

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)
Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM)
7.00pm on Monday 9 May 2022

Present:	David Howie	Chair
	Richard Harrison	Vice Chair
	Amanda-Jayne Buckland	
	Tim Ford	
	Bryan Swaddling	
	Paula Bidmead	
	Nickie Southgate	
	Kim Austin	Clerk
	Sarah Suggitt	Breckland District Councillor

Also present: 12 members of the public joined the group meeting.
The meeting opened at 19:20. The Clerk took the chair.

1. To elect Chairperson 2022 - 2023

David Howie agreed to stand again as Chair. Cllr. Harrison proposed and Cllr. Bidmead seconded the proposal. David Howie was duly elected as chair for another year. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr. Howie and countersigned by the Clerk. A Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) would be completed after the meeting if necessary. Cllr. Howie took the Chair.

2. To elect Vice Chairperson 2022 - 2023

Nicola Southgate had resigned as Parish Councillor leaving Vice Chair position vacant. Cllr. Harrison had agreed to stand as Vice Chair. Cllr. Ford proposed and Cllr. Swaddling seconded the proposal. Cllr. Harrison was duly elected as Vice Chair. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr. Harrison and countersigned by the Clerk. A Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) would be signed after the meeting if necessary.

3. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ed Connolly who was attending another Parish Council meeting and Dave Thomas. Apologies were accepted.

4. To record declarations of interest from members in any items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

5. To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7 March 2022

The minutes had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. All councillors approved the minutes. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. David Howie.

6. To approve the minutes of Extra Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7 April 2022

The minutes had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. All councillors approved the minutes. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. David Howie.

7. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (7 March 2022) not on the agenda.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. To adjourn the meeting for public participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19:31. There were no comments from the public.
Nickie Southgate gave a vote of thanks for Cllr. Howie as Chair of Rocklands Parish Council. There was a round of applause.

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9. To Co-opt a new Parish Councillor

The vacancy had been advertised following a resignation at the end of last year. Amanda-Jayne Buckland had volunteered to become a Parish Councillor. Amanda's application form had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. There was a unanimous vote from the councillors for Amanda to join Rocklands Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed by Amanda and countersigned by the Clerk. A Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) would be completed after the meeting and returned to Breckland within 28 days.

10. Breckland Council Local Plan - 'Call for Sites' consultation

An email from Breckland explained they were updating their Local Plan and were required to allocate sites to meet the housing, employment and other needs of the district and consider sites for specific protection from development. They were therefore undertaking a 'call for sites', an opportunity for Parish Councils, individuals, landowners and developers to suggest sites within the District for development or protection over the next 20 - 30 years. All sites received through the call for sites consultation will be made publicly available. Deadline for suggestions is 20 May 2022.

Sites for Development (Including residential, industrial or commercial).

Local Green Spaces (Areas of land of particular importance to a local community).

The emails from Breckland had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Howie had produced a list of suggested sites for development and local green spaces and circulated to all councillors. Criteria had been publicised and would need to check against.

Development Sites (No backfill).

- The Street, from new house to pond (Linear) Outside settlement boundary. One permission had previously been granted and one refused.
- The Street, on the corner at the junction with Brayes Lane, and maybe a little way along the lane (not so far as to block the view of the church). Outside settlement boundary.

Local Green Spaces to be protected in Rocklands

- Land at rear of Wayland Road. (Outside settlement boundary) for community use. Breckland owned, believe Flagship interested.
- Land adjacent to The Rookery between Low Lane and Rectory Road. The Rookery and Yeomans Cottage both listed and previous planning application refused and one pending. Outside settlement boundary.
- Thieves Lane opposite bungalows. Previous planning application refused. Outside settlement boundary. Views of countryside.
- Land adjacent to both listed Churches Countryside views, all outside settlement boundary.
- Bell Road/ Chapel Street ,land opposite homes view across to the Mere, countryside views. Outside settlement boundary.
- Mount Pleasant. Land opposite junction subject to recent purchase. Outside settlement area. (Could be a fit for large houses like the rest) Open mind about this.
- Land (back land) at rear of Chapel Street, previous planning application for 17 houses refused, outside settlement boundary.
- Land at Rectory Road/Magpie Lane.

The Clerk was asked to submit these suggestions.

