

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
7.30pm on Monday 5 July 2021

Present:	David Howie	Chair
	Nickie Southgate	Vice Chair
	Richard Harrison	
	Tim Ford	
	Paula Bidmead	
	Kim Austin	Clerk

Also present: 7 members of the public.  
The meeting opened at 19:02.

**1. To consider accepting apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Swaddling who was working, Cllr. Martin who was unwell and Cllr. Connolly who was attending another PC meeting. Dave Thomas also sent his apologies. All apologies were accepted.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting on Monday 3 May 2021**

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

**4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (3 May 2021) not on the agenda.**

**Grit bin.** Rocklands Parish Council had to register as a low tier waste carrier in order to recycle the broken grit bin at the Dereham recycle centre. There was no charge for the carrier certificate but a £5 charge to dispose of the bin.

**5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation**

There were no comments from the public.

**6. To receive village reports**

**6.1 Village Shop and Post Office (Dave Seaton DS). No report.**

**6.2 Village Hall (Sarah Good SG)**

No report but update from Dave Jones. A lot going on behind the scenes. Extra cleaning room installed. Thank you to Al Bainbridge for his goodwill and kindness in sorting the electrics. Toilets due to be redecorated when restrictions are lifted. A 'Cuppa and Catch-up' taking place. Cllr. Harrison provided an update on the ditch at the Village Hall.

A site visit to the Village Hall drainage ditch took place during June - involving representatives from RPC, Village Hall, NCC Flood Risk Team, NCC Highways, and our County Councillor Ed Connolly. Thanks to Ed for facilitating this. The primary aim was to agree a solution to the erosion happening on the roadside of the ditch near to the car park entrance. Reinforcing the bank with cement bags was agreed as the most cost-effective solution. However, the resulting loss of volume in the ditch will have to be reinstated by cutting back the bank on the hall side. At the same time, NCC Flood Risk Team suggested that we additionally considered cutting a 'scrape' to increase the holding volume in times of rain. During our meeting, when discussing a section of culvert in The Street still to be fully surveyed to establish the location of remaining damage/blockage, NCC Highways (although they have no responsibility in this matter) offered to investigate providing a camera survey at no cost to us. We of course accepted their offer, and details of the location and length of culvert have been supplied to them.

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Discussions will be ongoing with Ed Connolly and the NCC Flood Risk Team, as to how we secure funding for a full professional survey of the surface water drainage in the village, a subsequent mitigation strategy report - and then necessary engineering works. Getting Rocklands listed in a second priority group of communities requiring flooding support will certainly help.

Subsequently, we had a local drainage contractor meet us at the ditch to discuss the proposed works and associated costs. Huge thanks to Sarah Good, Victoria McArthur and her family - for clearing the drainage ditch of overgrown vegetation, so that we could more clearly assess the situation. The outcome of this meeting resulted in further options - which now need to be discussed further with NCC Flood Risk Team.

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

The toddler group had closed last Friday due to staff shortages but would be open again next week 9 July 2021.

**6.4 Rocklands Primary School (David Jones DJ).**

Rocklands School continues to thrive and is so popular that it remains full to capacity. Our long-term aspiration is to relocate to a new building with one more classroom (making 4) and nursery provision, with easy access to the playing fields. It is noticeable that the current school site has been developed to its fullest. Notional plans have been drawn up for a new school and the old school has been offered as a Special Resources Base, which is relevant, with County now poised to spend £120m on special provision for pupils not accommodated in mainstream. Support from the Parish Council has been much appreciated.

**6.5 Rocklands Playing Fields**

**Planning Application.** The last application was made by the Playing Fields in 2004 where a condition stipulated floodlights be restricted to Tues/Wed, so 2 nights per week. Floodlights are switched off within 15 minutes of end of training, so by 9.15pm. Struggling to support the younger groups, so would like to increase sessions to 5, so youth and adults can train separately. Lights would be on for **more evenings but for less time**. 4 nights youth would finish at 7.15pm. Adults at 7.30pm, gone by 8.00pm. Must consider the amenity of the residents of Green Lane and movement of traffic. Parish Council agreed they would support Planning Application to vary the condition and involve residents of Green Lane.

**Defibrillator.** Cllr. Howie said that since the Euro football match issue with a player, it would be good to have another defibrillator installed at the Playing Fields. Everybody agreed it was a good idea. Cllr. Howie would look at grants available for funding. (NCF, British Heart Foundation, Parish Partnership etc.

