**MINUTES OF A PARISH MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF NARBOROUGH HELD ON MONDAY 1 APRIL 2019 IN TH CHURCH CENTRE BEGINNING AT 7pm**

**Present:**

**Mr P Wilkinson Chairman of the Parish Council, Narborough Community Centre, and Breckland Councillor**

**Mr J Collins Councillor**

**Mrs S Cox Councillor**

**Mr E Colman Norfolk County Councillor**

**Mr D Waterton Resident**

**Mr O Ozler Resident**

**Mrs D Davies Resident**

**Mr D Burchell Clerk to the Council, and Sport & Play For All**

**Apologies:**

**Mrs K Scott Narborough Primary Academy**

**Ms H Wright Friends of Narborough School**

**Mrs S Greeno Narborough Village Fair**

**Mr G Bartlett Narborough Museum Group, and Bone Mill Preservation Group**

**Mr D Turner Narborough Cricket Club, and Narborough History Society**

**Mr J Coe Narborough Football Club**

**Mr T McClelland Narborough Petanque Club**

**Mrs J McClelland Line Dancing Club**

Minutes of Parish Meeting Held on Wednesday 4 April 2018. The minutes of the Parish Meeting Held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 were unanimously approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Chairman’s Report. Chairman of a parish council can be a challenging and rewarding position to hold, as a parish council we take responsibility for keeping Narborough a place where people would want to live, taking care of infrastructure including making sure footpath and roads are kept in good condition in supporting residents.

This year it has been no different, I have chaired this council through some difficult meetings with indifferent issues arising from the Persimmon Homes Development, which was challenging for all of the councillors. On the upside the council enjoyed the benefits from a housing development, councillors joined young Narborough residents for an official opening of the new multi-use games area ( MUGA) including a fit trail.

In my chairmanship we saw the first young Narborough Families move into their new homes on the Flagship social housing development, with the 4year project being completed this April, with an open day to mark this milestone keep a date in your diary.

As a council we have embraced all issues identified by residents with transparency and commitment with mostly satisfactory out comes, the council has dealt professionally with a good understanding of the new data protection regulations, in serving the residents of Narborough with Narford, in 2018 we welcomed a new councillor Sue Cox.

Can I thank my fellow councillors for their support this last year, also a thank you to our clerk David Burchell for his continuing commitment, direction, hard work, support, and advice.

May I wish the 2019/20 Chairman a successful upcoming year, and I offer my full support.

Peter Wilkinson

Chairman Naborough Parish Council

Narborough Community Centre Report. I have been the Chairman of the Narborough Community Centre since November 2018.

I have overseen the refurbishment off the toilets, funding for this came from the Tesco help for all bags, funding secured by the former chairman, thanks to Alan Brinston for his time as Chairman.

The hall has local regular group bookings guaranteed income, bookings for the hall have been up in 2019 from organization and business, private party bookings, including children’s parties, it was encouraging to see families using the hall from RAF Marham, we continue to have successful quiz nights, preparations are well underway for a craft fair, thank you to those committee members for their continued support organizing these events, the committee members are the community centre.

We signed Narborough community centre in the Breckland Lottery, this is a great opportunity to bring in thousands of pounds, and we do need to encourage more residents to buy more tickets, at the moment our supporters buying will bring in £440 in the first year, thank you to these supporters.

We had an official opening of the (MUGA) multi use games area, this along with the fit trail came from s106 Development monies for the Persimmon housing.

Can I thank the Narborough P.C. and clerk for facilitating this project?

The Narborough Community centre fair sub- committee are well advanced with their preparations for the 2019 event, this will be another well run exciting event with the added attraction this year of a forties theme including the famous re-enactment group Dads Army, thank you to all involved, we still need to be an active community for this work to continue and keep this valuable village facility open, thank you again to the management committee and volunteers.

Peter Wilkinson

Chairman Narborough Community Centre Management Committee

Sport & Play For All Steering Group. We have made good progress over the last year thanks to the S106 monies from the Persimmon, Chalk Lane development to a value of £41,125.00. This has enabled the purchase of 7 items of outdoor keep-fit equipment and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

Use of the keep-fit equipment has tailed off over the winter, but the MUGA is well used by village children especially over weekends and this seems to be encouraging families to make use of the whole complex.

