintern to attend in her capacity as a Borough Councillor.

The Common land

Solicitor has confirmed that they are still waiting for draft documentation.

Playing field

Over hanging branches on footpath and field were removed by Freebridge during the month.

Tree preservation order correspondence received

2/TPO/00287 – 1990 No. 16 Stoke Ferry

South of Favor Parker Premises Furlong Road oak tree meriting protection has been added to the current order. It was noted that the order is in place and the Parish Council has received an unsigned copy for their records.

Reminder

Councillor training 10/10/23 from 10am till 3pm in the village hall. Cllr Collins is unable to attend but all other Councillors intend to attend.

First aid course 11/10/23 from 9am till 3pm in the village hall. The Clerk asked for further confirmation of people wishing to attend as not all organisations had confirmed who would be attending. Cllr Juniper-Solley agreed to support the Clerk in this matter.

Phone box

It was reported that this is now working and is in good order. Councillors discussed why is it so important for a public phone box to be available in the village.

167/23 To Adjourn the meeting to allow for public comments (in accordance with standing order 3(j) and 3 (k) item shall not exceed 15 minutes)

It was noted that the road sign that was reported about on coming vehicles is now completely down to the ground outside Dukes Head in the middle of pavement. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would take pictures of this to assist the Clerk in reporting this matter.

168/23 Cllr Sue Lintern (BCKLWN) and Cllr Martin Storey, (NCC), if in attendance

Cllr Storey reported:

- NCC can not support Greater Anglia closure of ticket offices. And the consultation was rushed through.
- Rural bus services are to make improvements to the bus service between Thetford and Kings Lynn and Munford will be improved too along with other local improvements.
- Councillors had a chance to visit farms and noted a new successfully tenancy.
- Street lighting – final upgrade is now taking place over the next 24 months.
- Concrete as in news – only one school in Norfolk has had a problem but Academy schools have their own portfolio. NCC has noted this to schools over many months already
- Million tree scheme – 270,000 trees planted in Norfolk. There is a discount now available. These are in packs and are whips. The ones purchased for the cemetery recently were found to be better quality.
- County deal is still ongoing
- QE hospital being rebuild is still ongoing. Multi-storey car park should be done by 2025 and then the hospital will be built by 2030. QE is a victim of the concrete problems.

Cllr Mann was very impressed with the new buses for the villages and feels this is wonderful for the village.

- Recycling centres will have free disposal of certain amounts and for some bulk amounts. Problems found with using the Crimlesham site and not consistent – Cllr Storey noted that this need to be reported to the Borough Council.

169/23 To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Cllr Hayward noted that an event to celebrate the completion of the Neighbourhood plan was held on 5th October. The printed Neighbourhood Plan books have been ordered for everyone and will be ready to be given out at next month's meeting.

170/23 To consider for approval any action in relation to the land transfer of Limehouse Common

The Clerk had nothing to report.

171/23 To consider planning applications that require Parish Council comment

- a) 23/01549/F - Removing existing porch to the front of the property and replacing with a new upgraded porch. at 1 Lime Kiln Lane Stoke Ferry King's Lynn Norfolk PE33 9UA – Deadline 3rd October 2023

<https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RZT92IIVIOI00>

Cllr Hayward proposed that the application should be supported, this was seconded by Cllr Reeve and all agreed. It was **resolved** to support the application.

- b) 23/00177/RMM - Reserved Matters Application for 62 dwellings including layout, external appearance, scale and landscaping at Land On the South West Side of Lynn Road Stoke Ferry Norfolk – Deadline 2nd October 2023 <https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RPBKJPIVHX700>

The members of Stoke Ferry Parish Council would like to support this application with the following comments:

There needs to be some type of official crossings or raised tables, which will slow the traffic through the development. They should be strategically located where the public footpaths lead to the most likely crossing.

There needs to be some type of screening at the playing field, perhaps tall trees - this was previously asked for.

At the entrance onto Lynn Road, there needs to be a crossing to slow traffic.

Discussed asking for double yellow lines, but not thought possible at this time.

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor that this response should be made. This was seconded by Cllr Robinson and all agreed.

- c) 23/00178/RMM - Reserved Matters Application for 30 dwellings including layout, external appearance, scale and landscaping at Furlong Store Furlong Road Stoke Ferry Norfolk – Deadline 2nd October 2023 <https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RPBKKHIVHX800>

The members of Stoke Ferry Parish Council would like to support application 23/0178/RMM with the additional comments: there is a need for 'raised tables' to be added to the roads to slow traffic. Play equipment has been shown on the site plans but it was requested that funds should be given towards the existing playing field in the village to contribute to the improvement of play equipment at that site.

