

**Methwold Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm**  
**21 Room, St George's Hall Complex, Methwold**

Present

Councillors: Cllr French (Chairman), Cllr Grassick, Cllr Riches, Cllr O'Ware, Cllr Minkler, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Rodriguez,  
6 members of the public

Clerk

1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. C A Senior was Co-opted as a parish councillor, proposed by Cllr Grassick, seconded by Cllr Rodriguez. Cllr Senior signed the Declaration of Acceptance and took her seat.
3. Members accepted apology for absence from Cllr. Horton.
4. Declarations of Interest (In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011) and requests for dispensations - None.
5. Cllr Minkler proposed to approve and accept the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2024 as a true record of the meeting, Cllr Grassick seconded the motion.
6. Matters arising from the Minutes not included on the agenda but for information only – None.

7. Open Forum for Public Participation

An opportunity to hear from members of the public, Borough, and County Councillor.

Resident congratulated the Chairman on the manner which he conducted the planning meeting, the Chairman thanked the resident.

Bus stop – resident seems to have stopped parking in the bus stop.

The Chairman is to submit a Freedom of Information Request to Norfolk County Council regarding the scaffolding, and hoarding licence at the Old Chapel Methwold.

Road works on Stoke Road, what are these for? Parish council have not been notified of these works.

Traffic at the crossroads was reported to have been jammed due to parked cars.

The dip in the B1112 towards Weeting has sunk again, what is causing this? At the last meeting with Highways this was bought up along with the outstanding jobs in the parish.

The no entry and one-way signs by The George are dirty.

8. Reports: Update and Report from the Open Spaces Working Group to consider the recommendations made at the Open Spaces Working Group on 28th November 2024 to include:

8.1 Cllr Riches proposed to have an additional bottle recycling facility at recreation ground, the cost for this is £25 per tonne, Cllr Thomas seconded the motion - APPROVED

8.2 Cllr Grassick proposed to approve the Medium/High priority work tree works at a cost of £2780.00, Cllr O'Ware seconded - APPROVED

8.3 Cllr Minkler proposed that the Cemetery Fees are increased by £30.00, Cllr Thomas seconded the motion – APPROVED.

9. Finance

9.1 Accounts Update – Bank Reconciliation

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Current Account total on 30th November 2024	£31,932.81
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Tracker Account total on 30th November 2024	£30,295.97
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Saver Account (CIL & S 106) total on 30th November 2024	£63,931.32
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Emergency Reserve Fund on 30th November 2024	£25,672.60
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Total	£151,832.70
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9.2 Cllr Minkler proposed to approve payments, Cllr Thomas seconded the motion - APPROVED

9.3 Cllr Grassick proposed to approve the payment of allocated CIL Funding £2300.00 for building maintenance to MHCCT, Cllr Minkler seconded the motion – APPROVED

## 10. Planning

### 10.1 To receive planning decisions

24/01192/F The Lodge 43 Main Road Brookville Thetford Norfolk IP26 4RB - Construction of Self Build Dwelling and Creation of New Access to 43 The Lodge, Main Road, Brookville Application Permitted 11 November 2024 Delegated Decision

24/01786/F Blackberry Barn 49H Main Road Brookville THETFORD Norfolk IP26 4RB - Construction of barn for the storage and maintenance of a private collection of classic vehicles. Application Withdrawn 19 November 2024 Withdrawn Application

### 10.2 To receive planning applications

24/01953/F Application for a new vehicular access point, to include: Dropped kerb; Removal and amendment to section of boundary wall: Installation of 2.5m gate; and regrading of existing driveway at 29 High Street Methwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 4NT – NO OBSERVATIONS

Update from Planning Meeting 12th December 2024:-

22/00866/FM Demolition of existing poultry sheds, construction of 20 new poultry sheds, 4 workers dwellings and associated infrastructure. at Airfield / Methwold Farm Brandon Road Methwold Norfolk IP26 4RJ 22/00860/FM Demolition of existing buildings and construction of new buildings in connection with pig finishing provision and other associated works at Feltwell Farm Lodge Road Feltwell Thetford Norfolk - The Chairman thanked the parish council and the public for a very good meeting.

### 10.3 To consider planning applications received after the agenda was published.

24/02163/F Variation of condition 2 of planning permission – 24/01192/F Construction of self-build dwelling and creation of new access to 43 the Lodge Main Road Brookville – NO OBSERVATION

## 11. Items received for the agenda:

11.1 SAMS2 Report – Cllr Minkler gave an update, speed figures have reduced slightly, Old – September 18% of vehicles were recorded as above the speed limit - November 15% Crossroads facing Brookville – June 10%, November/December 8% Methwold Hythe – September 57%, December 54% hopefully the message is getting out? The Camera Safety Officer is attending.

The roadworks on Stoke Road are UK Powernetworks.

11.2 Clerk is waiting for the report to be sent regarding the update on Churchyard wall.

## 12. Correspondence

Notice of price increase to haulage, disposal and rental of the skip and bin in the Cemetery.

Response from NCC regarding the booking system at Norfolk Recycling centres -

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/62417/Why-we-have-introduced-a-booking-system-for-Norfolk-Recycling-Centres>

Response from th Senior CSNN Officer in regards the zip wire seat being chewed by dog, this is criminal damage and would need to be reported to the Police, this has been done along with a description of the dog and owner.

Can a sign be installed to indicate where 35-49 High Street can be found? Highways have been asked, awaiting response.

## 13. Chairman's Report – None this month

## 14. Further reports and items for the next meeting agenda – 9th January 2025

Can we find out why there are cones opposite the junction on Stoke Road, by the Cemetery? Have they been put there by Highways or Police?

Awaiting a response from planning enforcement regarding the two queries.

15. To pass a resolution (under the Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960 to exclude members of the public and press for the following confidential items: None

Meeting ended: 20.30