**Cley Parish Council**
The minutes of the Cley Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2022 at 6.30p.m. at Cley Village Hall.

Attending: Cllr Holliday (Chairman), Cllr Allen (Vice-Chair), Cllr Holman, Cllr Meadows, Cllr High, Cllr Williamson and Cllr Baker.

There were 4 members of the public present.

1. Welcome and to consider apologies

1.1 County Cllr Eric Vardy sent his apologies.

1. Declarations and Dispensation Requests by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below

2.1 None

1. Agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021

3.1 Spelling mistake on pg 6 change to conservative. The minutes (with the amendment) were PROPOSED by Cllr High and SECONDED by Cllr Williamson and AGREED by all.

1. GUEST SPEAKER – Richard Jefferson on the History of Cley

4.1 Richard Jefferson gave a brief talk on the history of Cley.

1. GUEST SPEAKER – Charles Sanders

5.1 Charles Sanders gave a brief talk on the history of Sanders Bus Company.

5.2 Cllr Holliday thanked both guest speakers for attending the meeting and giving such interesting talks.

1. Receive the Chairman’s Report for 2021 – 22

6.1 Cllr Holliday gave her report which can be seen at Appendix A.

1. Receive Accounts for the year to 31st March 2022

7.1 The Clerk shared the provisional AGAR statement with everyone, highlighting 142 payments were made and 162 receipts received.

1. Public Opportunity for Questions to Councillors

No questions received.

Meeting ended at 19.12

Appendix A – Chairman’s Report

2021-22 was another hugely successful year for Cley Parish Council. This was entirely due to our outstanding clerk, Gemma Harrison, who goes over and above her duties  to make Cley a better place to live,  work and visit, and our amazing, hard working Parish  Cllrs who put in endless hours behind the scenes to keep our village flourishing. Thanks also to our County Cllr, Eric Vardy, who works so hard on our behalf.

Farewells

This year, we sadly said goodbye to Roger Brownsword, who retired as a valued long term senior flood warden. Many thanks, Roger, for all you have done for the village over the years - you will be missed. We are, however, fortunate to have new Senior Flood Wardens to competently take his place.

Our major achievements this year include

We will be able to walk the Hangs footpaths again in August

The outcome of the Hangs Inquiry was  the  Inspector’s  interim decision to confirm the two historical footpaths, up to the Hangs and down to the East Bank, with a modification order stipulating a specific width. This received an objection, which was later withdrawn, so now we are awaiting the Inspector’s final decision. Many thanks to those who provided evidence for the footpaths, especially those who spoke at the Inquiry, and to Vic Crocker of the Ramblers who coordinated the campaign.

We have brought the allotments back into credit

The allotments are now flourishing  and in healthy credit - for the first time in 4 years the allotments are profitable. This is entirely due to the hard work of the clerk and Cllrs, especially Cllrs Holman, Williamson, Allen, High and Baker, plus dedicated allotment holders, to whom we owe enormous thanks. A huge amount of work has been done to tidy up the allotments and make new plots lettable. Hedge gaps have been filled, fencing put up, rubbish removed and unused areas dug over. It’s wonderful to walk through on a sunny afternoon and see so many allotment holders working away to grow their own fruit and veg.

We have installed village gates to increase pedestrian safety

In our traffic management consultation, 75% residents were in favour of village gates Thanks to a very generous donor, and to the clerk for obtaining a Parish Partnership grant, striking village  gates have been installed on the inbound verges at all four entrances to the village , emphasising the lack of footpaths and warning of pedestrians in the road.

We have purchased our own dedicated speed monitor  to reduce speeding

In our traffic management consultation, 76% residents were in favour of an additional SAM2. Also thanks to a very generous donor, we have a dedicated SAM2 ( speed monitor) installed around the village and data on speeding will be downloaded.

We have tidied up Newgate Green verge

Yet again, thanks to various generous donors, we have been able to finally complete the Newgate Green remediation works. This stretch of protected verge opposite Marsh Cottage, which will eventually grass over, has certainly taken some of teh pressure off parking on the green.

We have lobbied successfully for increased capacity at our local Waste water treatment centre

As a result of our complaints, Anglian water have increased biological capacity at the Glandford Waste Water Treatment plant so it can cope with visitor pressure and storms. Previously excess flows led to tankering as the the works  has no storm discharge and the effluent is tightly controlled as it is running into a shellfish farming harbour. This additional treatment capacity has proved to be effective and there is less tankering. Now we are waiting for them to fix the verge opposite the treatment works which has been destroyed by all the tanker movements.

We have been recognised for our community resilience

We have been honoured to receive, together with other Norfolk villages,  a plaque from the Lord Lieutenant to recognise the community’s resilience and support during the Covid pandemic. This is very well deserved and we are grateful to Lady Dannatt for her acknowledgement.