Post meeting note: On closer inspection, looking at how to respond to the Call for Sites consultation it was found that a separate complicated form needed to be completed for each submission. Asking for lots of detail and asking for OS map references etc. All councillors agreed Rocklands should not reply. Thompson Parish Council have also decided to make no comment at this time.

11. Maintenance of Parish Land and pond (DH)

Parish grass at The Street, junction with Wayland Road by the memorial. Norfolk County Council grass which Breckland are no longer contracted to cut.

Cllr. Howie would like to find someone to cut all the bits of grass that need cutting on a regular basis to keep the village tidy. check this and/or any other areas the environmental services team can assist.

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12. To receive village reports

12.1 Village Shop and Post Office (Cath Jones)

The Clerk read out Cath's report. We have had a turbulent couple of years, as have most businesses, but we are coming out now and hopefully things are looking up. We now have a wonderful team of enthusiastic managers in Jane,(Senior Manager), Paul, Fay and Lottie who are working very well together and are always willing to go the extra mile! We are now able to open for the full hours advertised and trade is picking up again, thankfully. There have been some 'hiccups' with our main supplier, Bookers, but we have now managed to secure a better deal with them regarding a minimum weekly order. A query raised at the AMM about a milk supplier who had been 'outed' on a BBC Panorama programme as being cruel to animals was followed up immediately and we have been assured by the company we deal directly with that the problem has been addressed and that the milk sold in our shop is not from the farm(s) in question.

We were pleased to welcome three new committee members at the 2022 AMM and Tim Ford, Ian Harrison and Christina Mason are now finding out how we tick! We are still looking for someone who can take over from Victoria McArthur as Treasurer (Vix took over that role about 7 years ago as a temporary measure and is looking to relinquish it) so if anybody knows a suitable candidate, please get them to speak to one of us and we can give more details. We now have a paid bookkeeper in role but are indebted to Pete Rushton who has done it voluntarily for so many years. We will also need someone willing to take over as Chair, at some time in the near future, as Dave Seaton's work has become too demanding for him to do the role as well as he would like and he is often away. Again, our thanks to Dave for doing such a good job as Chair.

The refurbishment of the shop (largely covered by a grant from BDC) is now complete and seems to be well-received by staff and customers as a better layout and more convenient to disabled customers. The café area is well used as is the outside seating area.

Our biggest problem is now finding enough volunteers to cover all the shifts each week. From our beginning, over 8 years ago, it has been an issue but never quite as bad as it is now. The pandemic has caused many older volunteers to stop coming in, others have found paid work...there are many solid reasons for the drop out. The managers and committee are working hard to address this and are trying to find ways of recruiting more people willing to give up a couple of hours a week to serve the community as volunteers are the backbone of our business and without them we cannot succeed in our aims. We are very, very grateful to the small handful of regular volunteers who frequently turn out at short notice to fill gaps in the rota....they are real stars ! Thank you !

12.2 Village Hall (Sarah Good)

Dave Jones gave an update. Sarah Good was a brilliant secretary. She had re-sealed the hall floor. Looking to install CCTV. Thanks to Cllr. Tim Ford and Cllr. Richard Harrison for their input and advice on this matter. Will check OK with toddler group.

The Village Hall ditch had been cleared after in flooded by Cllr. Tim Ford and Cyril Ruffles. The ditch is very deep and dangerous. Agreed a fence should be erected at the last meeting. This is in hand. Needs to be done sooner rather than later before there is an accident.

Boundary position between Village Hall and neighbour is in dispute. The Village Hall committee will send a formal request asking the Parish Council to help in resolving. Parish Council will refer to documents held and involve a solicitor if needed.

12.3 Little Rocky's Parent and Toddler Group (Sharon Brown).

Cllr. Suggitt had sent some grant details to Sharon. A new person from Carbrooke joined the group. Good for people outside the village to join as will use village shop and other facilities too. Currently have about 30 children including siblings. Establishing link with the school and helping children to become school ready. Developing the outdoor activity area to focus on balance and control. Used milk crates from the shop for climbing on.

Have applied for SPAR grant for items up to £5000, including shed and mud kitchen etc. Same request has been made to Norfolk Partnership too. Hopefully one application will be successful.

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At the Village Hall committee meeting it was agreed they would match fund. Eternally grateful to the volunteers. Profile raised. Lady from Ukraine has joined Can already see a difference in the child and the mother does speak English.

12.4 Rocklands Primary School (Dave Jones)

Dave Jones read out a report that had been agreed by Head Teacher, Mrs. Dekker.

