

NORTH CREAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of North Creake held in the Village Hall on Thursday 5th August, 2021, at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors, I Studd (Chair), J Brettingham Smith, L Fletcher, B Lynn and the Clerk, Sarah Harvey.

1. The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for absence from Councillors A Bunkle and S Sandell (pecuniary interests).

3. **Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items**

There were none declared.

4. **Parishioner's Participation**

There were no questions/comments made.

5. **Land at Shammer**

To note the response received from Butcher Andrews regarding the deed of easement and to reconsider the form of restriction included within the document – the content of the email and advice received from Chris Taylor (Butcher Andrews) were noted.

It was considered and agreed that from the start of negotiations the Parish Council had acted in good faith and as a result felt very disappointed that McNamara Associates Ltd had not acted in a similar manner, given that North Creake Parish Council had allowed them to proceed without the proper legal provisions in place in order to facilitate the McNamara development schedule. They felt that this was a dishonourable way to deal with a democratically elected authority and these sentiments should be passed on to Michael McNamara Associates Ltd via the solicitor acting on their behalf.

It was agreed to the change and sign the restriction L deed of easement once Butcher Andrews were satisfied that the costs had been paid in full and the Council had been paid the consideration agreed verbally with Mr McNamara at a site meeting with Councillors A Bunkle and I Studd i.e., £1,000. It was noted that although the L restriction was open to potential abuse and therefore did not give North Creake Parish Council the protection it merited, the Parish Council felt that there was no alternative other than to agree to the change in restriction as public money could be put at risk.

It was agreed that the Clerk would compile an appropriate email to forward to Butcher Andrews with the assistance of Councillor J Brettingham Smith. All Councillors would receive a copy of the draft prior to an official response being sent.

6. It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on Thursday 9th September, 2021 at 6.30pm.

With no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.30 pm.

..... Chairman
23rd September, 2021

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