

**Draft Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting of Nordelph Parish Council
Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, High Street, Nordelph**

Parish Councillors present: Sarah-Jane Capsey (Chair), Claire Lyus, John Lyus, Helen Thomas, Sue Venn & Pete Gray. Also present: Kate Bennett (Parish Clerk), Chris Dawson (Norfolk County Council), Colin Rose (Borough Council), Vivienne Spikings (Borough Council) and six members of the public
Apologies: None

Minutes

1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 To consider and approve apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

3 To receive a report from the Chairman

The Chairman provided a report outlining the last year's activities within the Parish Council some of which included the provision of a new Book Swap in the British Telecom kiosk at the top of the High Street, a new website and Facebook page for the Parish Council, a new bench at the Staithe donated by the Well Creek Trust and the planting of three birch trees at the Playing Field to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. An ash tree in the cemetery had been felled and a new dog waste bin at the bottom of Birchfield Road installed. The Parish Council will continue throughout 2023 to try and progress the provision of a bus shelter at the bus stop at Silt Road, repair and / or replace the damaged railings along the High Street / Birchfield Road and monitor speeds of vehicles in the Parish (thanks to be recorded to one of our residents of Silt Road who manages the Speed Awareness Message sign for us). Footpath 7 continues to be a project to try and complete this year to open up the circular walk once more with the provision of a new bridge to cross the Bedford Bank. Thanks were recorded to Danielle Gott who stepped down as our Chairman this year after serving on the Parish Council for more than 16 years and the sad news of the passing of Ron Stannard who served as Parish Clerk for more than 54 years was also recorded. The Parish Council has gained four new councillors this year and still carries one vacancy which can be filled via co-option after the 4th May 2023 election.

4 To receive a report from the Borough Council

It was noted that:

- Council tax for a Band D property will increase by £4.50 annually (the Borough Council is ranked 179 out of 181 for charging the least amount) and delivers services over 500 square miles. The Upwell & Delph Ward has an electorate of 5,025.
- All Community Infrastructure Levy requests have been fully supported.
- Funds from Councillor Community Funding have supported the provision of a bench at the riverbank in Nordelph (in association with the Well Creek Trust).
- Enforcement is a very busy department with 593 active cases opened this year.
- From Monday 27th February 2023 a hanger has been provided with waste bins to enable the recycling of small electrical items.
- The Government has offered a new Devolution Deal for Norfolk with £600 million funding offered over 30 years for infrastructure.
- Grants for up to £200.00 are available for Coronation events.
- Voting in the May elections will require photo ID if voting in person.
- Next year's financial budget has been finalized which will hopefully keep rates as low as possible without having to cut services.

- There is a Prosperity Fund of £3 million for investment in community projects; follow this link for further information: [West Norfolk Shared Prosperity Funding | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk \(west-norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk)
- Conversations with the Secretary of State continue surrounding a new hospital in King's Lynn.

5 To receive a report from the County Council

- A guide costing of £80,000.00 had been provided by Norfolk County Council for replacing the railings along the riverbank in Nordelph; clearly this is unattainable. Councillor Dawson has met with an independent contractor recently in Nordelph with a view to getting a quote for repairing / improving / replacing sections of the railings; on going.
- Councillor Dawson is still awaiting a bridge construction cost to complete Footpath 7.
- Councillor Dawson supported the funding request for a new bus shelter at Silt Road.

6 Open Forum

- A representative of the Village Hall Committee provided an update on activities at the Village Hall this year which included hosting a village Jubilee event. A new damp proof survey had been paid for and associated works carried out with £35,000.00 of funding provided by the Borough Council and the National Lottery. A new kitchen has been installed and new lighting in the main hall area. Quiz nights and bingo nights have been reignited and Mally's Pizza Van visits once a month. This year's AGM will be on 15th May 2023 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall.
- A resident of Silt Road reported her on going issues with the school bus not stopping at the designated bus stop at Silt Road. Councillor Dawson agreed to progress the matter with her.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Signed..... Date