Rocklands School continues to thrive. Over the Easter break an internal wall was removed to make Class One a larger teaching space. Such elaborate works naturally over-ran the Easter holidays, but as of today the point has been reached when class one pupils can enjoy an exciting new teaching space, freshly decorated, complete with new carpet. Moving a whole classroom into the school hall and then back again was no mean feat. It is a tribute to our staff and pupils that all went so smoothly. This was achieved in the nick of time as this week Key Stage Two pupils sit their first national SATs tests since 2019, when covid struck. These tests have to be undertaken in carefully regulated conditions, using the school hall which, until Friday, was being used as the teaching area for class one! Senior Leadership restructuring across the Federation, along with shared budget arrangements have provided both schools with increased stability. It is pleasing to see how both Rocklands and Great Ellingham Schools continue to be highly sought-after because of the style of educational experience they offer.

12.5 Rocklands Playing Fields (Sarah Good)

Two weeks ago, the village's second defibrillator, donated by the Football Association was installed at the Pavilion. Thank you to Cllr. Buckland for organising this. Wooden windows at the back of the building need replacing, Sarah Good is getting quotes. Dog fouling is a problem on the playing fields. Noticed when the pitches were marked out. Cricket has now started. Surface has been scarified and shows signs of overuse. Quote for looking after the grass has doubled/tripled. Some areas also flooding. Playpark is now open after lots of work being done. Will be changing inspection company used. Paula Bidmead to enquire about using Pavilion for an art class.

12.6 Rockland St. Peter Church (John Brown)

The dangerous flint wall has now gone and been replaced with a fence.

John reported problems with rats that appear to be coming from Ridgeons who surprisingly do not have a pest control policy/procedure in place. Ridgeons said someone would come out to have a look in the next few days. Serious infestation - ate 21 sachets overnight. Cllr. Howie offered to visit Ridgeons with John. It was thought they are legally required to satisfactorily manage the situation.

12.7 Rockland All Saints' Church (Cath Jones)

Nickie Southgate delivered Cath Jones report. There is little further news on the amalgamation of our Shellrock Benefice (which includes both Rocklands churches as well as the Ellinghams and Shropham/Snetterton) with the Hingham group of churches but we are attending a joint meeting at St James, GE tomorrow evening where hopefully, the Bishop of Thetford and the Archdeacon will be able to tell us more and answer any questions.

At last, the corvids nesting inside the tower have been thwarted as Charles McIlwhan and John Scase have put more permanent structures in place internally over the louvres high up around the bell chamber. The rooks and jackdaws are not at all happy and the piles of twigs and branches on the grass outside is high, where they have dropped their nesting material in disgust! At least it's easier to clear up from there and we shouldn't need to send octogenarians up the dangerous steps and ladders inside tower regularly in future! Charles has said the repair should see the present team out... phew!

After the damage to the graveyard in Storm Eunice when a huge beech tree blew down, we have been working with the family whose gravestone was damaged below the surface. Unfortunately, the church insurance only covers damage to buildings and people as gravestones are the responsibility of the 'heirs at law' - i.e. the family and descendants of the person buried. There are many rules and regulations about Anglican graveyards especially about what can and cannot be put on graves and gravestones and it is very labour intensive keeping up with them. So far, we have managed to do the upkeep of the churchyard in house, with a couple of

volunteers spending several hours each week, throughout the year, mowing and trimming as well as carrying out general maintenance e.g. clearing gutters, repairing stonework etc. However, this is not sustainable for much longer as everyone gets older, so we are looking at alternatives (which will inevitably involve costs rising above the ~£400 spent last year on petrol, repairs to mowers, strimmers etc.)

The wildflower areas are beginning to look pretty and will no doubt look even better in the coming weeks. The cowslips seem to prefer to grow outside the designated areas for some reason but are also beautiful !

At the recent APCM at All Saints, we were again unable to appoint a new church warden to replace John Scase who retired last year so all the hundreds of jobs he did are being shared among the PCC. Cor Dekker has taken over as Treasurer and is learning the mysteries of church accounts and Cath Jones is acting Secretary until she can persuade someone else to do the job! On 18 May, is the last ever Barbara's Day, to be held at the Scase's house in Low Lane from 10.00 - 3.00. It is always a lovely event, with delicious homemade lunches as well as the usual cake stall, plants, bric-a-brac and books etc. We haven't been able to hold this annual fundraiser since 2019 because of covid, so we are hoping this last Barbara's Day will go out as a resounding success that we can all remember ! We have put in an order for sunshine but not too hot !