The unexpected availability of a further £21,600.00 from the development has meant that we can look ahead to further purchases subject to a successful bid to the S106 Officer at Breckland. We are in ‘competition’ with two other village organisations who are also submitting bids with the support of the Parish Council. If successful in our bid we aim to purchase a Cableway (Zip wire) and/or a wheelchair useable roundabout (thus fulfilling our commitment to provide for the less physically able).

If our bid is not successful we will continue to fund raise through the Village Fair and by organising our own events, and, hopefully, will also be able to make a bid for some of the S106 money that will be associated with the second Chalk Lane development.

Before committing to any other purchases after the cableway and roundabout we will be consulting the residents of the village to confirm there is support for the provision of any more sport or play equipment.

Once again I must thank the small but dedicated group who make up the Sport & Play For All Steering Group for their work over the past year; the Parish Council and the Community Centre Management Committee continued support of the project, and the Sports & Social Club for their continued financial support.

David Burchell

Chairman Sport & Play For All Steering Group

Narborough Primary Academy. Obviously the biggest news to come out of our school community this year has been our fantastic OFSTED report, which we are all very proud of, that recognised the journey we have been on to achieve the grading of GOOD in every category. Parents, children, staff and governors have all played their part in making this happen and we are delighted with the recognition that we are indeed a school for the local community and we hope to be able to continue to build on these relations in the future.

We have also recently been inspected by the SIAMs which has granted us GOOD status in all categories, again complementing the community feel to the school and the journey we have been on to hold the clear vision we all have for the future.

Our numbers are starting to rise having fallen to just over 90 last year. This has in part been due to large cohorts leaving the school and smaller cohorts joining us. However, we have been full in Reception for the past two years and hope to be full for this coming September. For our September 2018 cohort we were oversubscribed and it was unfortunate that we were not able to accommodate all pupils in our catchment area who had wanted to come to the school. However, the new housing in the village did not play a part in this and we have only seen a small increase in numbers due to the new housing to date.

Over the last year we have been working very hard to provide our children with an enriched and creative curriculum to engage them in the world around them. As such, with the support of parents and FONS (Friends of Narborough School), we have been striving to create opportunities for learning beyond the classroom and our school environment. This has included a number of educational visits, externally provided sporting events plus guest speakers and volunteers visiting the school.

The children have engaged with numerous charities over the last year, including hosting a MacMillan coffee morning (organised by our school council), collecting food for the Salvation Army food bank (as part of our Harvest festival), supporting Children in Need, Comic Relief and Save the Children through non-uniform days and also PACT Animal charity too – where we were delighted to welcome a representative and one of the animals into school to collect the funds we had raised!

Our visits to Church have also been highlights for the children, with their Harvest, Christmas and Easter festival services being well attended by the community. We were also honoured to be invited to the War memorial as part of a school Remembrance service and the children looked around the churchyard at some of the war graves to show their respects.

Each class in school has been renamed – we felt that being a number did not quite fit with the team spirit we encourage the children to hold – and so we are now all named after indigenous mammals that you might see in our local woodland: Hedgehog, Squirrel, Badger and Fox. We have also introduced House teams to support the vertical sense of community within the school where children across the year groups are all allocated a flower – snowdrops, tulips, sunflowers and poppies – each associated with the different seasons of the year. This has been very well received by the children!

Extra-curricular clubs have been provided by staff and volunteers, including Gardening Club, Netball Club, Christmas Crafts Club, Board Games Club and a SATs support club. All are well attended and valued by the children. We are also incredibly pleased that our Gardening Club are the proud tenants of an allotment pitch – further supporting our community links with members that we would otherwise not meet.

Mrs K Scott

Head Teacher Narborough Primary Academy

Friends Of Narborough School. Over the past year FONS have seen some changes to its membership structure with the departure of Mrs McGarrell as Chairperson and the appointment of Mrs Funnell as the successor in this position. We have also seen changes in the duties being undertaken by different members, for which we are very grateful of their time.

With regards to the projects we have been involved with:

There have been a number of successful Bingo evenings hosted in the school hall, which have been well attended by the wider community, and we are developing this to include a children’s bingo (the first of which will be our Easter bingo taking place on Thursday 3rd April) to run alongside the adults one – this is to enable a wider audience to be able to participate who are without childcare.

