

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Parish Hall, Kirby Bedon on Tuesday 21st May 2019

Present: Mr T Cane (Chairman), Mr G Chilvers, Mr M. Johnston, Mr K. Whiley, Mrs A. Pinder, Mr M. Lane, Mrs. H Bosworth, Mr V. Thompson (Norfolk County Councillor and South Norfolk Councillor) and Mrs L. Robinson (Clerk).

Apologies for absence:

Mr T. Gotts

Minutes of the last meeting:

A draft of the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018 were adopted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

Mr Johnson and Mr Whiley again raised the issue of caravans and non-mobile homes parked on Whitlingham Lane. Mr Whiley had called the police, but no further action had been taken at this time. The management of the car parks at Whitlingham is due to change, using wardens on foot. Currently there is no barrier on the second car park by the play area. There is no CCTV here either.

Tony Hammond's planning application for a bungalow to be built at the caravan site has been turned down. However he has gone to appeal and as yet has heard nothing.

Lisa Robinson has taken over the role of Parish Clerk.

South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk County Council Report.

Mr Thompson discussed the South Norfolk District Council reports in further detail. South Norfolk and Broadland Councils will be rolling out more shared services. After an 8 week consultation the Government have a standardisation for how many houses should be built up to 2036 and South Norfolk only need another 7500 to reach this target.

The dualling of the A47 between Blofield and Burlingham has been given the go ahead.

The Children's Centres consultations have been underway, proposing to reduce number of buildings from 53 to 7. Better access for busses, to help those who do not drive.

John Packman has proposed to take over the running of all parishes in the Broads Authority Area. Mr Cane to write to Glover Report.

The planning application for the Whitlingham Ferry was again discussed and plans viewed. These will be objected to on behalf of the Council, by Mr Whiley and Mr Johnston.

Plans for the road options for a Norwich Western Link were viewed.

The Konnect bus service contract has ended. Our Hire are taking over the contract with the same timetable. The possibility of this being with minibuses will be looked into by Mr Cane. A sensor system is being discussed to alert the Council when roads hit a certain temperature and need gritting. This will save unnecessary gritting.

Improvements have been made to Markshall Bridge. This is a busy bridge with over 6900 movements per day. The sight line is now clear to reduce cars meeting at the top of the deck of the bridge.

The District and Parish Elections will take place on 2nd May 2019.

The garden waste bins (brown bins) collection day may be changing. The Council will be writing to all those with a brown bin to let them know if and when this will happen. No new requests for a garden waste bin will be accepted between 19th October 2018 – 7 January 2019. The dates for the black and green bin collections over the Christmas period have been left with households. South Norfolk Council do remove bulky waste. Mr Cane had to ask them to remove tyres on Trumpery Lane.

Mobile libraries are rarely used. Consultations on this matter have been underway and there may be some changes to this service.

Norfolk will be hosting the 2019 National Road Championships which will take place 28th – 30th June 2019.