**Green Lane.** Problems with dust, potholes and speeding. Highways/NCC won't maintain as cost is prohibitive. Richard Seaman has scraped the surface off. Suggest that Playing Fields and residents make a regular payment for its upkeep. Cllr. Howie would look at buying some 'slow down - children' signs to display at each end of the lane.

**Footpath sign.** Footpath sign has been replaced at All Saints. Cllr. Martin would walk and check.

**6.6 Rockland St. Peter Church (RSP) (John Brown JB).**

Trying to get mains water to St. Peters by going round the church and in through the back wall. Could T off the Anglian Water lateral that they will put in the Street but that would leave 250m that the church would have to do themselves. Will get a quote from Breckland Contractors to do the groundwork and a quote from plumber to do the fixings. Look to see if any funding is available for this work.

St. Peters reporting in the wonderful new Rocklander !

Intending to have more talks and more events at the church.

Big thank you to the Lesleys who have been wonderful.

**6.7 Rockland All Saints' Church (RAS) (Cath Jones CJ)**

The Chair delivered Cath's report. Within the current Covid regulations, we are pleased to report that All Saints church is again 'open for business'. We have had a few services and rejoice that now hymns are able to be sung again, albeit behind masks and not at full volume!

Sadly, we have had several loyal supporters of the church pass away since the first lockdown in Spring 2020 and this week we have had news of another. We pass on our love and condolences to the families who have lost loved ones, for any reason.

We are looking forward to the Flower Festival which takes place this coming weekend from Saturday 10th until Monday 12th July. With restrictions still in place for social distancing, it will not be quite the same as usual but hopefully still a lovely experience. Staffing has been an issue as we have lost so many of our usual team, without an equal number coming forward to fill the spaces but we are still opening the All Saints Tearoom with delicious homemade refreshments and a cake stall and there will also be a tent full of bric-a-brac and books! We are eagerly awaiting delivery of some new small folding tables (that will replace the heavy old splintery pre-war relics we inherited from the village hall many many years ago,) bought with a legacy from a lovely lady, born and bred in Rocklands, who passed on a couple of years ago but remembered us in her will.

The other event in July is the Pets service that will be held outside in the churchyard at 3pm on July 18th, always a happy occasion with lots of different pets all joining in the fun! All pets with well-behaved owners are welcome!

We are in the sad position of having no church warden at the moment, following the resignation of John Scase at the APCM in the Spring. John has done the job for a long time and had given notice of his intended resignation a couple of years ago but we have nobody who feels able to take on the role. All the jobs John used to do have been written down (3+ pages of A4!) and we have tried to divide them up between those of us left on the PCC, prioritising the most urgent. As in many cases, it's only when somebody stops doing something that you realise just how much was done by them! How sustainable it all is remains to be seen as those remaining are not getting any younger. Our thanks to John for all his dedication over the last ~60 years. We have made a move to contact the expert who fitted the tell-tales on the tower to monitor the cracks....visually from the ground, they don't seem to have got much worse so we have our fingers crossed that when he inspects from a cherry-picker, it will be the same story!

As always, we are grateful to the small team who keep the churchyard looking so lovely. Now that John is doing less, we may need to look at hiring some help cutting the grass and keeping it trim, unless we get more volunteers willing to give up a few hours a week during the cutting season. The wildflower areas have been beautiful, so extending them may be an option for the future. We have had a couple of push mowers donated and bought a better secondhand ride-on last season which is more reliable than the old one and this has helped. Offers of help will be gratefully received!

**6.8 White Hart Public House (Dave Thomas DT)**

Following a recent Directors meeting we remain steadfast that we will continue to trade from the rear garden area of our premises for the foreseeable future. This of course is solely dependent on the prevailing weather conditions over the coming months !

We have recently secured support from the 'Rocklander Magazine' and will be posting a summary of forthcoming events and charities we will be supporting throughout those months within that publication. This of course will be mirrored in our relative Social Media feeds and posted notice board outside the pub.