We have demonstrated our commitment to the Armed Forces

We have signed the Armed Forces covenant with Cllr Meadows as our armed forces champion. Many thanks to Cllr Meadows for taking this forward. This commits Cley to honouring the AF Covenant and to support the AF Community in Cley.

We’ve donated to the nearest food bank

We tried very hard to give away our Covid grants which were for food supplies for those affected by Covid. We had money left over so we’ve donated the remaining £800 to Holt food bank to help neighbours in need.

We have some ambitious projects in progress

We think Cley Beach needs a toilet

Our campaign to support a toilet on the beach car park is making progress. A petition raised 189 signatures so it is endorsed by the community. NWT have shown some interest  but planning permission is required ( if CPC owned or managed the beach we could put a toilet down there under permitted development, but sadly neither of those apply). Currently NWT are talking abt putting in a planning pre application. CPC have offered a generous sum, even though we don’t benefit financially from the car park, to help fund the toilet as we think it’s vital   to have a pristine beach for the village to enjoy. Thank you, Cllrs, esp Cllr Holman, for your support with this.

We’ve asked Highways to re-consult on our traffic management proposals

In Last years traffic management consultation, 64% of respondents agreed traffic flow had improved with traffic  cones and 70% respondents were in favour of double yellow lines in place of the cones. However, Residents had concerns  about the costs of the scheme, displaced parking, increased speeding, the appearance of double yellow lines and a possible bias in the questionnaire. There was a suggestion that no parking signs were preferable to double yellow lines, as were designated parking bays with white boxes. Highways suggested double yellows both sides to reduce displaced parking. The proposal for limited areas of double yellow lines has gone to Highways for re-consultation. Many thanks to all residents for their input and to Gemma for organising the consultation.

We decided to create a Neighbourhood Plan

We are creating a Neighbourhood Plan to focus on heritage, conservation and design. This will define evidence-based hyper-local planning policies designed to be more specific to Cley than NNDCs Local Plan. This, we hope, will afford more protection for features we love  which currently have none, such as the Loke walls and the cobbles in the High Street. Thanks to the clerk for spearheading this.

We’ve formed a Parish Land - Hilltop Working Party

This will represent the whole community and find a solution to how Hilltop land is managed and accessed, and develop a management plan for the next five years. There is debate to be resolved as to the  extent of proposed clearance of land to permit access vs privacy, safety cost, environmental grounds and legalities.

We’ve almost finished our Jubilee Cley Heritage walk

Cllrs and local historians have joined forces  to create a historical walk around Cley, which showcases our rich maritime heritage and is a living representation of how the village has evolved over the centuries. Many thanks to Sarah Poppy, Richard Jefferson and Cllrs Allen, Holman and Williamson for their insight. We will be having leaflets printed and will launch at the Jubilee weekend.

We hope to have more control over late night music from events

CPC has approached NNDC to see what can be done abt noise nuisance from late night music  at events at village venues. These events are regulated by Temporary Events Notices issued by NNDC. TENs aren’t usually consulted on but we now have an arrangement where our opinion is sought - but not taken into account at the moment as there have been few formal complaints to NNDC in the past. In order for our opinion to be taken seriously we need to comment if we find the noise from events unacceptable. Many thanks to Cllr Meadows for taking the lead on this.

I would like to also thank Cllr Baker for his dedication and hard work for the parish, for acting as the parish’s representative on the Village hall committee for many years. He does a great deal for the village, quietly and without fanfare, but none the less his work is hugely appreciated.

We’ve decided  not to take some of our projects further for the moment

The electric vehicle charging points at the Village Hall have been paused

Impressively, the  Parish Council secured 75% of the funds needed to install two electric vehicle charging points at the Village Hall. We could have raised the additional moneys but Cllrs felt the project was too risky financially for a parish to take on single handedly. We looked for a turn key solution, working with a partner who would take all the risk, ie do the installation, manage the charging points and in return take the profits, but there is no one at the moment prepared to work at the small scale of a parish council. So this has reluctantly been paused until there is more county or district support available. Many thanks to Cllr Allen for his hard work in trying to get this project off the ground.

No  community speedwatch for the moment

Cllrs almost managed to form a CSW team but failed at the last moment due to a lack of volunteers. Data from our speed cameras shows the problem is actually more volume than speeding - the average speed from one analysis was 26mph, 18% cars were over 30mph, the average speeder was going at 33mph and the highest clocked at 55. The volume of traffic was 1300 cars per day for two entrances to village so was an underestimate.Many thanks to Cllrs Meadows and Allen for spearheading this endeavour and for retrieving the traffic data.