It was proposed by Cllr Juniper-Solley that this response should be made. This was seconded by Cllr Hayward and all agreed.

172/23 To consider financial items

Balance at bank as at 15th September 2023

UTB - £33,648.60

To consider income

Cemetery charges £140.00

To consider amounts for payment

It was proposed by Cllr Reeve that the following payment should be made, this was seconded by Cllr Juniper-Solley and all agreed. It was resolved to make the following payments.

Payee	Regards	Gross
G Robinson	August wage	331.10
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	52.40
D Limbert	August work	100.00
CGM	31.5.23 Inv 254458	372.09
CGM	30.6.23 Inv 255165	318.83
CGM	31.08.23	318.83
NPower	Electric	103.49
A Stannard	Bin emptying	25.00
A Stannard	Removal of ground waste	400.00
H Richardson	Microsoft one year renewal- expenses claim	41.99
G Robinson	Fasthosts – Expenses claim	28.78
R Leggett	NP Stage 5 and printing	665.96

It was noted that Cllr Mann is now a register signatory as previously agreed.

To consider CGM financial compensation amounts. It was resolved to accept the offered £80 credit.

173/23 To approve the register of decisions made on email to be ratified at the next council meeting

Skip hire for cemetery £400

Printing of NP for councillors £684.00

Freebridge housing application (to be called in), Lavender Cottage certificate and Furlong Drove land - agreed to call in

Cllr Taylor proposed that the above items should be formally adopted by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Stocking and all agreed.

Opening cemetery extension land for soil £2495 plus £200?

It was noted that it was necessary to consider the above item prior to this meeting as the previously agreed work needed to be started and the gate/fencing would impact that work. However, after discussion it was agreed that a gate would not be necessary. After topsoil from the path extension has been moved onto the neighbouring field the opening would be closed with stock fencing. If at such time a gate is needed on the neighbouring field, then the leaser of the field would be required to pay for that if they required it. This arrangement was proposed by Cllr Reeve, seconded by Cllr Mann and all

agreed except for Cllrs Stocking and Cllr Taylor who abstained.

The current leaser of the field was thanked for taking the path extension topsoil. Cllr Taylor confirmed that the work to make the gate had not started and the order could be cancelled.

174/23 To consider register of memorial benches as discussed in the cemetery policy, in relation to the offer of a new bench in July

It was **resolved** that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Taylor to confirm the current locations of benches and where there are spaces for additional benches.

Cllr Storey left the meeting at 9.07pm

175/23 To consider plans for the Remembrance service

It was resolved the arrangement would be exactly the same as last year. To be held on 12th November. Clerk to confirm wreath have been ordered.

176/23 To consider plans for the Christmas event

Cllr Juniper-Solley would like to know the date for this event – agenda item next meeting. It was discussed if members wanted to do something to carry on after the craft fair on 9th December time to be confirmed.

177/23 To consider invitation to bid for Parish Partnership 2024/25 – deadline for application 8/12/23

Clerk to find out ownership of the footway that needs resurfacing. Agenda item next month.

178/23 To receive urgent items of concern & matters to be included on the next agenda from the Parish Council and note forward items

Key for village hall – Cllr Reeve has a key.

Cllr Taylor noted that the defibrillator is connected code needs to be confirmed as being given to ambulance service. Cllr Taylor will do this.

Cllr Hayward noted that NP does not need to be on agendas anymore.

Cllr Collins reported School Lane sign.

A Councillor reported the pothole down Bridge Road outside the Bull

Cllr Reeve discussed the cloud of white dust coming from 2Ag recently in particular on to Indigo Road. Cllr Collins to take this matter up with 2Ag. It was agreed that this needs to be reported to the environmental health as there have been many reports in many parts of the village. Seem to be coming from 2Ag, the air quality monitors have now been turned off.

Bridge Road hedge needs cutting back (village side of the fishing lake) owned by Hails and the other side, Cllr Lintern may be able to assist with this.

Highway ranger – footpath opposite the cemetery is overgrown and needs clearing - Clerk to report.

School lane to Wretton Road towards Wretton is now overgrown. - Clerk to report

Ask highway rangers to clean the village gates.

179/23 To approve next meeting will be the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Stoke Ferry Village Hall

180/23 To resolve on moving into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s.1 (2)

There were no items of a confidential nature.