

NAFFERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Recreation Club, Nafferton on
Tuesday 13th Aug 2024 at 7.30 pm

Vice Chair Cllr H. Waites introduced herself as Chair for the meeting as Chair
Mrs C. Milan was on leave. Cllr Waites also informed the meeting that the Clerk was
unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances and that Cllr S. Tait would take minutes in
the Clerks absence and explained that therefore we may not have all of the information
available to hand, but Clerk would respond in due course on anything outstanding.

F50 Present Councillors Mrs. H. Waites, Mrs S. Tait, Mrs M. Buckton, Mr O. Wild,
Mr. N. Sawyer Mr A. Sheldon, Mr N. Waites, Ms Y. Tagg,

4 members of the public

Ward Councillors Mr. J. Bibb & Mrs D. Howard

F51 Apologies for absence received form Councillors Mr P. Milan, Mrs C. Milan,
Mr P. Sharpe Mr S. Sharpe Mr S. Wildridge

F52 Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests – All Councillors
present declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Recreation Club

F53 -Open Forum

A member of the public , Philip Goatley, reiterated his complaint he had made to ERYC
regarding the egregious behaviour he witnessed at a previous meeting by Cllr Yvonne
Tagg regarding the serious accusations of financial misconduct she levied without proof
against other members of the Parish Council , and asked if the PC had received a
response as yet from ERYC. In his opinion her verbal and unfounded/unevidenced
accusations of criminal activity, that have to date not been supported by any written
documentation, should be reviewed by the scrutiny committee, as they are undermining
the democratic running of the council. Clerk to follow up with ERYC

F54 The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were approved with 1
amendment – to remove a line on F49 which states ‘Cllr Tait to obtain further information
Aug meeting’ as this was incorrect - proposed Councillor Mr A. Sheldon – seconded
Councillor Ms Y Tagg – all in favour

F55 Matters arising

Correspondence received from a concerned parent, Andrew Wilkinson, regarding the
planned discontinuation of the school bus between Nafferton and Drifffield was agreed
to be added to the agenda despite missing the cut off for this month's correspondence
(which is normally 1 week before the meeting). It was discussed at length and based on
the information available the PC and the Ward Councillors felt it was a valid concern and
agreed to support and try and reverse the decision if possible. A number of actions were
agreed:

- 1) PC to contact Wolds Weekly to confirm our support – **Update 14th Aug Cllr Tait contacted WW who ran a story on this 2 weeks ago, if they run a follow up story to the one they ran 2 weeks ago PC will add formal comments**
- 2) 2 x ER Ward Councillors were at the meeting and are aware of PC view on the topic and appeared supportive of need for reinstatement. They urge all concerned parishioners to contact them individually as the PC only counts as 1 individual. PC to put notice on Naff FB site and PC website stating as such (Action Cllr Nick Waites)
- 3) PC will attempt to contact the bus providers and see if there is anything we can do to change their stance - if it is a small amount of funding required, this may be something PC would consider supporting as we do with the Twilight bus. Of course, this would need to be proposed / approved at the meeting in Sept (Action on Clerk)
- 4) PC to write to Bus Partnership Forum to ask if they were involved / informed in this decision – **Update 14th Aug this action completed by Cllr Tait**
- 5) PC to write to ERYC with our concerns (Action Clerk):
 1. Why is the council prioritising other services over the essential children's transport service to school?
 2. What concrete steps has the council taken to ensure that discontinuing this service won't disrupt the children's education or increase the health and safety risk posed by children walking to school on winter mornings. How will the safeguarding of children be ensured through this?
 3. How can the council justify this decision given the potential negative impact on families, especially those who rely heavily on this service?
 4. Was there a comprehensive and transparent consultation process with all stakeholders, or was this decision made without adequate community input?
 5. What evidence does the council have to suggest that families can easily adapt to this change, particularly those without alternative transportation options?
 6. Is this decision final, or is there room for reconsideration based on the feedback and concerns of the community?
 7. How will the council address the potential increase in late attendance or absenteeism as a result of this service discontinuation?
 8. Does the council have a contingency plan in place for families who will be disproportionately affected by this change, such as low-income households or those with special needs children?
 - 9, what reasonably practicable measures has the council taken to ensure the H&S and safeguarding of children has been maintained.