The success of the Christmas fayre we organised and, again, held in the school hall was a fantastic showcase of local crafts and small businesses. All were very complementary of the event, and this has influenced our future plans for a summer fayre to be held on the school playing field (weather permitting!) this summer term.

The end of school academic year disco to say farewell to our year 6 children and wish them well in the next stage of their journey was attended by the whole school – with exception of approximately 10 children. All the year 6 children were bought a scientific calculator as a leaving gift to support their new learning challenges.

There was also a Christmas disco provided by FONS, As with the Summer disco a locally sourced butcher’s sausage (plus a vegetarian option) is provided for the children. Both events were provided by the FONS for our children free of charge due to the cost being supported by the funds being raised. This inclusive event provides the children with a safe, happy and fun evening as a reward for all their hard work in lessons!

Over the last academic year, money raised by FONS has been used within school to support and enrich the children’s learning by subsidising travel expenses and entry to events when learning takes the children beyond the classroom. ***Some*** of these have included: Kew Gardens (Rainforest topic), Flag Fen (Stone Age to Iron Age topic), Gressenhall museum evacuees day (WWII topic), Leicester Science Museum (supporting KS2 science), Norwich Cathederal visit (The festival of Christmas/Edith Cavell topic) and a coast visit to Hunstanton (KS1 science).

Money raised has also been used in school to provide materials for the Young Enterprise topic and help the children to be able to manage a balance sheet for their produce. Also, a welcome gift for each new reception child is funded by the money we have raised.

Members of FONS have also been taking part in school to support the afterschool gardening club, cookery, Christmas crafts club and animal husbandry!

As a group we are always grateful of the support the wider community gives when we are holding events to raise funds to enable an inclusive and enriched curriculum for our children; we will endeavour to continue to do so over the coming year.

Ms H Wright

FONS

Narborough Village Fair. By the 2017 Village Fair the date of the 2018 Fair had been agreed, Sunday 28 July 2018.

The Fair committee wanted to take a slightly different direction, we wanted to get back to the more traditional Fair with showing fruit, vegetables, flowers and home produced goods.

Kim Starling, from Starling Greengrocers and Florists was keen to her involved. She loved that a village wanted to come together.

The committee worked hard throughout the year securing stallholders, displays and performers.

The Dog Show, classic cars, motorcycles, children’s fair games and bouncy castles, stationary engines and food stalls all made their regular appearance. It looked like it would be an amazing day.

If you remember, in the weeks before the Fair, the weather was glorious, temperatures were higher than parts of Southern Europe. The temperatures were so high, we had to continually communicate to see whether we should call off the dog show. Advice was sought, weather apps were researched and by Thursday night we agreed to go ahead as the temperatures were to be of a comfortable level.

We contingency planned, finding additional water and shelter for humans and furry friends.

The day of the fair arrived, it was windy, cold and wet. Stallholders started cancelling or didn’t turn up. The Dog Show lost a marquee and the inflatables were unable to be used.

The fruit, vegetable and flower displays had some fantastic arrangements, the Fair was opened by Margaret Bacon who had run a successful tea room in Norfolk, she felt privileged to be asked for the day and took time to talk to stallholders and help Kim sell strawberries and cream.

Our gate receipts were down on the previous year, we did not receive contributions from the fair or dog show due to losses made and catering stalls had a big downturn in monies as well.

Those who braved the weather enjoyed their day, some confirmed their bookings for this year, 28 July 2019.

Plans are already well underway for 2019, Jan Foster-Bartlett has secured Dad’s Army plus singers, Ian Hindle has secured The Desert Rats Association and Steve Greensides to play 1940s music. The Fair this year will have a 1940s theme in the background, our usual displays will be there. Stallholders are booking, bunting is being made to pretty the hall and marquees. So far it’s looking impressive. Please could we have your continual good thoughts for fine, kind weather, a lot of work goes into this event by a very small team, we are thankful of the team of volunteers who support our setting up and taking down. My personal thanks goes to all the Committee and our volunteers.

This year we had a BBQ after the fair, the food was appreciated by all and was a highlight of the event.

Our 2020 event looks like it will be on 1st August due to a wedding.

If you are on social media, please share our Village event, let’s promote what we as a village can offer and keep the village spirit and community feel alive, the vision of the fair remains the same as it was in the beginning, one day in the year the village comes together to enjoy themselves.