The Flower Festival will be taking place in July on the weekend of 16 and 17 and into Monday 18 July. This is another popular event that is usually well-supported so we are hoping for fine weather again.

Finally, our thanks to RPC for your interest in the church and allowing us to report on progress at meetings. Special thanks too to the councillors (and Kim) for all they do to support the village. Much is unseen and un-noticed but I know how time-consuming village affairs can be, so 'THANK YOU'.

12.8 White Hart Public House (Dave Thomas)

The Clerk had received an update from Dave: Very busy for Jayne, the Team and I throughout the past month of April. Our events already undertaken in early May have been very successful. Looking forward to June as a business we have a full calendar (with further finite detail to follow). The business re affirms that our front car park is open to all residents who want to use it to setup their own tables for the street party (Sunday); between noon and 4 pm. The car park then will need to be recovered for re-opening for patrons who are attending our evening event(s).

12.9 To update on Chapel Green Meadow (Chris Sharpe)

Cllr. Howie read out the report received. The Chapel Green Management Committee tends to be fairly dormant at this time of the year while the green takes care of itself until July/August. Despite the dry weather, the vegetation on Chapel Green is growing and the spring plants, principally the Cowslips, have put on a lovely show. As a result, the area has been full of pollinating insects of all sorts. Great Crested Newts, an endangered and legally protected species, were found on several days close to the pond. The usual three paths were mown over the green on Sunday 8 May, providing easy foot access to the green and to the pond, and these will be maintained until the hay is cut in July or August. Please do come and take a look ! A guided tour of the area will be offered later in the year for those curious about the history and wildlife of this beautiful little village asset.

12.10 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Road closure from the school to the shop has been authorised. Village Hall happy to have a beacon out the front. Ann Jones's idea to have a 'Royal' dressing up for children had been passed on to organisers. Royal cake competition at the pub.

13.0 To report on financial matters

13.1 Approval of accounts 2021/2022 (AGAR Form 2, PKF Littlejohn, External auditors.)

March 31 was the end of the financial year. The Clerk had prepared the end of year accounts and completed the annual return for the external auditor (AGAR). The AGAR (Form 2) had been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting for reference.

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13.1.1 Annual Internal Audit Report (p4) and Certificate of Exemption (p3)

Michaela Canham had carried out the internal audit of the accounts and confirmed all accounts are in order (p4). Michaela's invoice received for £35.

The Clerk explained that because both gross income and expenditure were less than £25,000, Rocklands Parish Council was eligible to apply for an exemption certificate for the year 2021/2022 meaning a limited assurance review would not be carried out by the external auditors. There would therefore be no fee charged this year which is good news. The Certificate of Exemption was approved by the councillors and signed by the chair Cllr. Howie and the Clerk. The Clerk would send the completed/signed form (p3) to PKF Littlejohn the external auditors.

13.1.2 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 AGAR Form 2. Section. 1 (p5)

The Chair read out the 9 governance statements. All councillors agreed with the statements and the Chair ticked the YES boxes for statements 1-8. Statement 9 was ticked as N/A. The Form (p5) was signed by the chair Cllr. Howie and the Clerk.

13.1.3 To approve the Accounting Statements 2021/2022 AGAR Form 2. Section 2. (p6)

Any variances were explained. The councillors all agreed with the accounting statements (p6). The Form (p6) was signed by the chair Cllr. Howie.

13.2 Financial position

Bank account balances on Monday 9 May 2022

Barclays Community Account	£	8317.55
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	336.83
TOTAL as per bank	£	8654.38

Summary

RPC Rocklands Parish Council	£	8453.78
RNP Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RG)	£	200.60
TOTAL as per bank	£	8654.38

13.3 Money in since last meeting (7 March 2022)

8/4/2022	Breckland Council - 1st of 2 Precept payments	£	3600.00
	TOTAL IN	£	3600.00

13.4 Money out since last meeting (7 March 2022)

8.4.1 Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1/4/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	286.22
19/4/2022	NPower (was Eon) Electricity (DD)	£	178.30 * See note:
3/5/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	286.22
	TOTAL OUT	£	750.74

* Post meeting note: £178.30 was for 3 months. NPower failed to collect monthly.

