

SOUTH CREAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of South Creake Parish Council held in the Memorial Pavilion on Monday 4th March 2024, from 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors, P Abbey, T Allen, J Amor, S Baldwin, P Collins, L Goodall, R Chantree, and B Sexton. County Councillor M de Chenery.

Members of Public: 8

1. Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Morley, Rosen, and parish clerk
3. **Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items:** None.
4. **Minutes**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th of February 2024 were proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Sexton, and all in favour who were present at that meeting.

5. Parishioner's Questions and Statements:

Pavilion report – the coffee morning held on the 21st of February was well attended, despite the inclement weather and raised £138 for the Pavilion funds. The raffle, which is always for a charity with local connections, raised £94 for You Are Not Alone.
A new season of quiz nights started last Friday, and it was reported that a good night was enjoyed by all. A magnificent sum of £403 was raised for the Pavilion funds.
A new sound system was recently installed in the main hall and has already proved to be beneficial for those attending on Thursday afternoon get togethers at the same time as the coastal community shop. It is pleasing that the Pavilion, even with the encroaching flooding, has remained dry and flood free. A compliment to the original funding and planning team.

A member of the public raised the issue of speeding through the village, stating that the tankers, although doing a good job were thundering through at speed. The traffic lights were causing people to speed up to try and get through on green. It was asked whether the speed limit could be reduced to 20mph but as the speed limit has only just, after many years, been reduced to 30mph it was unlikely to be further reduced but could be looked into.
The speed camera van has not been seen in the village lately and perhaps could be requested?
Looking into putting one of the SAM2 signs near the bus shelter.
There was a discussion on flooding and what could be done long term.

6. Reports from County and Borough Councillors and Police:

Cllr de Chenery had sent out a general NCC report and confirmed the £1000 for the new bench from his members fund. He stated that he had asked for the drains to be unblocked and this had been actioned with all other work been programmed.

7. Matters Arising:

- a. Wood carvings – no update
- b. Flooding update. The Chairman updated on the outcome of the meeting at Burnham Market and how all agencies need to work together, and momentum needs to be kept up once the water subsides. Further work needs to take place with local land owners to open up ponds and flood areas to slow down the flow into the Burn. A village resilience plan is to be looked into.
A licence has been granted to pump directly into the River Burn but is not felt that things are bad enough for this to take place.

It has been requested to dredge the river, however there is a zero tolerance to dredging but representatives of the Environment Agency will visit the village to see if anything can be done. Our MP is doing a lot of work in the background to try and get the various agencies to be joined up, work together, and do their jobs.

Individuals in the village and The Common have been pumping now for 7 weeks to try and protect properties.

Cllr Amor was thanked for arranging the TV cameras visit.

8. Open Spaces:

- a. SAM2 signs – Cllrs Abbey and Sexton advised that a data download would take place in the Spring.

9. Footway/ Lighting – no issues reported

10. Finance

- a. To approve the March (to date) payments – Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Amor, and all in favour.
- b. To approve the February bank reconciliation, bank statements and payments/receipts – proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Amor, and all in favour. £44,011.28 in the bank accounts to 29.2.24. J Raby to be appointed as our Internal Auditor.
- c. Sarah Harvey to contact Santander to get the account closed asap.

11. Correspondence:

- a. Clerks Report: taken 8 calls regarding flooding issues and all reported. Damage to the memorial site curb and grass to be repaired by AW as caused by their tankers. Parish Council logo based on the village sign for approval, and all thought a good idea. Burnham Market are keen to bring back the flood alliance and our Chairman keen to join.
- b. Items need for the next newsletter – none
- c. Gypsy and Traveller consultation document – Cllr Goodall stated that the Borough Council have proposed two sites, both privately owned. One already has permission, and the other is an additional pitch for a family member. All the other sites were found unsuitable at this time or to be looked at longer term.
- d. Beat your Bills – Clerk advised Borough to get in touch with the Pavilion to make a booking.
- e. D24 09. D24 10. D24 11, D24 12 – Highways Act 1980 Section 31 (6) – Cllr Sexton is awaiting further information on this and will give an update at the next meeting. The footpath access across The Acres appears to be missing.
- f. Damage caused by Anglian Water to the ground near the memorial as per 11a. Work to start this week.

12. Highways Matters

- a. Damage to the drains have been reported.

13. Planning

- a. To consider new applications at the time of publishing:
 - 24/00175/F** - Change of land use to allow limited tourism between March and October and location of 6 touring caravans. at The Elms The Common South Creake Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9JA – Objection to this due to over saturation of the area. There are currently 10 small touring caravan sites and 1 large site on a 3 mile stretch of the B1355, due to the high electricity costs and over saturation of pitches, they are all suffering and the latest site to be opened 2 years ago has been more or less empty.
 - 24/00137/O** - OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH SOME MATTERS RESERVED FOR: Detached Dwelling with landscape works incidental to the development at The Elms The Common South Creake Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9JA – The Councillors recommended objecting to this application. This piece of contaminated land has changed hands numerous times since the original owners were turned down for planning due to the ruling of the planning office that it has been abandoned in planning terms. Each of the new owners has tried to get planning and have been told no. Highways have yet to comment on this application as they have requested to be informed as to what has changed to allow this application.

The application states a speed limit of 20mph when it is 50mph and that infill DM3 stated that the infill should be to provide affordable housing which it is clearly not. The original owner attended this meeting and stated how unfair it would be if this was to be allowed.

- a. To consider new applications at the time of publishing:
24/00046/TREECA|T1 - Ash - Remove and replace with more suitable, smaller tree. T2 - Wild Cherry - Crown to be reduced. |11 The Green South Creake Fakenham Norfolk NR21 9PD – supported.
- b. To consider plans received since publication of agenda - None
- c. To note application decisions:
None
- d. Appeal to refusal- 23/00066/REF | Construction of new garage for Goldcrest House | Goldcrest House Avondale Road South Creake – Appeal in progress
Horseshoe Farm Roman Road South Creake Norfolk - Alleged unoperational development – Appeal in progress

14. Allotment Matters

To receive a report from the Allotment Subgroup:

All allotments are now full and there is a waiting list. Notice to increase rents from April 2025 has been sent out and the rules are to be tightened and implemented. Thank you to all involved.

15. To propose items for the Parish Council website: none

16. Parishioner’s Participation: A member of the public asked about opening up the Southgate water meadows and the Chairman stated that properties on Southgate had difficulty with septic tanks and would need to be consulted.

17. Date of next Parish Council meeting and any agenda items:

It was noted that the next meeting was to be held on Monday 15th of April 2024 at 7.00pm.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed: 8.07 pm.

APPROVED MARCH PAYMENTS

C Boyden	Salary	230.83 *	
HMRC	PAYE	57.60 *	
SSE	electricity	109.22	Standing Order
NPTS	annual subscription	171.53	
Gallagher Insurance	addition of playground surface	34.15	

* Note. Local Government Association pay increase back dated from 1.9.23 will be included

Signed :

Date