

HARPLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Clerk: Ms. Caroline Boyden. Chairman: Mr. Brian Chandler.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held, after due notice, on Thursday 23rd September 2021
from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

No questions or comments from members of the public

061/21 Present: Cllrs B Chandler (Chairman), N Steed, A Case, J Pocklington,
S. Rose Cllr Chenery, and Clerk (C Boyden) with 1 member of the public.

062/21 Apologies: Cllrs, Cable, Peak and Moriarty

063/21 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Steed on Community Car Scheme

064/21 Reports from County and Borough Councillors -

Cllr Chenery has kindly agreed to take the old, signed minutes from the clerk to County Hall for storage in the archives. There is a full council meeting next Monday at County Hall and work has taken place to ensure the airflow is improved. Cllr Chenery reported that he has come off the Health Scrutiny Committee as it conflicts with his work on the Mental Health Committee, and he continues to be a Champion for the Elderly.

The 50:50 partnership scheme was discussed again, and the Parish Council will go ahead with purchasing a SAM2 speed unit and Cllr Chenery offered to fund £1000 towards this unit. Clerk to confirm this in writing.

ACTION CB

Cllr Moriarty:

1) QEH bids for a new hospital

Today (Thursday 9 September 2021), we have submitted our bids to bring a new hospital to King's Lynn and West Norfolk. We have submitted two Expressions of Interest to the Department of Health and Social Care – one for a single-phase full new build and another for a multi-phase development. While a single-phase new build would cost less and deliver much greater benefits, we understand the restraints of national capital budgets – and so we have also submitted one for a multi-phase development. A multi-phase development provides a scalable option that still delivers some benefits and would be a vast improvement on our current estate. We have done this to give us the very best chance of securing the national funding we so badly need. We are confident that we have a very strong case.

The simple truth is that our buildings are in a desperate state and have reached the end of their life – with 210 props in 46 areas of the hospital, we are the most propped hospital in the country.

2. The borough council is encouraging residents to take the food waste challenge to help the environment. By doing so, they could win high street shopping vouchers worth £250.

A leaflet has been delivered to every house in the borough this week that highlights what you can and can't recycle in your food caddy. On the back is an #IStickeredMyBin sticker to place on your black waste bin to remind you to use your food caddy. "If the resident has placed their outdoor food caddy out for collection and used the #IStickeredMyBin sticker on their black bin, then they could win £250 to spend on the high street. Each week, for four weeks, a street will be picked to visit at random, and one property will be selected. Details about the competition, including terms and conditions, and details of how to apply for a free replacement kitchen caddy or outdoor food waste bin can be found at west-norfolk.gov.uk/foodwaste. If you have not received a leaflet and sticker by 8 September, let us know and we will get one sent to you.

3. Councillor Community Grant Scheme – Policy Document

Every Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk District Councillor will be given a grant budget of £1,000 to award for projects/initiatives/events that will offer community benefits in their own ward area.

The council is committed to promoting equality and diversity and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community, regardless of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, age, status, religion, or belief.

Basic rules of the scheme

- Projects/initiatives/events must benefit the community in the councillors' ward area.
- The minimum grant is £50 and the maximum £1,000 for each councillor.
- A councillor can fund up to 100 per cent of the total cost of a project, initiative, or event
- The grant should be spent within 12 months of the grant award decision.
- All the councillors' budget should be allocated by the end of the financial year. Any unallocated budgets at the end of the financial year will return to the council's general reserves.
- Councillors should make their decisions whether to award a grant within six weeks of receiving an application

Eligibility

Local constituted groups or organisations whose primary purpose is to benefit the residents of their community.

Who is not eligible?

- Other local authorities/public sector bodies
- Individuals not part of a community group
- Profit-based businesses
- Political and lobbying groups
- Nationwide organisations

What we will fund

Applications should focus on projects, initiatives or events that deliver a clear and demonstrative benefit to the people of west Norfolk, specifically in the ward area of the district councillor considering the request. The Borough council accepts no liability or responsibility for any of the projects/initiatives/events funded by this grant scheme, now or in the future and should not involve officer time or any ongoing costs such as maintenance.