**6.9 To update on Chapel Green Meadow (Carolyn Emblen)**

Norfolk Wildlife Trust Conservation Officer Helen Baczkowska and pond intern Katie Day visited Chapel Green for a few hours on June to carry out a detailed ecological survey. Helen has been involved in the management of the area for many years, since advising Parish Council on the regeneration of Chapel Green as part of the Millennium Meadows programme almost two decades ago. She was very impressed with the variety of species and with Parish Council's careful specialist management. The meadow currently supports 22 different species of butterfly (including important long-term colonies of Common Blue, Essex and Small Skipper), 15 dragonflies, 280 moths and the largest lek of ghost moths in Norfolk, in addition to a suite of reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds. The flower display was spectacular, with at least

20 Common Spotted Orchids flowering. Congratulations to all at Parish Council—past and present—who worked towards this proud achievement.

NWT did note that the eastern and western margins of the meadow (i.e. the edges of permissive access routes) have become rank due to cutting and subsequent decay of clippings, which artificially fertilises the soil. This is particularly noticeable in the north-east corner, where repeated mowing has caused nettles to flourish. To combat this, they recommended additional cutting of these strips with removal of cuttings (as happens annually with the rest of the green). However, it was noted that this will not be possible on the eastern margin where the recent widening of the permissive access route and dumping of spoil onto the meadow prevents mowing. It is suggested that the spoil be removed, otherwise this area cannot be easily maintained.

Chapel Green Management Committee met on 24 June with ten members present. The above issues were discussed. In addition, it was noted that the southern edge of the green continues to be used for long-term parking, with one vehicle stored with a tarpaulin. Paths onto the green are often blocked and the library bus cannot always park. Vehicle's owners will need to provide access so that the area can be maintained (we are currently cutting in paths one a week, and the annual cut is approaching). Likewise, the Committee was keen to have sight of permissive access deeds. The Committee aims to carry out the annual cut in late July or August.

**Car.** The covered car parked permanently in the meadow layby was mentioned. It was agreed it should not be there. It was thought it belonged to someone at Chapel View.

**Deep water sign.** The pond needed a 'Deep Water' sign. Cllr. Howie would purchase some.

**NCC contractor.** Work on pond August /September.

**Grass.** Cllrs. Howie and Ford had cut some grass around PR house name.

**Sleepers.** Need to mark the meadow boundaries. Find out how many needed and get quotes.

#### 6.10 To update on VE Day Grant money (Shena Scholes)

The path around the memorial bed will be done next Monday and Tuesday. When Shena is back from holiday and the path has settled, she will repaint the bed as can then get to the bottom of the bed with the path completed. Shena will ensure that this information is forwarded to the grant people for them to sign off. Work to be done by same people working at the Hall.

### 7. To report on financial matters

#### 7.1 Financial position

##### Bank account balances as at Monday 5 July 2021

Barclays Community Account	£	6451.99
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	336.80
<b>TOTAL as per bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6788.79</b>

##### Summary

RPC Rocklands Parish Council	£	6208.97
RNP Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RG)	£	200.60
Norfolk Community Fund grant for VE DAY events	£	379.22
<b>TOTAL as per bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6788.79</b>

#### 7.2 Money in since last meeting (3 May 2021)

7/6/2021	Barclays Saver Account - Interest	£	0.01
10/6/2021	Royal Sun Alliance - Claim for damaged bench	£	572.49
	<b>TOTAL IN</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>572.50</b>

#### 7.3 Money out since last meeting (3 May 2021)

##### 7.3.1 Standing Orders/Direct Debits

17/5/2021	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	34.46
1/6/2021	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
16/6/2021	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	35.62
1/7/2021	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
	<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>617.82</b>

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### 7.3.2 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 727	CAS - Insurance renewal 2/3 LTA 21/22	£	207.48	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 728	NPTS - New councillor training - PB/TF	£	80.00	
CHQ 729	K&M Lighting - Streetlight maint. (June/July21)	£	30.60	
CHQ 730	Recycle centre - Grit bin - Reimburse. Cllr. Ford	£	5.00	
CHQ 731	Kim Austin (Clerk) Reimb. ZOOM subs. (03) 3/5/21	£	14.39	
<b>TOTAL OUT</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>337.47</b>

## 8.0 To consider planning applications

### 8.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting (Monday 3 May 2021)

Cllr. Southgate reported outcomes since the last meeting.