Sarah Greeno

Chairperson Narborough Village Fair Committee

NARBOROUGH BONE MILL PRESERVATION GROUP

In the last year the bonemill volunteers made a new visitor centre in the style of the original mill building under the guidance of Fred Munford. The project was financed by a £4,000 Tesco Bags of Help grant awarded last year.

The new building, named The Little Mill, is clad in wood with a shingle roof. It houses a museum showing many of the finds discovered when uncovering the site, with photos of the restoration and some historic pictures of the original mill buildings. Some of the river and mill exhibits from the old Heritage Centre museum are also on display including the large River Nar information panel. The new building also has a toilet, store room and workshop.

Also in the visitor centre is a detailed model of the mill complex made by David Turner which is displayed on open days. We opened to the public in May as part of National Mills Weekend and in September for Heritage Open Days, both of which were a great success, we had the water wheel turning on both occasions.

We still have our railway wagon which is the volunteer room and kitchen, we use the wagon every Thursday when we have a volunteer working party.

We get many visitors from the Nar Valley Way footpath on the opposite river bank, we have a swinging footbridge they can cross to join us for a cup of tea and biscuits and a look round the site. There is a new interpretation board on the footpath with information about the mill and restoration, the notice board frame is in the style of the original gate frame arch over the river.

Children from Narborough School collected topical items to bury in a time capsule at the mill, they enjoyed their visit which involved learning about the mill, trying out metal detecting and magnet fishing. We also had a visit from Narborough and Sporle schools recently who looked around the mill as part of their River Nar studies.

We have two metal detectorists who continue to find a wide range of objects such as old coins, an iron age brooch, musket balls and machinery parts. A very recent find was a Silver watch dated 1915. In the press the bone mill has featured in Suffolk Norfolk Life magazine and Lynn News.

We will be taking part in Mills Weekend on 11 & 12 May this year when we will be open to the public. We welcome new volunteers, and anyone interested in the mill or becoming a volunteer can find out more on our website www.bonemill.org.uk.

Graham Bartlett

Narborough Bone Mill Preservation Group

Narborough Museum Group. In September 2016 Narborough Heritage Centre closed after ten years. The old Methodist Chapel, where it was based, needed to be sold, and since then hundreds of items have had to be put into storage.

The museum had a number of unique displays that included the best exhibition in Norfolk of the bones of woolly mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, giant deer and other extinct animals. The model village was a popular feature, as was the definitive history of the First World War, Narborough Aerodrome, and the village's industrial heritage.

Items bequeathed to the museum include railway memorabilia, a collection of Victorian artefacts and a library of over 300 books on aviation and Norfolk history.

Recently a plan was launched to house a new museum to display the original exhibits in a log cabin at the Community Centre, funded by S106 money left over from the Chalk Lane housing development. Unfortunately this project was short lived, as the museum was not defined as a recreational facility, so S106 funds were not allowed to be used when other recreational projects wanted the money.

However there is now an active museum group supported by many local residents and village organisations who are continuing to look at various options for re-opening the museum. If anyone has a building in or around Narborough that they would be prepared to let the museum have, we would be very interested.

We have a facebook page called Narborough Museum which will be constantly updated with the latest information, anyone interested can also contact [gbartlett87@btinternet.com](mailto:gbartlett87@btinternet.com).

Graham Bartlett

Chairman Narborough Museum Group

Football Club. Narborough F.C. has enjoyed their best season on the pitch, with the First X1 finishing upper mid table in Division 5 South, Hadley & Ottaway  Anglian Combination, and the Second X1 finishing mid table in Barnes Print Central & South Norfolk Division 4, with 2 games yet to play.

Both teams have been able to field a full Eleven, and at almost every match there has been subs available to use. This is a remarkable achievement for a village of Narborough’s size in a time when in general, village sport is on a downward spiral, and clubs of larger standing than ours, are folding. Much credit for this must go to our secretary and treasurer, namely Martin Southgate and Jonathan Coe who both work tirelessly to keep the club at this level.

Off the field, financially, again it is case of treading water to ensure monies raised can always be slightly more than monies out. Various functions arranged during the year allows this to happen and support from players and the village is always appreciated. The Social Club, as always, are willing helpers by letting us use their facilities for after match drinks and food and provide the venue for fundraising events during the year.

