

NEW HOLLAND PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting of New Holland Parish Council held on **Wednesday 21st February, 2024** at New Holland Community Centre, Barrow Road at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr L Hudson (Chair), Cllr K Anderton (Vice-Chair), Cllrs K Baker, G Edwards, A Rank, N Woodhead

Clerk to the Council: Ann Boulton

Ward Cllrs: R Hannigan, D Wells

Members of the public

AGENDA

2402/01 Apologies for absence.

Cllr S Roberts – the apology was noted
Ward Cllr P Clark

2402/02 To receive a statement regarding accounts at the Community Centre.

The Clerk read out a statement regarding the shortfall in electricity payments and the arrangements for repayment. The statement also looked at the amount of electricity that had been used since the café was vacated.

2402/03 Public Participation

- *Questions were asked regarding the electricity and the matter discussed. The meter will be checked for accuracy and, if found necessary, the shortfall will be adjusted.*
- *Concerns about potholes on Marsh Lane and Oxmarsh Lane were raised. These will be reported to NLC.*
- *The matter of overhanging trees on Marsh Lane will also be reported.*
- *It was asked when the pavement on Westburn Avenue up to the new development would be reinstated. It is understood that this is a matter for the developers but it will be checked.*
- *The drains on Marsh Lane are unable to cope with the amount of rain and residents can't flush their toilets. Ward Councillors asked for reports to be shared with them.*

2402/04 Declarations of Interest

- a. To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. *None*
- b. To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. *None*

2402/05 Minutes of Previous meeting

To approve Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on January 17th, 2024.

Resolved: To approve and sign the Minutes

2402/06 Ward Councillors' Reports

To received reports from Ward Councillors

Cllr Hannigan reported that although NLC had an agreement with an outside agency to sell advertising on roundabouts, none would be sold in New Holland. The boards have been taken down and the posts will be removed shortly.

He is working with the transport department to sort out problems caused by the changes to the 260 bus timetable to take in East Halton and South Killingholme and asked that any comments are passed on to him. The timetable will be reviewed in six months.

Cllr Wells said officers were meeting with the officials concerned regarding the flooding.

He said that there is a link to the Community Governance Review for comments and advised that Parish Councils keep an close eye on information that is sent out.

He feels that most councils have about the right amount of councillors so PCs need to stay aware of the Review.

2402/07 Delegates Reports

- a) Flood Resilience Advisory Group – *no-one was able to attend the last meeting and the minutes have not yet been received.*
- b) NATS – *no meeting*
- c) BCCRP – *owing to the sudden death of the BCCRP chairman, the planters have not yet been delivered*
- d) ERNLLCA – *a group councillor training session was held in Barrow and was attended by two councillors and the Clerk.*

2402/08 Allotments

To receive an update on allotments and land

Cllr Baker reported that there is the possibility of leasing land off Marsh Lane. Certain criteria would have to be met and the PC may have to find the finance for a new access.

The progress was noted. It was hoped to have more details at the next meeting.

2402/09 Community Centre

- a) To receive a progress report on solar panels installation

The Clerk reported that an engineer had surveyed the Community Centre and a connection box would be installed in the kitchen. Scaffolding would be erected on March 4th and the panels installed on March 7th and 8th. It will be possible to separate the café and community centre meters so each is billed separately.

- b) To receive a list of possible events in the Centre

Booking forms had so far been received for bingo on a Wednesday afternoon, Craft Club on Tuesday afternoon and a Community Coffee Morning on a Thursday when the Post Office is in the Centre. Games night is also being organised.

Cllr Edwards also said that a chiropodist has been booked for one morning a month and the idea of a plant sale had been put forward.

- c) To discuss cleaning and general caretaking at the Community Centre

An offer to clean the centre had been made by Mrs Graves in return for holding the games night and craft club rent free. She could use money

raised from the coffee morning and events to re-stock the toilets and will do the weekly Health & Safety Inspections.

Resolved: To accept the offer temporarily until the end of March then review the arrangement.

2402/10 **Highways**

To receive an update on matters reported to Highways

Nothing has been received regarding repairs. Matters discussed at the meeting will be reported.

Regarding the extension of the footpath on the by-pass from Marsh Lane to the roundabout, the Clerk said the PC is one of many requests and funding is limited, but Cllr Hannigan said he was pushing for it to be done.

2402/11 **Gardens and grass cutting**

To agree length of contract awarded to Nettleton Mowing & Maintenance

Resolved: To agree a three year contract with an annual review.

2402/12 **Recreation Ground**

To update grant for fencing around equipment

The Clerk has had quotes for this and a grant is being applied for.

It was explained the once the fencing was installed, the PC could apply for a Public Space Protection Order to keep dogs away from the equipment.

2402/13 **Projects**

To update possible events in the village

Cllr Hannigan said grants were being awarded for D-Day events. New Holland has applied to put on an afternoon tea for veterans and will contact the Royal British Legion for help with names.

2402/14 **Community Governance**

To consider documents recently received regarding possible changes.

This was discussed under Ward Councillors reports.

2402/15 **Planning**

No applications or approvals received.

2402/16 **Finance**

a) To approve January accounts

Resolved: To approve the accounts. It was pointed out that the PC has now changed electricity suppliers which accounts for a reduction in the bill.

b) To approve February payments (below)

Resolved: To approve the accounts

			VAT	Total
Yu Energy	Electricity	654.39	129.08	774.47
YU Energy	Gas	356.65	17.83	374.48
Tesco Mobile	Council mobile			24.99
Clerk	Expenses			20.20
Clerk	Salary			

2402/17

Minor Items

Cllr Edwards said that the Community Centre would need broadband now that the café had closed and recommended trying Internetty. The Clerk said that Worlaby Village Hall had just changed to Internetty who had done the installation free of charge. Enquiries will be made.

2402/18

Agenda items for the next meeting

2402/19

Date of next meeting

Wednesday, March 20st, 2024 at 7pm

To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

2402/19

a) To discuss the tenancy of the Community Centre flat

Two applicants had viewed the flat and one was interested. The rent and terms of the tenancy were agreed. The door and windows have been replaced and carpets professionally cleaned and gas and electrical inspections have been carried out so it is ready to move into.

b) To discuss the possible tenancy of the café

The rent was set and a tenancy agreement will be drawn up. The successful applicants will be informed.

The matter of the allotments was also discussed and costings will be sought for work that will need to be done.