

NORTH FRODINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes 7:30pm, 9 October 2023, N. Frodingham Social Centre

Present: Cllrs J Syers (Chair), M Doyle (Vice-chair), A Greaves and D Stead. M Rose (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr S Watson.

Public Participation – There were no requests for public participation.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Watson and Ward Cllr C Dewhirst apologised for not being able to attend.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on the 11 September 2023 were approved.

3. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

4. Matters for Ward Councillors

There were no updates from Ward Councillors.

5. Matters Arising

- a. **Standards Committee Nominations** - Cllrs interested in being nominated for the committee will be sent further information.
- b. **Benches Maintenance** - The Parish Council approved the cost of grass cutting around the village benches for £20 an hour, estimated at 2 hours per visit, to be carried out on an as-needed basis. The initial visit is estimated to take more time.
- c. **NALC Smaller Councils Committee Nominations** – Cllr interested in being nominated for the committee will be sent further information.
- d. **Rough Sleeper Survey** – Cllrs will inform the Clerk of any rough sleepers seen on the evening of Thursday 9 November into the morning of Friday 10 November 2023.
- e. **Overview and Scrutiny** – The Parish Council will not be submitting topics to the committee on this occasion.

6. Administration

- a. **Village Improvement Committee** – Contractors will be contacted for quotes on necessary work to the trees and hedges as indicated in the tree survey on land previously used as an allotment. A quote for work to the repair of the Village Cross for £60 was approved. The ordering of work to remove the ivy from the trees in the cemetery was approved.
- b. **Social Centre** - The next event is bonfire night celebrations on the 5 November, starting at 6pm.
- c. **Cemetery Administration** – The Parish Council considered that introducing the provision of Exclusive Rights of Burial would be a disproportionate financial burden. The use of statutory declarations will be introduced for requests of memorials and/or ashes to be placed on occupied graves. Burial fees will be increased to be in-line with ERYC charges with immediate effect. Plots will be now be allocated in order of rotation.

7. Planning

East Riding Design Code – The Parish Council had no comments on the proposed code.

8. Finances

- a. **Finance Statement and Draft Budget** – The statement was approved. Minor amendments will be made to the draft budget for approval at the next meeting. The Parish Council is required to hold a general reserve while maintaining village services, the current general reserve does not meet the recommended level and necessary expenditure exceeds income.

To help address this the Parish Council approved a 20% increase in the 2024-25 precept, this is estimated to equal an annual increase of £6.92 per band D equivalent property. No new projects are planned for 2024-25 to be met from Parish Council funds.

- b. **Payments** – The following payments were approved

HMRC	PAYE (September)	£79.80
M Rose	Wages and expenses (September)	£353.40
Cherry's	Lawnmower fuel and repairs	£37.84
Ross Repairs	Bench repairs	£520.00
Wilson & Sons	Mowing services (July & August)	£382.00
ERNLLCA	Cemetery administration training course	£90.00
British Gas	Cemetery Electricity (September)	£22.70

9. Councillor's Reports

- Councillors confirmed that the Christmas tree has been ordered.
- Salt bins have been checked and all have good levels of salt.
- The condition of Church Lane footpath will be reported to ERYC again.
- The condition of the footpath outside 72a Main Street will be reported to ERYC again.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm and the next meeting is the 13 November 2023.

Approved: _____ Date: _____