8.4.2 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 750	Donation to the Rocklander (one off payment)	£	200.00
CHQ 751	K&M Lighting - Streetlight maint. (Apr/May 2022)	£	30.60
CHQ 752	Information Commissioner - Annual subscription	£	40.00
CHQ 753	Michaela Canham - Internal audit - End of Year 2022	£	35.00
	TOTAL OUT	£	305.60

13.5 Insurance

The Clerk had received an email from Business Services at CAS Ltd (our current insurer) saying they have some significant changes to their insurance scheme. They say insurance markets are going through challenging and uncertain times, due to Covid, Brexit, low interest rates, climate change, meaning potentially higher premiums. Their scheme provider has pulled out of the Council market and advised they are unwilling to provide cover after your renewal date, even if a long-term arrangement (LTA) is in place. They have secured a new provider called 'Ansvar'. They say their previous insurance package had little flexibility and the new product will allow the Council flexibility and choices, so they aren't

Signed

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paying for cover that isn't needed. They have provided a new form to be completed. I have tried to speak to one of their agents to say we really want what we had before and to get a rough estimate in time for this meeting, but no agents are available. Have to wait for a call back.

The Clerk thought we could expect an increase in the premium. Expiry date 31 May 2022 (2/3 years LTA - £207.48)

13.6 Donations

It was agreed donations would be made the same as previous years according to the table below.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
ALL SAINTS PCC (Churchyard)	£85.00	£85.00	
ST PETERS PCC (Churchyard)	£85.00	£85.00	
ROCKLANDS PLAYING FIELDS (Playground)	£120.00	£120.00	
ROCKLANDS VILLAGE HALL (Maintenance)	£120.00	£120.00	
MID NORFOLK METHODIST CHURCH (Churchyard)	£70.00	£70.00	
	£480.00	£480.00	£0.00

14.0 To consider planning applications

14.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting

3PL/2021/0900/F IRWIN/Old Mill House Scoulton Rd/Restore Tower/garage to dwelling (230) APPROVED

3PL/2022/0258/HOU JONES/Ford Farm, Swangey Lane/Demolition of existing lounge, porch and conservatory. Erection of new lounge, porch, dining and utility extensions and new bedroom wing. (246) APPROVED

3CM/2022/0008/CM ANGLIAN WATER/Rocklands, Land off Chapel Street/New sewage pumping station, telemetry aerial, upgrade of the existing farm access, fencing, and associated apparatus. NCC (248)

14.2 Applications pending outcome

3PL/2021/0697/F DEVLIN DEV./Allison's Farm/3 house residential development (225/241)

3PL/2021/1547/F SOUTHGATE/Land south of Swangey Lane/8x poultry houses etc. (244)

3PL/2022/0246/F A JONES Coach House, Low Lane/Glamping pods x2 (245)

3PL/2022/0285/F DUNNING/Agricultural Buildings Rectory Road/Existing agricultural building to two new barn style dwellings/garages (subsequent to Class Q permission) (247)

14.3 New applications since last meeting (7 April 2022 - Extra PC meeting)

3PL/2022/0447/VAR LEE/Land adjacent to River Cottage, Stow Bedon/Revised House design (249) Asked to comment by Breckland because close to Rocklands boundary although not actually in Rocklands. All agreed NO OBJECTION.

3PL/2022/0470/F BECKER/Stone Barn, Mount Pleasant/New holiday cottage (250)

After discussion it was agreed the applicant should seek proper advice as it was thought that applying for a holiday cottage was the wrong application in this instance. The applicant had confirmed they wanted to live in the new holiday cottage and sell the existing house. Due to the mismatch of information the Parish Council felt they had no choice but to OBJECT.

3PL/2022/0396/F WARNES/Land at Magpie Lane/Change of use from agricultural storage building to dog grooming salon. Erection of horse walker and ménage. (251)

Another application for this site. It was noted that at no point had permission been granted to carry out a trade or business at this site. Business use had previously been forbidden, allowing private use only. Highways had also objected. At this Parish Council meeting, one resident's observation appears to suggest that the applicant site may already be providing livery services to third parties, in breach of previous permissions. The application appears incomplete and contradictory. The case officer had confirmed she would be asking for more information as the plans were also incomplete. The 'Maple Barns' document is effectively a descriptive business plan.