3PL/2021/0353/HOU Borrill/Windrush Mill Lane/Single Storey extn. (217) PERMISSION

3SR/2021/0001/SCO/Southgate/Land Swangey Lane/8 poultry units/scoping (218) PERMISSION

3PL/2021/0451/HOU/Shadrack/Fairview Whittings Lane/Single Storey Extn. (219) PERMISSION

3DC/2021/0086/DOC Cotes/Mill Lane Green Lane/Discharge condition 3 (220) DOC COMPLETE

Condition 3 is a construction statement. Setting timescales for loading/unloading. Will keep an eye on proceedings at this site.

3PL/2021/0733/HOU ELLINGHAM/ Gem Chapel Street/Single storey ext. (226) PERMISSION

3PL/2020/0780/F 2Agri /Feed Mill Snetterton/Enviro statements (216) PERMISSION 6 votes to 5

3PL/2021/0030/UC KIDD/Staffords Farm/Agri to dwelling (224) PERMISSION

### 8.2 Applications pending outcome

3PL/2021/0027/F FREE RANGE CHICKEN Common Farm/Replace chicken house (208)

3PL/2021/0133/F JONES/Swangey Lakes/Rural workers dwelling (212)

3PL/2021/0697/F DEVLIN DEV./Allisons Farm/3 house residential dev. (225)

3PL/2021/0596/VAR ANNISON/Griffin Lodge/Var cond.2 first floor added (227)

### 8.3 New applications since last meeting (Monday 3 May 2021)

**3PL/2021/0896/F R SOUTHGATE**/Park Farm Broadway/Replace livestock unit (228)

To replace 2 large sheds housing 2 x 300 pigs with one shed housing 600 pigs. Should be far more efficient with up to date technology. Should be an improvement as existing buildings are old and out of date. Environment Agency happy if noise and odour limits are adhered to. Parish Councillors agreed if all neighbours were happy, then they would have no objection. A condition not to increase number of animals should however be set. Cllr. Southgate will check with neighbours.

**3PL/2021/0703/VAR WARNES**/Land Magpie Lane/Variation cond. 4 on 3PL/2017/1278/F (229)

Historically, in 2015 this land was put forward as a potential development site, which was refused by Breckland. After this refusal, stables were then applied for - maybe advised by agent to get development approved. An application by stealth, to circumvent planning rules and regulations. The 2017 permission stated for private equestrian use of the site only. In 2020, the applicant applied to build a house on-site and linked to the business, even though it had been made clear the land was not to be used for a business. The application was refused. No permission for business use. Outside the settlement boundary, and not adjacent to. Doesn't comply with agricultural workers policy. Not a sustainable development. We are now faced with an application to vary these conditions and allow a business to be run on the site, which, if allowed, would inevitably open the door to a repeat application for a dwelling. We would be setting a precedent if we didn't support Breckland in their reasoning to protect the amenities of the area.

It was agreed the Parish Council should support businesses in the village but not just anywhere, and this particular site has already been identified by Breckland as unsuitable for development. It was agreed the Parish Council should support Breckland and object to this application but Cllr. Southgate would check with the Breckland case officer to see how they were minded to proceed.

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

The building is currently derelict and all present were happy that this historic tower was to be restored to an innovative dwelling. RG said it was important to reply to Breckland in context of Rockland having exceeded its housing quota. Restoration of the tower must be taken as meriting a

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very special exception to these planning strictures and it would be very wrong to allow the Mill to fall into total disrepair and probably be demolished. It was agreed that Rocklands Parish Council had no objection to this application.

**9. To update on the Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) and Local Plan (LP) (RG)**

Update from Richard Golke (RG). Waiting for acknowledgement from Breckland that Rocklands has reached its development limit re new dwellings. If/when they do acknowledge this then it must be reflected in RNP effectively, to use the situation to oppose any new housing developments except where specifically supported by the Parish Council and a majority of residents. RG corresponded with Breckland immediately after their LP was adopted in 2019. Very proactive in asking how the new policies would be adopted. RG thinks on solid ground regards response to Devlin Development. If this application is approved, then Breckland need to explain on what grounds and why the numbers have not been upheld, otherwise makes a mockery of the quotas. Precedent in Thompson village needs to be quoted. RG has also sent correspondence to George Freeman on this matter. Breckland Housing Policy was written to protect rural villages from excessive development. Originally set at 5% and then doubled to 10%. Rocklands have not just reached, but exceeded this limit.

**10. To update on First Time Sewerage System for Rocklands St. Peter (Cllr. Harrison RH)**

All technical, residential and habitats surveys have now been completed. Additionally, with the consent of the relevant landowners, test boreholes are being sunk at strategic locations to assess ground conditions and soil types. These results will help Anglian Water decide what construction technique will be best to use in the St Peter area of the village.

