

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING STRUMPSHAW, BUCKENHAM AND HASSINGHAM

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Strumpshaw Community Hall on Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7:30 pm.

1. Welcome by the Chairman of Strumpshaw Parish Council

Sheila Ashford, outgoing Chairman of Strumpshaw Parish Council welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 17 May 2022

These were agreed to be correct and were signed by Sheila Ashford, as Chairman of the meeting.

3. Parish Council Report

Copy attached with these minutes.

4. Strumpshaw Trust report

Copy attached with these minutes,

5. Acle Safer Neighbourhood Team report by PC Jackie Chambers, Acle Beat Manager

Speeding and anti-social behaviour continue to be the main community concerns.

SAM2 is an effective reminder, would the parish council consider a joint community speed watch with other local parishes, given that insufficient volunteers from Strumpshaw area have come forward on previous attempts to set up a speed watch team (minimum of 6 required)?

Priority setting meetings held online (MS Teams) every three months, posted on Broadland Police Facebook account, next meeting scheduled for 22 June.

PC Chambers passed contact details to the Parish News editor for inclusion in future issues, advising that if there were any local issues or needed policing advice to contact via email: sntacle@norfolk.police.uk or <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/your-area/acle>.

Strumpshaw, Buckenham and Hassingham are low crime areas. There have been two reported crimes for Strumpshaw area since January 2023:

- 5.1. Criminal damage to a parked car (smashed windscreen)

5.2. EDF reported unusual activity at a vacant property, electric cables tampered with and diverted to outbuilding where cannabis plants were being farmed.

6. District Councillors report

Copy attached with these minutes.

7. To receive parishioner’s questions on local issues

MOP enquired about other methods to effectively reduce speeding and traffic calming in the village. PC Chambers advised Norfolk County Council would only consider implementing other methods of speed reduction if there’s history of accidents at a site.

MOP asked District Councillors Davis and Laming if there had been update on the proposed gypsy and travellers sites consultation.

Response: Consultation closed on 20 March 2023, all the responses are being analysed and any new sites will be considered. Council reports will then identify the preferred sites for inclusion in the plan and the inspectors examining the GNLP will consider this issue during the summer.

After that, in autumn 2023, preferred sites are very likely to be included in the inspectors’ Schedule of Main Modifications to the GNLP. There will be a modifications consultation and, subject to the outcome of the consultation, Gypsy and Traveller sites are likely to be included in the GNLP once it is adopted in 2024.

8. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 21 May 2024 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8:03 pm

Signed:

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Dated:

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Chairman's Annual report 2022/23

The year began with being able to hold public meetings and to welcome members of the public to raise matters of interest to them.

Also we were able to help our Clerk, Tanya Rowlandson, to do her probationary training and to proceed to more advanced qualifications as a Parish Clerk. She rose to the challenge admirably and the Council is in good hands.

With grants from two charities and our County Councillor providing half the funding we were able to instal a bus shelter outside the parish church.

Completing a footpath along Norwich Road seems to be as far away as ever. We continue to press County Highways to address this issue but the list of parishes requesting footpaths is very, very long.

The speed of traffic through the village is an issue now being monitored by the Sam2 speed awareness machine and we are grateful to private individuals, Andrew Proctor and two charities for funding this with no need to involve the Council's limited resources.

The Community Hall is a great asset to the village and I thank the Trustees and Committee for all their hard work in making it such a success.

Three small charitable trusts , with the encouragement of the Charity Commission, have now merged into the Strumpshaw Trust which will continue to report to the Council on its aims and objectives.

With Green Infrastructure funding the Buckenham Wood Project Committee has commissioned work on the Council's 8 acres of woodland to make the area safe and accessible for quiet enjoyment .

The future of Buckenham Woods has been a matter of great concern with the Council being unable to be involved in any possible purchase and ongoing commitment to care for and manage an additional 7.4 acres of woodland. However the Council did firmly believe that the woodland should be in public ownership and ways to facilitate this have resulted in a wide public information exercise in order to set up a charitable trust to raise money to acquire and manage the site. I am grateful to Paul Kitley, Michael Green and Martin Kentish for their expertise in gathering this information. The Trust will be a CIO – charitable incorporated organisation – with nine Trustees, two of whom are parish councillors, one from Strumpshaw and one from Lingwood. Local authority trustees will always be in a minority.

It is with the Council's support, Jenny Williams' family, the Strumpshaw Coffee Break and Bob and Dani Cameron of the Shoulder of Mutton that a community orchard on the Stone Pit south of Buckenham Road is being created in memory of Jenny, a former Clerk to Strumpshaw Parish Council and founder member of the SCB.

Six Councillors were elected on May 4th and the one vacancy can be filled by co-option.

I thank the Clerk, Councillors, District Councillors, County Councillor and parishioners for the support that I have received and wish you all well for 2023/24.

Sheila Ashford, Chairman, Strumpshaw Parish Council

District Councillor Report for the Strumpshaw Annual Parish Meeting – 16 May 2023

This report outlines the activities of the two district councillors for Brundall Ward (Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming) over the last year.