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3PL/2022/0475/LU M JONES/Ford Farm, Swangey Lane/Standing of mobile home for annexe, for family member (252)

It was noted that the proposed log cabin has been carefully sized to fall just within the definition of a mobile home. The purpose was described as 'to be used as an annex for the family.' However, the design of the cabin provides for a completely self-contained residential unit - not 'incidental' to the house suggesting a 'material change of use.'

Post meeting note: This arrangement would not be sharing the services and facilities of the main house. We asked why planning permission was not being applied for. Breckland Planning agreed that the proposed annexe cannot be dealt with on a lawful development certificate and after discussions with the applicant said this application was to be withdrawn.

15. To update on the Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) and Local Plan (LP)

No update/progress with RNP.

Regards the Breckland Local Plan, Rocklands still have queries about their housing allocation numbers and other issues. No answers have been forthcoming from Breckland despite many emails asking for confirmation. Cllr. Suggitt would progress with Simon Wood.

16. To update on First Time Sewerage System for Rocklands St Peter (RH)

The Anglian Water face to face individual consultation event took place from 3pm to 7pm on 24 March in the Village Hall. Five @one Alliance team members were present to discuss individual details with household representatives who attended. Approximately one third of eligible households attended, and I received a number of very positive comments from those attending.

IMPORTANT: Some residents appear to misunderstand their options regarding when they can confirm that they wish to connect to the new sewer. The project team will only provide a free 'lateral' (the pipe that connects from a chamber on the boundary of their property to the new sewer) if a resident has signed-up for a connection before the project starts. After that time, it may still be possible to have a lateral provided - but that would then be at significant extra cost to the resident and would involve re-excavation of a section of the new sewer. Residents wishing to connect need to consult with a contractor - for an inspection and quotation for the necessary pipework on their own property - and sign-up for a connection, in a timely manner.

One resident of Bell Road is concerned about traffic diversion whilst Chapel Street works are underway i.e. whilst various parts of Chapel Street are being worked-upon, traffic will have to access that part to the North of the works via Scoulton Road and Bell Road - which is a narrow single-track road with virtually no passing places. AW explained why building passing places (requiring negotiations with landowners, NCC Highways, and further planning applications) was impractical and fraught with further considerable delays. However, I will discuss this further with NCC Highways and Attleborough Police to see what can be done to make drivers aware and encourage responsible driving.

The planning application for the new pumping station location off Chapel Street, near the road to the Mere, has been submitted to Norfolk County Council - FUL/2022/0014. Beforehand, Anglian Water had discussed the new location with nearby neighbours, who have not objected. Breckland Council Environmental Health have no objection. NCC Lead Local Flood Authority have no objection - subject to other published policies and guidance being complied with. Breckland Council Planning have no objections. NCC Natural Environment Team have no objections - subject to minor amendments to landscaping details, ecological mitigation measures set out in the Ecological Report, and a condition relating to protected species.

An application (TRE/2022/0066/TPO) for necessary work on a Horse Chestnut tree on Bell Road has been given consent by the Breckland Council Tree Consultant.

To the best of my current knowledge, we are still on-track for a September 2022 start date - with an anticipated finish in approx. June/July/'Summer' next year (2023). For a period, a process known as 'de-watering' will be necessary - which will involve pumps transferring ground and surface water to the existing ditch system around Attleborough Road, Wayland Road (possibly the duck pond). The Project Manager is fully aware of our flooding problems (he attended our last flooding meeting) and will not authorise de-watering when the Village's surface water drainage system is likely to be compromised.

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17. To update on SID (flashing speed sign) (RH)

Since our last meeting, further deployments of the SID have been completed as follows:

a) Attleborough Road (B1077) - traffic from Caston

Deployed: 13:00 hrs 04 March 2022

Finished: 10:00 hrs 02 April 2022

The analysis results show:

36,234 vehicles detected

Average 1,253 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 07:30 to 08:30

Afternoon peak time - 15:45 to 16:45

32,642 vehicles (90.1%) within 40 mph speed limit

3,592 vehicles (9.9%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 643 vehicles (1.8%) over 45 mph - and likely open to a fine*

Top speed: 60 mph - 07/03/2022 at 15:50

Since the last deployment at the Caston-facing position:

- vehicle movements averaged 1,253 per day - a 4.2% increase in daily traffic volumes.