Three or four representatives of Anglian Water will be meeting with Parish Council representatives later this month - to present survey findings and have preliminary discussions on options available.

A public meeting will subsequently be arranged, where Anglian Water will engage with residents to discuss options and proposals, receive views, and answer any questions.

**11. To update on SID (Flashing Speed sign) (Cllr. Harrison RH)**

Cllr. Harrison had distributed this detailed report to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

- a) The Street, Vehicles from Crossroads  
Deployed: 11:00 hrs 06 April 2021  
Finished: 13:00 hrs 06 May 2021  
The analysis results show:  
11,092 vehicles detected  
Average 369 vehicles/day  
Morning peak time - 08:30 to 09:30  
Afternoon peak time - 17:30 to 18:30  
7,592 vehicles (68.5%) within 30 mph speed limit  
3,500 vehicles (31.5%) exceeding speed limit  
- of which 788 vehicles (7.1%) over 35 mph - and likely open to a fine\*  
Top speed: 50 mph - 07/04/2021 at 06:30#

Since the last deployment at the Crossroads-facing position:

- vehicle movements averaged 369 per day - a 23% increase in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 3,500 (31.6%) - an 8.0% larger proportion of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 788 (7.1%) - a 1.8% larger proportion of vehicles open to enforcement.

A significant increase in daily traffic volumes - no doubt reflecting the easing out of lockdown. However, almost a third of vehicles speeding is a totally unacceptable situation - as is over 7% open to enforcement action.

Note that no less than 14 vehicles during this period were found to be speeding at 45-50 mph - over 50% in excess of the posted speed limit.

- b) The Street, Vehicles approaching Crossroads

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Deployed: 12:00 hrs 06 May 2021

Finished: 10:00 hrs 03 June 2021

The analysis results show:

10,280 vehicles detected

Average 368 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 08:00 to 09:00

Afternoon peak time - 15:00 to 16:00

7,484 vehicles (72.8%) within 30 mph speed limit

2,796 vehicles (27.2%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 686 vehicles (6.7%) over 35 mph - and likely open to a fine\*

Top speed: 55 mph - 09/05/2021 at 18:20#

Since the last deployment facing towards the Village Hall:

- vehicle movements averaged 368 per day - a 74% increase in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 2,796 (27.2%) - 4.4% more vehicles speeding (1,299 more actual vehicle numbers speeding).
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 686 (6.7%) - 1.5% more vehicles open to enforcement (346 more actual vehicle numbers open to enforcement).

A huge increase in daily vehicle movements - almost certainly reflecting the reduction of lockdown measures. However, the actual numbers of vehicles speeding, and those open to enforcement action, is totally unacceptable - particularly in a 30-mph zone.

c. Attleborough Road - Traffic from Great Ellingham

Deployed: 09:00 hrs 03 June 2021

Finished: 12:00 hrs 03 July 2021

The analysis results show:

47,333 vehicles detected

Average 1,571 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 08:00 to 09:00

Afternoon peak time - 15:30 to 16:30

37,794 vehicles (79.9%) within 40 mph speed limit

9,539 vehicles (20.1%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 3,349 vehicles (7.1%) over 45 mph - and likely open to a fine\*

Top speed: 80 mph - 20/06/2021 at 14:35#

Since the last deployment at the Crossroads-facing position:

- vehicle movements averaged 1,571 per day - a 29.3% increase in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 9,539 (20.1%) - an 3.1% smaller proportion of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 3,349 (7.1%) - a 1.5% smaller proportion of vehicles open to enforcement.

Although the proportions of vehicles speeding - and those open to enforcement - reduced slightly from the last time this location was monitored, the almost 30% increase in traffic volumes means that 1,356 more vehicles were speeding and 327 more vehicles were open to enforcement action.

A significant contributor to the increase in vehicle movements has been the closures of the A11 for planned overnight resurfacing works between the A1075 roundabout at Thetford and Attleborough. Also, the planned roadworks for the new roundabout at Great Ellingham.