We have attended all Main Council meetings at Broadland District Council and had a place on the following committees or panels at which we raised a number of questions:

Overview and Scrutiny, Environmental Excellence, Economic Success, Licensing and Regulatory, Communities Housing and Planning, Awards and Electoral Arrangements.

We have attended main parish council meetings for Postwick, Brundall, Strumpshaw and Cantley and cluster group meetings (at which representatives of local parish councils meet to share ideas and current issues). We have raised issues on their behalf and submitted regular update reports.

We corresponded with residents over a wide range of matters such as planning and enforcement issues, light pollution, highways concerns mainly related to road safety and bus service provision, waste collections and fly tipping.

We have commented on several planning applications where appropriate, both in the ward and in neighbouring wards, and called in contentious applications to planning committees on both BDC and the Broads Authority.

We have asked BDC questions on a range of subjects including: the scrutiny process, new development and flooding, biodiversity, food security and development on agricultural land, assisting residents on low incomes, investment zones, nutrient neutrality, retrofitting services and carbon offset funds. We submitted a budget amendment to Main Council asking for additional funding to retrofit homes in the district. We supported the move of the One Team at BDC and SNC to the Horizon building at Broadland Business Park which will reduce the council's carbon emissions.

We have responded to a range of consultations covering the NCC County Devolution Deal, GNLP Gypsy and Traveller site proposals, future of the Norwich Walk in Centre and the government consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework.

Cllr Davis used his Member's Ward Grant to fund lighting improvements for the Brundall Men's Shed and Cllr Laming's grant has funded a new defibrillator for the Brundall Allotments.

We have attended the following events and meetings: Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Big Broadland Litter pick in Cantley, Gridserve EV charging station opening, Broom Boats workshop, Broadland Food Innovation Centre, Accession Ceremony at Thorpe Lodge, Norfolk Climate Change Conference, BDC Chairman's Civic Service, Brundall Remembrance Day services, opening of The Oaks development and the BDC and SNC ONE Team Awards.

Cllr Davis has continued to liaise with Anglian Water, MP Jerome Mayhew, and the Norfolk County Council Flood and Water Manager re flooding issues in the ward in both Strumpshaw and Cantley.

Cllr Davis and Cllr Laming have raised concerns about the loss of the Postwick park and ride service and asked for its reinstatement.

Cllr Davis has liaised with both local landowners and the local school to plant hundreds of new hedges and trees in Cantley, and has worked with Network Rail to improve Level Crossing safety in Cantley.

Cllr Davis met with the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss speeding in rural villages and residents' dissatisfaction with the lack of enforcement of speed limits.

(submitted by Cllr Jan Davis and Cllr Eleanor Laming – 12/5/23)

Abbreviations:

BDC – Broadland District Council

SNC – South Norfolk Council

NCC – Norfolk County Council

GNLP – Greater Norwich Local Plan

**Strumpshaw Trust (CIO)
charity number 1162573**

**Annual Report for Strumpshaw Parish Council
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

Incorporating reports about the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity (Charity no. 211906) and the W C F Holmes Charity (Charity no. 209149)

Overview

The Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Trust was renamed as the Strumpshaw Trust on 1st June 2022 with a revised and extended constitution. The revised objectives for the Strumpshaw Trust are:

Primarily the relief of those in need in the civil parish of Strumpshaw, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage;

To further or benefit the residents of the civil parish of Strumpshaw and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together with the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to promote recreation, education, leisure time pursuits, and the arts for public benefit;

To support the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for public benefit in the civil parish of Strumpshaw.

The Strumpshaw Trust, the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity and the W C F Holmes Charity worked together during the financial year to consider applications for financial support to relieve individuals in need in the civil parish of Strumpshaw, including Buckenham and Hassingham.

The trustees spent some time considering how to draw the attention of residents to the availability of some money that could help those in need. They regularly advertised in Parish News, they put up posters, they wrote to a range of organisations who may have contacts with those who need help and they included information on the Turn2Us web page.

Two applications were considered and appropriate grants were offered from the resources of all three charities.

Transfer of assets from the Strumpshaw Marsh and W C F Holmes charities

Work took place during the financial year to transfer the marsh owned by the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity and the shares held by the W C F Holmes Charity to the Strumpshaw Trust. The Charity Commission advised that general vesting declarations should be completed that would give authority for these transfers to take place. The charities also commissioned a solicitor to change the land registration of the marsh from the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity to the Strumpshaw Trust. These changes could not be

accomplished before the end of March 2023. It is expected that this will be completed before the end of March 2024.

Once the assets are transferred the trustees of the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity and the W C F Holmes Charity intend to follow the advice of the Charity Commission and close.

Trustees

The trustees of all three charities were saddened to hear of the death of David Varley who had been a trustee of all three charities.

The Strumpshaw Trust has places for seven trustees. Strumpshaw Parish Council appointed Mary Green and Hilary Hammond as nominated trustees in July 2022. Strumpshaw with Hassingham PCC appointed Revd. David Wakefield and Nick Price as nominated trustees also in July 2022.

Maureen Hammond continued as a trustee. Nicola Page and Bob Cameron were appointed as trustees in February 2023.

Hilary Hammond
Chairman,
Strumpshaw Trust and Strumpshaw Marsh Charity,
Trustee, W C F Holmes Charity

April 2023