F56 Accounts

1882 – R. Holmes - £733.67

1883 – Web Domain fees (2 years) - £46.71

1884 -VAT Refund - £7776.44 (PC £5941.80, Rec £1843.64)

1885 – Bleed kits - £132.00

Complaint to External Auditor by member of the public – under review and we expect a response from the Auditor by the beginning of September

F57 The Mere

Ecology Report – Councillor Tait reported to the meeting that she had met with Wold Ecology and they were working together to prepare a report to prepare for the future of The Mere – this will be completed in August

The tree from the garden of 9 Priestgate – request remove from The Mere – no Mere Committee Reps at the meeting so defer to September meeting

Willow Tree – remove tree from the island on The Mere subject to planning permission – has the planning permission been sought yet? Clerk to advise. Additional question posed by Cllr Tagg – has an arborist confirmed the tree is dead? In the absence of Mere Committee Reps this was deferred to September meeting

Cllr Tagg attempted to introduce an anonymous piece of previously unreported correspondence from a parishioner regarding the tree/ island- she was reminded of the ruling that PC do not accept anonymous correspondence and that all correspondence needs to go via the Clerk first rather than be introduced ad hoc.

F58 Flooding/Drainage report

Flooding Rep on PC absent so no report
Nethergate issues – still on going with Councillor Owen

F59 Planning

24/01677/PLF – Erection of garden shed (retrospective) – Plum Tree Cottage, 9 Station Road, Nafferton – NO COMMENT FROM PC
Cllr Buckton declared an interest

24/01999/TCA – Nafferton Conservation area – Fell 12 Apple Tree – Cherry Tree Cottage, 31 Westgate, Nafferton – Cllr Sawyer to review 14th Aug

24/02067/PLB – Replacement of roofing felt, tiling lathes and pantiles to roof (retrospective application) – 24 Middle Street, Nafferton – NO COMMENT FROM PC
Cllr O Wilde declared an interest.

24/02208/TCA – Nafferton Conservation Area – Remove 1 Holly Tree due to its position in the garden and close proximity to the house – Dale House, 8 Parsonage Close, Nafferton – NO COMMENT FROM PC
Cllr Sawyer declared an interest.

F60 Correspondence

Bus Partnership Forum – invited to attend the meeting 18th Oct. We will aim to send a representative, and have responded as such, Clerk to check at Sept meeting if anyone can attend

F61 Committee Reports

Village Hall – NO REP

Feoffee – no meeting

Play Area – NO REP

Tech Team / Data team – Domain renewal

F62 Item Purchase of equipment by the PC to record meetings - agreed to trial use of dictaphone to check audio quality priced between £50 - £200. Before we buy, we will borrow Councillor Wilds dictaphone for Sept meeting and assess fit for purpose

There was a question raised during the conversation around audio equipment that if PC was recording for PC use , should a PC member still be able to live stream on their personal account. Cllr Tagg insisted she will still live stream as she does not trust 'us'. The Chair asked Cllr Tagg to put in writing what specifically was causing her to form this opinion given that she had offered no documentation regarding this and to clarify who was meant by 'us' , to which Cllr Tagg inferred the Clerk and the whole Parish Council. Cllr Tagg refused to put her points in writing to the PC but stated she would put it on her personal social sites when she had time. Given that the rest of the PC are blocked from her social sites this was seen by some councillors as threatening behaviour and intended to cause anxiety to her fellow councillors and clerk

F63 Village Maintenance

Councillor C. Milan – proposed the erection of a Community noticeboard in the area of the Bus Shelter on Driffield Road – subject to planning permission – Councillor Milan to obtain quotes – deferred to Sept agenda

The meeting discussed the possibility of installing seats in the bus shelter – quotes required – deferred to Sept agenda

Bleed Kits – 2 kits ordered from St John's Ambulance

At 8.32 pm the Chair closed the meeting

The above meeting was recorded by Cllr Tagg for personal reasons from the start