However, the Highways England diversions for the A11 works required traffic to follow the A47 Norwich Southern Bypass from the Thickthorn roundabout, the A140 South via Long Stratton to Scole, the A1066 via Diss (for cars), the A143 via Ixworth for the A1088 (for HGVs) to the A11 at Thetford. Living on Attleborough Road and being kept awake throughout the night by convoys of HGVs and cars - it was clear that large numbers of vehicles were ignoring the diversions and taking a shortcut through Rocklands. I contacted Highways England, NCC Highways and Attleborough Police about this issue. Highways England responded - 2 weeks later - stating:

"The diversion routes that are shown on the website are the strategic routes for those travelling longer distances. Due to the length of the closure, we need to provide alternative routes for local

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traffic. Unfortunately, some drivers do ignore the strategic diversions and will follow the local diversions instead. There is very little that we can do to prevent drivers from doing this."

I have to say, the diversion signs posted are not clear, and would confuse many motorists. NCC Highways did not respond by mail but, when I raised the issue with our new Area Engineer at another meeting a few days ago, I was given another group to contact within NCC. Our Beat Manager at Attleborough Police has offered to help if I get nowhere otherwise. Unfortunately, I have no faith in motorists correctly following the diversions put in place whilst the new roundabout at Great Ellingham is constructed.

We continue to be plagued by large numbers of aggregate HGVs travelling along Attleborough Road - presumably between the quarries in the Watton/Carbrooke area and the new housing developments at Great Ellingham and Attleborough.

I am sending an updated set of our speed monitoring spreadsheets to our local Beat Manager at Attleborough Police, requesting that they deploy an officer with speed monitoring equipment on the section of The Street between the B1077 crossroads and the Village Hall.

The speed sign is currently on Attleborough Road - facing towards Caston.

Once again, sincere thanks to Cllr. Tim Ford for his help in relocating the speed sign.

\* 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  $\pm 0.5$ mph. Enforcement action is not always a fine - depending on circumstances, drivers may be offered a speed awareness course.

Cllr. Howie asked if SAM could be kept on the Attleborough Road, but Cllr Harrison explained that would have to ask for dispensations to do this. Vehicles speeding at school drop off times in the mornings. Cllr Howie will speak to the school governors to see if parents can be reminded to slow down. Also, speeding past Mr. Barnard's farm at Norrolods. RG asked if deploying SAM had slowed the traffic down at all? RH said that Covid had interfered with collecting normal data.

## 12. To update on Highways

With all the current diversions in place due to the new roundabout being built and road closures in Great Ellingham, vehicles are already using Anchor Corner and Thieves Lane.

Number of HGV vehicles on the road has increased dramatically, including aggregate lorries and movement of feed stock for biogas plant. In particular, from Mick George and Frimstone. Need to look at Carbrooke Quarry application and the routes their lorries are allowed to take.

## 13. To update on Flooding (RH)

Cllr. Harrison had distributed this report to all councillors before the meeting:

### Mid Norfolk Flood Partnership (MNFP)

The second meeting of the MNFP, Chaired by George Freeman MP (GF), was held (virtually) on 28 May. I was unable to take part but received the subsequent report. A lot of positive progress has been made since our initial 14 recommendations were sent to Lord Dannatt, notably:

1. NCC and the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance have implemented our idea of setting up an emergency 24-hour helpline for those affected by flooding.  
Post-meeting note - the number to call if affected by flooding is 0344 800 8013. Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding>
2. They have also agreed to launch a leaflet campaign to every door in the county - highlighting the new helpline and other key information on flooding.  
Post-meeting note - a leaflet detailing the new number, including a pop-out-and-keep card, has been delivered to households across Norfolk - to ensure everyone knows how to report flooding in the county.
3. 16 communities have been included in a first tranche of some of the worst affected in Norfolk (5 are in Mid Norfolk). Lord Dannatt is appointing a 'Tsar' to lead on tackling the causes of the flooding problems in each of those communities - someone we can all work closely with. In time, further tranches of communities will be added - as part of an ongoing campaign to tackle our flooding hotspots.

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Anglian Water also helpfully outlined some of the measures they are taking to prevent surface water getting into, and overwhelming, their foul water network in future.

Of course, there is still much to be done, but two key next steps that were raised and which George Freeman is raising/exploring are:

1. How developers can be forced to take their responsibilities on Flooding and Water Management much more seriously - including after they have completed a new development. (GF is discussing with his fellow parliamentary colleagues, and Lord Dannatt, how they may look to raise this in the House).
2. How we can ensure that NCC, Breckland, South Norfolk etc are making decisions based on the most up to date flooding data - not data that is three, four, five + years old.

