

Minutes of the Annual Cley Parish Meeting

Held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 6.30pm at Cley Village Hall

Attending: Cllr Holliday (Chairman and NNDC District Cllr), Cllr Allen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr High, Cllr Williamson, Cllr Holman, Cllr Baker, Cllr Meadows and Parish Clerk Gemma Harrison.

8 members of the public were present.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies.

1.1 Cllr Holliday welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 County Cllr Eric Vardy sent his apologies.

2. Declarations and Dispensation Requests by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below.

2.1 None.

3. Agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2022 (Circulated prior to the meeting)

3.1 The minutes were PROPOSED by Cllr Holliday and SECONDED by Cllr High and AGREED by all.

4. Receive the Chairman's Report for 2022 – 23

4.1 The Chairman's Report can be seen in Appendix A.

5. Receive Accounts for the year to 31st March 2023

5.5 Clerk gave an update on payments and receipts for the year, the full list can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.

6. Public Opportunity for Questions to Councillors

- A member of the public raised a question about the handrail on the steps adjacent to Artemis. Clerk to request an update from the Trails Team and copy in County Cllr Eric Vardy. **GH**

- A member of the public asked about the Water Pressure in the village as they had noticed a significant drop in water pressure in the last few weeks. Clerk to raise this with Anglian Water. GH
- Newgate Green Improvement Works – The Parish Council are waiting for a design from the Highways Team. Clerk to speak to the Design Team for an update. GH
- Bins – A member of the public reported that bins (not being stored after collection) were still a problem in the village. It has been previously suggested that a paid volunteer could take bins in and out of second homeowners' properties. It was also suggested notices should be placed on bins which have been left out after bin collection. Clerk to action the above. GH

Cllr Holliday thanked Calum Meadows for the last 4 years in which he gave his time as a Parish Cllr, this was Calum's last meeting as he chose not to stand in the recent Parish Elections. The Parish Council is carrying one vacancy and will look to co-opt a new Cllr at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 18.47 pm.

Chair's Report

2022-23 was another hugely successful year for Cley Parish Council, due entirely to our outstanding Parish Clerk, Gemma, who goes over and above her duties to serve our parish, and our hard-working Cllr's, who are always prepared to help out.

We had two outstanding royal celebrations. At our jubilee party in June 2022, a hog roast and the Old Wild Rovers were enjoyed by about 150 guests and raised an impressive £627 for Ukrainians in Norfolk. At our coronation picnic in May 2023, for which Gemma very cleverly obtained a lottery grant of £1100, about 225/parishioners enjoyed cream teas, ice cream, music, and children's games in glorious sunshine. Many thanks to our inspirational committee members for organising and hosting.

We received a grant of £2000 from the Norfolk Community Foundation to set up a Warm Space , and the Village Hall very generously gave us a reduced rate for the Club Room which allowed us to open three days a week for 4 months. A very generous parishioner and her sister donated a fabulous coffee machine, and we served delicious coffee and cakes to and played bingo with parishioners. By popular demand we are now running a community cafe on Wednesdays, which is supported by generous donations. We are very grateful to all our helpers who offer a cheery welcome.

A great deal of work took place on the allotments. We employed professionals to clear away asbestos. Many more plots have been let and 310 hedge trees planted. We were fortunate to receive a grant of £1840 from Norfolk County Council to put in a fifth tap and install 20 water butts. We also held two well attended and enjoyable allotment socials. Special thanks are due to Christine and Roy Williamson for the enormous amount of time and effort they put into keeping the allotments running smoothly.

New this year was our Toad Patrol under the direction of Richard Sear supported by a grant of £360 from Norfolk County Council, which paid for signs, hi viz jackets and head torches. 24 volunteers went out in March in all weathers to save 1129 toads, 105 frogs and 11 newts. This was a brilliant result and we are very grateful for everyone's hard work.

We received a Community Support Grant of £2500 from Norfolk Community Foundation which we have been distributing to parishioners who need help.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our litter pick in March which collected 18 bags of rubbish from the Parish.

Our Heritage Walk has proved popular and we are very grateful to Richard Jefferson and Sarah Poppy for the historical content, and to Gemma for organising a grant of

£3000 from North Norfolk District Council 's Art and Heritage Fund to pay for very eye catching leaflets and the to-be-produced information boards.

The initial drop-in session to launch our Neighbourhood Plan Launch was well attended. The work on the initial phase, which is to gather the evidence supporting the need for a Neighbourhood Plan, is funded by a grant of £9990 from Locality.

We've still to complete the Newgate Green (in front of the church) improvement works which will see limited church parking and the grass banked and restored. We're participating in the campaign to save Blakeney Surgery.

We hoped to reduce the number of bins incorrectly placed outside properties. We counted 100 bins where they shouldn't be, but so far have had little impact.

This is the fourth year we've been asking for NWT to install a temporary loo on the beach to no avail. Though we know 'unsanitary instances' occur, frustratingly we are being asked for evidence in order to restart discussions.

We've tried twice to start a Speedwatch group to check speed into the village but haven't had enough volunteers to make this possible.

We've deferred any action on traffic problems in Cley. None of the many alternatives considered seemed entirely satisfactory or guaranteed to be effective, so it was deemed inappropriate to invest large sums. Parking seems less of an issue than previously so we've removed the cones and will review.