At the time of writing, Narborough F.C. are eagerly awaiting results from an application to Breckland Council for possible funding from S106 Grant. If approved, this would greatly improve the standing of the club and allow us to move on to the next level of possible junior football teams in the village, if interest is shown.

Jonny Coe

Chairman Narborough Football Club

Narborough History Society. After many years as Visiting Speaker Secretary, Elizabeth Gilham has decided to call it a day, and as no one is prepared to take on the job there will be no monthly meetings for the time being.

The Society will continue to work to preserve the unique heritage of our village in close conjunction with the Narborough Museum Group. We will strive to obtain a building to use as a museum/heritage centre to store and display the many hundreds of photographs, documents and artefacts that have been collected, loaned, donated and bequeathed to the village. These treasured items can then remain where they belong rather than being given to some other museum and subsequently lost to the community.

David Turner

Chairman Narborough History Society

Narborough Cricket Club. The Cricket Club are pleased to continue their flourishing youth section. Children between the ages of 6-15, boys and girls, of any ability are welcome to come and join us. The sessions are delivered by qualified ECB Coaches and are made to be fun, enjoyable and offer a great opportunity to make friends and learn all about the fantastic game of cricket.

The cricket club also has a thriving adult section who are always on the lookout for new players, the club currently have four adult teams which caters for all abilities. With their Saturday first team the current Norfolk Cricket League 20/20 Cup Champions.

Narborough Cricket Club

Narborough Petanque Club. The club has lost 4 members this season so we now have 16 members who play in the West Norfolk District Winter League.

We still have 3 teams; the Stingrays, Sharks ‘A’ and ‘B’. The Stingrays have won Division 1 again (4 times in succession, a league milestone). Sharks ‘A’ were a close second and Sharks ‘B’ were fourth.

The club is running summer sessions on Sunday mornings (weather dependent), so that club members and other interested people can participate in a competitive get together.

An annual open competition and barbeque will be held on the first Sunday in July which is sponsored by local businesses.

Tom McClelland

Chairman Narborough Petanque Club

Line Dancing. The Thursday group has been running for 14 years, and the Tuesday group a little less. We have people from Swaffham, Scarning, Sporle, Fransham, Pentney and Narborough – roughly 13/14 members. Since last year we’ve had 2 men join us.

The session lasts for one hour and is pay as you go. New members are always welcome.

Judith McClelland

Narborough Line dancing Club

Norfolk County Council. In February 2019 Norfolk County Council agreed a £409 million revenue budget for 2019/20. This budget is balanced, is robust and allocates our resources across Norfolk’s people and communities in the best way we can. While protecting the frontline services the people of Norfolk rely on so dearly.

In November 2018 Norfolk received as additional £12.694 million from the Government to spend on road maintenance. Greater Norwich has been awarded £6.1 m by the department for Transport, following a successful bid in the first round of Transforming Cities funding.

The County Council is proposing to create a Norwich Western Link to improve travel between the A47 and Broadland Northway (formerly the Norther Distributor Road) and tackle transport problems in the area.

Norfolk has been ranked fourth out of 28 similar councils in a national independent survey which looks at satisfaction with highways and transport services.

Thousands more homes and businesses in Norfolk will be able to access Superfast Broadband thanks to Norfolk County Council securing an extra £11m in funding.

This year we launched our new Early Childhood and Family Service. We believe this will have greater reach to those more isolated children and families in need of help and advice, through increased local support, easier to access information and crucial outreach work while continuing to deliver services previously offered. We will be investing £120m in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision for children aged 3-19 with complex needs.

People affected by loneliness and social isolation in Norfolk can now turn to a comprehensive range of new services for help and support including ‘Life Connectors’, and outreach. The Carers Charter was launched on 30 November at County Hall.

Ed Colman

Norfolk County Councillor

District Council. £1.4m has been committed to help support our residents via – Development of Breckland Innovation Den; leisure facilities; and support services for the young and a start-up scheme for businesses.

£250k has been allocated to the Market Town initiative which benefits villages as villages use towns as hubs.

The Breckland Lottery is projected to raise £40,000 for good causes in its first year, while the Breckland landlord Forum will engage with local landlords to support them and further improve local housing options.

Peter Wilkinson

Breckland Councillor

Open Forum. Nothing was brought up in the Open Forum.

**The Meeting Closed at 7.32pm**