The Watton and Saham Flood Action Group also helpfully suggested that, when communities raise objections based on flooding grounds, quoting the relevant Breckland Local Plan policies (for those in Breckland of course) may add strength to their case.

The next MNFP meeting will be held in a few month's time, with Lord Dannatt and representatives from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils (NALC) being invited too.

**Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance** - Chaired by Lord Dannatt. NSFA issued the following news release on 10 June: **New Number Launched to Report Flooding in Norfolk.**

A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently.

In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it.

Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding>

The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly.

Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to ascertain the source of floodwaters. The new number provides a single point of contact making the reporting of flooding quicker and easier.

Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

Lord Richard Dannatt, Chair of the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA), said: "When flooding hits, people have to make quick decisions on how to react. For those who want to alert others and report a flood, the process of finding the right agency could be slow and frustrating, wasting valuable time. This new initiative makes reporting a flood faster and easier, allowing residents to get on with protecting their families and property.

"The introduction of this number is the result of the work of the NSFA over the past few months and is the first step in the Alliance's programme of work to address the risks of flooding in Norfolk and will make dealing with flooding in our county simpler and easier for the people of Norfolk."

A leaflet detailing the new number, including a pop-out-and-keep card, is being delivered to households across Norfolk this week to ensure everyone knows how to report flooding in the county.

The new number has been set up by the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance, a partnership of agencies across Norfolk working to provide a consistent and coordinated response to flooding in the county, while also making communities and infrastructure are safer and more resilient. The number is staffed by Norfolk County Council officers and funded by the County Council.

Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader of Norfolk County Council, the county's Lead Flooding Authority, said: "Last winter saw heavy rainfall and flooding across our county. People affected were trying to report flooding and get some help with some residents using phone numbers 15 years old or more. That can't happen again. In an emergency we need to be able to know where people need help and make it easier for them to report incidences of flooding. By introducing this new number and sharing it far and wide, including to every home in Norfolk, we're making sure everyone knows how to make a report quickly and easily."

As part of its ongoing programme of work, the NSFA has identified sixteen sites across Norfolk that are regularly at risk of flooding. These sites will form the first tranche of locations that the NSFA will inspect with a view to proposing how to minimise or mitigate local flooding risk. The work carried out on this first tranche will inform work across Norfolk in the coming years.

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The sixteen sites included on the initial list are located at:

- Burgh Road/Beccles Rd, Gorleston
- Ferry Road, Horning
- A1101, Welney Wash
- Necton
- Burnham Market and North and South Creake
- Tunstead
- A140, Long Stratton
- Norwich Road, Strumpshaw
- Gayton
- Watton/Saham Toney
- Mattishall
- A143 Redenhall
- Yaxham
- Kenninghall
- Cranworth
- Newport Rd/Yarmouth Rd, Hemsby

Each site will see work led by a Lead Agency - Norfolk County Council or Anglian Water, depending on the site - to develop an outline, costed solution that will form the basis of any necessary future funding bids. While flood risk at many of these sites will not prove easy or quick to resolve this work will provide the blueprint for addressing other flood sites across the county.

The NSFA is finalising a Strategy and an Action Plan, to ensure the partnership working between its members continues for the longer term, providing a consistent and recognised forum for responding to flooding in the future.

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance is a new taskforce, brought together in early 2021, to work so that Norfolk communities and infrastructure are safer and more resilient to the risks of inland and coastal flooding. The Alliance includes, among others, the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, the Association of Drainage Authorities, the Water Management Alliance, Water Resources East, the Norfolk Resilience Forum, the Broads Authority and Norfolk's County, Borough, City, District and Parish Councils.

As you will see, Rocklands is not on this first priority list. Whilst not diminishing the flooding issues in Rocklands, many will be aware that the extent and severity of flooding experienced by the first priority group of communities above has been somewhat more significant than ours. Just listening to the reports from other communities and seeing associated photographs at our MNFP meetings bears this out. This will obviously be of no consolation to residents of Rocklands, but we will be pushing hard to be recognised in the subsequent group.

I am aware that at least three households on The Street in Rocklands had flood water enter (or very nearly enter - if it wasn't for sandbags, other barriers, and pumping) their properties in the flooding on Christmas Eve. These residents were advised to report this. However, in recent discussions with NCC Flood Risk Team, only one of these properties appears to have reported to-date. Reporting to the flood line (details above) is essential if we are to give enough weight to our case for further support. It is still not too late to report - if you haven't already done so, please report now. You will not only be helping yourself, you will be helping the community. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cllr. Harrison was thanked for all his hard work with First Time Sewerage, flooding, drainage and speeding. A lot of time and effort. Thank you.

