

RUMBURGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – 16 March 2022
Start 7.30pm

1. The chairman, Pieter van Dijk, welcomed councillors Julie Flatt, Julie Williams, Stephen Stannard, Winky Evans, and Paul Spill.
The clerk Boyd Coote was in attendance.

Apologies: Paul Fenner (ill). Acceptance proposed by chair, seconded by Councillor Spill.
Council accepted.

2. Members of the public in attendance: nine
Wissett PC Chairman outlined reasons to oppose the Solar Farm on Grays Lane.
- Arable land being taken out of food production
 - Health and Safety - Fire risks, flooding, noise and Glint and Glare
 - Environmental – effect on wildlife, bio-diversity
 - Tourism –

Seeking signatures on a petition against this development

Question from resident – will council think again about planting a tree on the Pleasure Ground as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative? The chairman stated council has already considered this as unsuitable at the previous meeting on 2 Feb 2022.

Question from Trustee Village Hall Committee – the trustees wish to plant a community orchard on the allotments field. The trustees have approached East Suffolk Council and Alburgh Feoffees as to who owns the land. Chairman advised that he has responded in connection with this matter to one of the Trustees. The land is a statutory allotment site protected under the Allotments Act 1925. As such, it's use is under the remit of the Parish Council for use as allotments only.

3. Declarations of interest: none
4. Minutes of previous meeting 2 February 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. Matters arising - none
6. Finances – balances as follows – C/Acct: £2616.28; BP/Acct: £5313.75. Councillor Spill verified bank reconciliation. Cheques approved 100556 £13.75 Alburgh Town Lands Estate (quit rent). Clerk advised council of VAT reclaim up to 28 Feb 2022.
7. Annual review of Financial Management, Internal Control & Risk: This was undertaken by council for the year 2022-23. The statement was approved and signed by the Clerk/RFO and Chairman with a confirmation signed by the Chairman (attached).
8. The annual review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations was undertaken by the council and all were found to be appropriate.
9. Risk assessments of parish assets - Councillors Stannard and Spill will action minor repairs to play house, bus shelter and assault course.
10. Queen's Jubilee – Picnic Table. Council unanimously agreed to purchase the 3m Surrey table with wheelchair access. Councillors Spill and Stannard will organise installation on a concrete base. Clerk to approach Councillor Cloke re possible grants for concrete base.
11. Allotments – Working party to clean up vacated plots and clear ditch.

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12. Request to use Pleasure Ground for Jubilee Celebration – Council authorised use by Trustees of Village Hall on Sunday 5 June 2022.
13. Litter Pick – Councillor Evans is trying to locate equipment to help with this. Councillor Williams will assist.
14. Planning – Solar Farm. No update as Councillor Fenner not present.
Clerk to ask Councillor Fenner if he can arrange presentation/meeting with PACE.
15. Correspondence – Already sent to councillors
East Suffolk Council
- News: We want to hear Youth Voices!
 - Planning and building Control Newsletter January 2022 (2)
 - A rural community need for young people
 - Councillor Judy Cloke - Parish Reports, newsletters and recycling
 - Preparation of Housing in Clusters and Small-Scale Residential Development in the Countryside
- SALC
- news e-bulletin 31 Jan 2022, 7 Feb 2022, 14 Feb 2022, 21 Feb 2022, 28 Feb 2022, 7 Mar 2022
 - e-newsletter - February 2022
 - Climate Forum Network
 - area forums - March 2022
- Headway Suffolk Neuro Conference 11 May
- No further action on above correspondence**
- Pathfinder Clean Energy (PACE) Proposed solar farm on Grays Lane, see item 14
Proposed Solar Farm Grays Lane Wissett (ref. DC/21/4643/EIA). see item 14
Trustees Village Hall – see item 12
16. Parish Meeting: Clerk to arrange speakers and advertise meeting.
17. Matters to be brought to the attention of council at the next meeting: Update on allotments
18. Date & Time of next meeting: 4 May 2022 after Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.46

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