



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th MAY 2024 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Stuart Perry (SP), Jane Rimmer (JR), Steve Rimmer (SR), and the Parish Clerk.

2 members of the public

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Eastwell, Markillie, Roberts, Wallace, and de Winton.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 18th of May 2023** proposed JR, seconded SR and all in favour who attended.

REPORTS:

4. **Chairman's Annual Report:**

1. I am very pleased that the Neighbourhood Development Plan was passed last November and it is already assisting with planning applications. Many thanks to all involved in this project. We have been very busy with planning applications. We encourage anyone planning to make planning applications to consult with OHPC first.
2. The Traffic Regulation Order for the summer parking restrictions continues to move slowly forward and it is hoped we can see this up and running for the 2025 season. In the meantime, cones will be used again to help alleviate seasonal parking problems.
3. Our next project will be to look at the possibilities of a 20mph speed limit on the A149 and we have 2 speed monitors set up to provide evidence of speeding and vehicle numbers throughout the year. We have already seen speeds of up to 70mph and recently an ambulance on blue lights was stuck in a traffic standstill.
4. We have replaced the broken defibrillator and hope to work with the village hall in arranging some training.
5. Permissive paths- we have identified some possibilities but will need cooperation from local landowners to progress this.
6. Nature reserve – we note that both Holme and Thornham now have one. We need to identify willing volunteers and a potential piece of land in order to take this forward.

7. The village sign has seen a total restoration and looks splendid.
8. The playground is monitored regularly, and new signage has been installed.
9. A special thank you to Caroline Boyden, our Parish Clerk, who expertly and enthusiastically administers, manages, and organises all we do on OHPC.

5. Borough Councillor's Report - None

6. County Councillor's Report:

Parish Report May 2024.

County council's performance and priorities

Norfolk County Council's annual review report and a delivery plan for 2024-25, showing its priorities for this year, has now been published.

I would encourage everyone to read our plan for this year, to be aware of all the work that continues to be done.

You can read the reports at:

https://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/norfolkcc/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=Nrf4%2fUO5zvT574ggsv2FnmkjSVBhu20FeieBFNJVWCVS44BJyV9tZg%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8L_yw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNIh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTlbCubSFfXsDGW9lXnlq%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFfIUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAjvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHDURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d .

Highlights of the council's performance over the last year include:

- Agreeing a £600 million-plus devolution deal to bring powers and funding from Westminster to Norfolk
- Spending £1.5 million per day on adult social care, including help for 11,000 people to return home from hospital.
- Securing £49.5 million of Government funding to improve bus services, with an 18 per cent rise in passenger numbers.
- Delivering ultra-fast broadband to more than 6,900 premises, with superfast broadband now covering 97.3 per cent of properties.
- Serving more than 1.8 million library customers.

Key priorities for this year include:

- Delivering the devolution deal and an economic strategy for Norfolk
- Delivering better quality, local and affordable care for children, including more foster carers
- Continuing to deliver supported living housing programmes for adults
- Delivering library hubs, including a range of services, in King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth
- Completing the roll-out of LED streetlighting, to cut costs and carbon emissions

Cabinet has also discussed the start of its budget planning process for next year. The council's current savings target is £44.7 million.

Economy-boosting Local Enterprise Partnership to continue under County Councils

Business support and other economy-boosting services delivered by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) are to continue following its integration into Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils.

Key functions and employees of the LEP transferred to the authorities on 1 April 2024 as part of the Government's devolution process. Its functions include business representation, strategic economic planning, and responsibility for the delivery of government programmes.

Business support will continue to be provided by New Anglia Growth Hub - which delivers the LEP's business growth programme, including the administration of grant schemes.

Major construction and infrastructure projects across Norfolk have received significant funding thanks to the LEP's Growth Deal with Government, which secured £223.5m for the region to 2021. These include the recently opened Herring Bridge in Great Yarmouth, the Digi-Tech Factory at City College Norwich, and Productivity East, the centre for engineering, technology and management at the University of East Anglia.

Great Yarmouth's Operations & Maintenance Campus for the offshore industry, and the North Walsham Town Centre improvements were among the shovel-ready schemes for which the LEP secured £32.1m from the Government's Getting Building Fund.

The LEP's work can also be seen in the projects supported via its Growing Places Fund, such as Broadland Food Innovation Centre at the Food Enterprise Park at Honingham.

The economic development team, now working within Norfolk County Council, will be continuing this work following finalisation of Norfolk's Devolution deal.

Details of Norfolk's Climate Plan

A range of initiatives to support Norfolk's climate plan have been revealed, including:

- A pilot to develop a sustainable and viable seaweed industry in Norfolk - the project will work with partners in the Netherlands, already implementing sea farms
- Supporting the development of nature-based solutions to help secure Norfolk's long term water resilience
- Further walking and cycling improvements in places including King's Lynn, Norwich, Great Yarmouth, and Dereham
- The Council has released its Pollinator action Plan, designed to enhance pollinators on County farms and roadside verges, as well as helping to inspire wider action across Norfolk.
- This sits within our Local nature recovery strategy. These reports can also be read via the above link.

Andrew Jamieson

County Councillor for North Coast

Deputy Leader and Member for Finance at Norfolk County Council.

7. Parishioners Open forum

Traffic on Beach Road with vehicles parked preventing deliveries to be made.

The signage is non existent and visitors not sure where to give way etc.

An accident waiting to happen.

To discuss further with County Councillor Jamieson later in the meeting.

The meeting ended at 18.11