- vehicles speeding numbered 3,592 (9.9%) - an additional 2.1% of vehicles speeding.

- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 643 (1.8%) - an additional 0.5 % of vehicles open to enforcement.

b) The Street - traffic from B1077 Crossroads

Deployed: 11:00 hrs 02 April 2022

Finished: 11:00 hrs 03 May 2022

The analysis results show:

10,590 vehicles detected

Average 342 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 08:00 to 09:00

Afternoon peak time - 17:30 to 18:30

7,403 vehicles (69.9%) within 30 mph speed limit

3,187 vehicles (30.1%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 669 vehicles (6.3%) over 35 mph - and likely open to a fine*

Top speed: 50 mph - 06/04/2022 at 18:05

Since the last deployment on The Street facing towards the B1077 Crossroads:

- vehicle movements averaged 342 per day - a 15.9% increase in daily traffic volumes.

- vehicles speeding numbered 3,187 (30.1%) - a 5.6% more vehicles speeding.

- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 669 (6.3%) - 1.3% more vehicles open to enforcement.

With the increase in daily traffic volumes from Caston, half of the increase are vehicles which are speeding - not good... This has also brought with it over a third more vehicles open to enforcement action - very annoying.

Note that as many as 11 vehicles were recorded at approx. 60mph during this period - unprecedented! The first date in the table is just the first occurrence - these 11 vehicles were recorded between 7 March and 29 March 2022.

A significant increase in daily traffic volumes from the B1077 crossroads down into the village - unfortunately accompanied by increases in both vehicles speeding and those open to enforcement action. Almost a third of vehicles speeding on The Street remains wholly unacceptable.

There were, in fact, 7 vehicles logged at 50 mph between 06 April and 30 April !

Since my last report, and true to their word, Attleborough Police and also the County Safety Camera Partnership van, have been posted near Wayland Road, the North end of The Street and the B1077 crossroads - undertaking speed enforcement duties. At our recent SNAP meeting with the Police on 6 May, they reported that, in their last period of enforcement activities (Long Street- Gt Ellingham, Rocklands, Connaught Road-Attleborough), they have recorded 23 speeding offences for which they issued enforcement action, and 11 speeding offences for which they 'gave advice'.

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During the last period, and following reports from concerned residents, a covert radar unit on Hingham Road in Great Ellingham has identified this as another priority area for speed enforcement activities. It was agreed at the SNAP meeting that the Police will yet again make Rocklands a priority for their next period of speed enforcement activities. I thanked Attleborough Police for their continued support.

At the SNAP meeting, we also discussed opportunities for more public engagement by the local Police. They already visit schools, and would be open to invitations to community events - such as fetes etc. They can set up a stand for a 'slot' during the event, where residents can discuss anything, they wish with them. Anyone with any ideas... let me know. Further, given reports on how useful and interesting drivers have found the 'Speed Awareness' courses (sometimes an option instead of being issued with penalty points), the Police will investigate whether a similar course could be run for any interested members of the general public.

The speed sign is currently on The Street - monitoring traffic approaching the B1077 crossroads. Once again, sincere thanks to Cllr. Tim Ford for his help in relocating the speed sign.

With a recent update of my mobile phone to Android 12, the Bluetooth downloading problems from the speed sign previously experienced appear to have been sorted - but I'm not holding my breath...

The speed sign batteries are now at the point when they are definitely no longer up to the job of going a full deployment without having to be changed. Two new ones will be ordered very soon. To be fair, they have lasted us over 2½ years working 24/7 continuously.

* The SID is limited to grouping vehicle speeds into 5mph blocks. However, for a 40mph speed limit, enforcement action is normally applied at 46mph and above - so a very small proportion of vehicles above 45mph could arguably be travelling at less than 46mph (e.g. 45.5mph). The SID also has a specified accuracy of ± 0.5mph. Enforcement action is not always a fine - depending on circumstances, drivers may be offered a speed awareness course.

18. To update on Highways. No update

19. To update on Flooding (RH)

Following our meeting and tour of the village and surrounding land with the NCC Water Management Team on 24 February, we still await the report and advice from Helen George of the Environment Agency. I will be chasing this up.

No-one has responded to my call for suggestions on projects that will enable us to secure funding from the 'Reclaim the Rain' initiative. Nevertheless, I will attempt to pursue options with this.