**14. To discuss any correspondence.** There was no correspondence.

**15. AOB** There was no AOB.

**16. Date of next Meeting:** Monday 6 September 2021, 7pm Rocklands Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 21.18**

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### Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Crossroads

Start	06/04/2021	03/12/2020	04/08/2020
Finish	06/05/2021	03/01/2021	04/09/2020
Total Vehicles	11,092	9,337	10,341
Average Vehicles/day	369	300	332
Morning Peak	08:30-09:30	11:15-12:15	09:30-10:30
Afternoon Peak	17:30-18:30	14:45-15:45	17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)	50 (07/04/21, 06:30)	50 (04/12/20, 13:10)	60 (31/08/20, 02:55)
0-30 mph	7,592	7,134	7,180
%	68.45	76.41	69.43
30+ mph	3,500	2,203	3,161
%	31.55	23.59	30.57
35+ mph	788	495	760
%	7.10	5.30	7.35
35-40	661	419	623
%	5.96	4.49	6.02
40-45	113	68	110
%	1.02	0.73	1.06
45-50	14	8	24
%	0.13	0.09	0.23
50-55	0	0	24
%	0.00	0.00	0.23
55-60	0	0	1
%	0.00	0.00	0.01
60-65	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00

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### Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Village Hall

Start	06/05/2021	03/01/2021	04/09/2020
Finish	03/06/2021	03/02/2021	04/10/2020
Total Vehicles	10,280	6,557	10,757
Average Vehicles/day	368	212	360
Morning Peak	08:00-09:00	11:15-12:15	08:00-09:00
Afternoon Peak	15:00-16:00	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00
Max Speed (date)	55 (09/05/21, 18:20)	50 (04/01/21, 18:05)	65 (30/09/20, 14:05)
0-30 mph	7,484	5,060	8,016
%	72.80	77.17	74.52
30+ mph	2,796	1,497	2,741
%	27.20	22.83	25.48
35+ mph	686	340	671
%	6.67	5.19	6.24
35-40	584	302	562
%	5.68	4.61	5.22
40-45	92	30	100
%	0.89	0.46	0.93
45-50	9	8	7
%	0.09	0.12	0.07
50-55	1	0	1
%	0.01	0.00	0.01
55-60	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00
60-65	0	0	1
%	0.00	0.00	0.01
65-70	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Great Ellingham Direction**

03/06/2021	03/02/2021	04/10/2020	03/07/2020	03/04/2020	06/01/2020
03/07/2021	04/03/2021	02/11/2020	04/08/2020	04/05/2020	05/02/2020
47,333	35,237	44,434	44,605	24,131	49,654
1,571	1,215	1,532	1,399	773	1,653
08:00-09:00	07:15-08:15	08:00-09:00	07:30-08:30	07:00-08:00	07:15-08:15
15:30-16:30	15:00-16:00	15:15-16:15	16:45-17:45	16:30-17:30	15:30-16:30
80 (20/06/21 - 14:35)	85 (28/02/21 - 21:10)	75 (10/10/20 - 06:30)	75 (10/07/20 - 19:10)	75 (10/04/20 - 17:45)	80 (17/01/2020 - 21:45)
37,794	27,054	34,808	33,509	14,900	38,267
79.85	76.78	78.34	75.12	61.75	77.07
9,539	8,183	9,626	11,096	9,231	11,387
20.15	23.22	21.66	24.88	38.25	22.93
3,349	3,022	3,487	4,062	4,357	3,932
7.08	8.58	7.85	9.11	18.06	7.92
2,291	2,047	2,385	2,749	2,667	2,802
4.84	5.81	5.37	6.16	11.05	5.64
760	720	790	943	1,156	865
1.61	2.04	1.78	2.11	4.79	1.74
224	199	237	281	389	186
0.47	0.56	0.53	0.63	1.61	0.37
60	41	57	70	121	63
0.13	0.12	0.13	0.16	0.50	0.13
9	11	14	16	20	13
0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.03
4	3	4	3	4	1
0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00
1	0	0	0	0	2
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	1	0	0	0	0
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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