Appropriate projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Replacement equipment or improvements to community centers/halls
- A community newsletter
- A contribution towards a specific event (lunch club, celebrations of national events such as the Platinum Jubilee, community picnics, refreshments after community events etc)
- Improvements to community facilities (for example accessibility improvements)
- The purchase of equipment for community use
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- One-off repairs
- Major repairs such as repairing a section of roof or major boiler repairs (but not routine servicing) to community buildings.
- Contributions towards initiatives with a specific purpose of improving the health, social mobility, social isolation and wellbeing of members of the community

What we will not fund

- Retrospective funding for work/projects already commenced
- Statutory activities that are either the council or another public sector organisation responsibility
- Building or repairs costs which are the responsibility of another organisation or landlord
- Recurring revenue costs (salaries, rent, maintenance)
- Projects that benefit private businesses
- Political activities, lobbying or campaigning
- Projects that, in the assessment of the borough council show actual unlawful discrimination within the terms of the Equality Act 2010

Applications will not be considered during the period of purdah up to borough and county elections.

Motion passed by Council 9th September

This Council has recognised the scientific and moral need to act decisively on climate change' for some time and has introduced a portfolio, policy and measures to significantly reduce its impact on its carbon emissions and the environment, with an intent to support these going forward with a specific budget. It is now the right time with this Council focused activity well underway for us to now declare a 'climate emergency' to magnify the global message of the need for action to local residents, businesses and partners in West Norfolk and signal our strong commitment to help them make positive changes.'

065/21 To approve the draft minutes from the meeting held on the 29th of July – proposed Cllr Chandler and approved by those present.

066/21 Matters outstanding from the July Parish Council Meeting:

- a. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – the Clerk read the report from Clare & Phil Peak which gave a very positive summary of proposed events.

This to be discussed further at the November meeting including the road closure proposal and a contribution from the Parish Council. The Village Hall will not be making a charge for use during the celebrations.

b. Noticeboard – this has now been repaired and looks good, however several advertisers not from the village have started to use this and these will be removed. Adverts for village events only are welcomed.

c. Playground – the clerk has applied for a lottery grant of £10k to cover the required maintenance and this should be announced just before Christmas. The additional insurance quote had been received and will commence when the work has been completed.

067/21 Correspondence and Communications –

- a. Parish Partnership 50:50 Scheme – the bus shelter was discussed again but as only one application can be made a year this has been shelved.
- b. Parish Partnership 50:50 Scheme – Confirmation from earlier discussion to go ahead with the application for our own SAM unit.
- c. Support for the Great Massingham Community Car Scheme – agreed to make a donation of £200.00 in the next financial year.
- d. Local Plan Review – following the information from Cllr Moriarty at the last meeting, it was agreed that there is no further comment to be made.
- e. Dumped tree trunks by the disused bus stop – the clerk advised that these had now been removed.
- f. Ranger’s work – the clerk has sent in a request for the 3 drains at the top of Back Street to be cleared and overgrown trees on Back Street covering the road sign. Cllr Steed advised that 3 finger posts on the footpaths were damaged and full location details to be provided for the clerk to report to County. The clerk reported that the Community Payback scheme was returning this Saturday. Cllr Rose advised that the pads and battery on the defibrillator were due for replacement in October. Cllr Chandler reported that following the recent heavy rain, gravel had collected at the entrance to Brickyard Lane and needed sweeping up.

068/21 Planning Matters: no applications to consider

069/21 Finance

Accounts presented:
Bank Reconciliations to 31.8.21 gave a figure of £16,639.07 presented and accepted.
Payments due:
1. CGM grass cutting £ 18.00
Proposed Cllr Steed and approved by those present.

070/21 Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:.

- Queens Jubilee Update.
- Play Area.
- Draft Budget/Precept

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **25th of November** at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.
There being no further business the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.