Long overdue, we will be approaching residents in The Street who have a section of culvert which last Autumn's camera surveys identified as either damaged or blocked and requesting that appropriate repairs be undertaken. Hopefully, with a relatively dry Summer (fingers crossed), repair works can be expedited in a more straightforward manner.

No rain recently so no flooding issues.

Residents that have borrowed sandbags from the village hall should return them please so they are available for others to use them, should the need arise.

20. To discuss any correspondence. There was no correspondence.

21. AOB - To receive items for the next agenda. There was no AOB.

22. Date of next Meeting - Monday 4 July 2022, 7pm.

The meeting closed at 21.35

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Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Caston Direction

Start	04/03/2022	04/11/2021	03/07/2021	04/03/2021	02/11/2020	04/05/2020	05/03/2020	12/12/2019
Finish	02/04/2022	03/12/2021	04/08/2021	06/04/2021	03/12/2020	03/06/2020	03/04/2020	06/01/2020
Total Vehicles	36,234	34,719	39,567	38,508	31,201	24,850	29,009	24,913
Average Vehicles/day	1,253	1,202	1,232	1,165	1,007	832	1,000	993
Morning Peak	07:30-08:30	07:45-08:45	07:45-08:45	07:45-08:45	07:45-08:45	10:30-11:30	07:30-08:30	07:45-08:45
Afternoon Peak	15:45-16:45	14:45-15:45	16:15-17:15	14:30-15:30	15:30-16:30	16:15-17:15	16:00-17:00	15:15-16:15
Max Speed (date)	60 (07/03/22 - 15:50)	60 (15/11/21 - 02:50)	65 (19/07/21 - 23:55)	60 (05/03/21 - 07:05)	60 (11/11/20 - 14:35)	60 (05/05/20 - 05:50)	65 (12/03/20 - 05:35)	60 (13/12/19 - 18:50)
0-40 mph	32,642	32,001	35,989	34,370	28,173	21,279	25,125	22,051
%	90.09	92.17	90.96	89.25	90.30	85.63	86.61	88.51
40+ mph	3,592	2,718	3,578	4,138	3,028	3,571	3,884	2,862
%	9.91	7.83	9.04	10.75	9.70	14.37	13.39	11.49
45+ mph	643	454	622	811	528	815	915	588
%	1.77	1.31	1.57	2.11	1.69	3.28	3.15	2.36
45-50	548	412	543	693	470	692	751	501
%	1.51	1.19	1.37	1.80	1.51	2.78	2.59	2.01
50-55	84	40	70	111	50	112	148	80
%	0.23	0.12	0.18	0.29	0.16	0.45	0.51	0.32
55-60	11	2	8	7	8	11	15	7
%	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.03
60-65	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
70-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
75-80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Crossroads

Start	02/04/2022	05/12/2021	04/08/2021	06/04/2021	03/12/2020	04/08/2020
Finish	03/05/2022	05/01/2022	03/09/2021	06/05/2021	03/01/2021	04/09/2020
Total Vehicles	10,590	9,139	10,300	11,092	9,337	10,341
Average Vehicles/day	342	295	344	369	300	332
Morning Peak	08:00-09:00	10:30-11:30	09:45-10:45	08:30-09:30	11:15-12:15	09:30-10:30
Afternoon Peak	17:30-18:30	14:45-15:45	16:45-17:45	17:30-18:30	14:45-15:45	17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)	50 (06/04/22, 18:05)	60 (15/12/21, 13:40)	55 (18/08/21, 23:30)	50 (07/04/21, 06:30)	50 (04/12/20, 13:10)	60 (31/08/20, 02:55)
0-30 mph	7,403	6,902	7,050	7,592	7,134	7,180
%	69.91	75.52	68.45	68.45	76.41	69.43
30+ mph	3,187	2,237	3,250	3,500	2,203	3,161
%	30.09	24.48	31.55	31.55	23.59	30.57
35+ mph	669	463	845	788	495	760
%	6.32	5.07	8.20	7.10	5.30	7.35
35-40	561	393	691	661	419	623
%	5.30	4.30	6.71	5.96	4.49	6.02
40-45	98	58	130	113	68	110
%	0.93	0.63	1.26	1.02	0.73	1.06
45-50	10	11	20	14	8	24
%	0.09	0.12	0.19	0.13	0.09	0.23
50-55	0	0	4	0	0	24
%	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.23
55-60	0	1	0	0	0	1
%	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
60-65	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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