

Ditchingham Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Ditchingham Village Hall

Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Julian Green (Chair), Keith Weston (Vice Chair), Brendon Bernard, Yvonne Daplyn, Angela Gifford, Georgina Simmonds

Clerk/RFO: Sally Chapman

Also Present: County Councillor Barry Stone and eleven members of the public

Public Forum – for Members of the Public

The Chair asked members of public if they wished to speak:

- A resident from Windmill Green spoke of the many deep and dangerous potholes around Windmill Green and how bright the street lamp was opposite Number 1. Clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**
- Two representatives from New Rock confirmed their names but declined to speak about their proposal – point 7.b).

External Reports

County Councillor Barry Stone reported:

- Norfolk County Council will set a new budget on 21st February 2023 and are not planning to raise the budget.
- Devolution (when central government transfers powers to a local government). NCC is to sign a letter of intent and if successful the Government will devolve certain powers, funding, borrowing power and revenue funding to local councils. NCC would elect a Devolution Leader.

District Councillor Brendon Bernard reported:

- Member Ward fund for local projects, which needs to be used by March, so let me know of any local groups or projects that may want to apply.
- The council closed South Norfolk House, in Long Stratton, in November and all staff and meetings are now at Thorpe Lodge (Broadland Council's office) until the new Horizon office at Broadland Business Park is ready.
- South Norfolk Council is now in its budget setting process for next year.
- Progress is being made with various decarbonisation projects, including plans for solar PV and energy efficiency improvements at our leisure centres and getting more EV charging points in car parks.
- There has been a significant increase in demand for temporary housing accommodation. The Council has now agreed funding to purchase properties to provide additional accommodation.

District Councillor Chris Brown added

- We continue to press for environmental improvements at the council, improved recycling rates and greater transparency.

MINUTES

1. To consider Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declaration of Interests and Consider Requests for Dispensation

- a) Cllr Green - 6.c) Grounds Maintenance Contracts (Norse employee)
- b) Cllr Bernard - 7.a) Chicken Roundabout Memorial (wife involved with artwork)
- c) Cllr Daplyn – 8.b) Planning Applications (home owner)

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3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st November 2022

The Minutes from the Meetings held on 21st November 2022 were confirmed unanimously as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

From the minutes not on the agenda, nor included in the committee reports.

a) Precept Decision at Meeting of 21st November 2022

It has been confirmed by South Norfolk Council CIL Money can be spent on street light renewals but not removal. Councillors are asked to confirm that all the CIL money held - £13,947 can be used for renewal of street lamps.

Councillors agreed unanimously to earmark the £13,947 received CIL money to spend on street light renewals.

5. To consider Co-option to fill the Casual Vacancies

None

6. Finance

a) To Receive the Current Financial & Budget Reports & Approve Receipts & Payments

Councillors approved unanimously the Finance & Budget Reports and the Receipts & Payments as attached.

b) Play Area Roundabout Refurbishment Quotations/Estimates

Councillors considered the Play Area roundabout refurbishment quotations and resolved to accept PlayQuip Leisure's estimate of £2,000.

c) Grounds Maintenance Quotations

Cllr Green did not comment or vote as an employee of Norse.

Councillors resolved to accept Excite Solutions 3-year quotation of £5,495 per annum.

d) Village War Memorial Quotations – c/f

Awaiting quotations.

e) Primary School and Belsey Bridge Road Grit Bin Requests

County Councillor Barry Stone has agreed to fund new grit bins at Ditchingham's Primary School and Belsey Bridge Road. The Clerk is waiting for bin location confirmation from NCC. Cllrs gave thanks to Cllr Stone for his grant.

f) Tree Works

The Clerk confirmed the tree surgery work should commence on 30th January 2023.

g) Hollow Hill Conservation Area Funding

County Councillor Barry Stone has kindly donated £1,000 towards this project. Cllrs gave thanks to Cllr Stone for his grant.

7. Chicken Roundabout

a) Memorial

Cllr Bernard did not comment (wife involved with artwork)

Cllr Weston spoke of the information board lectern that NCC has agreed that can be installed beside Chicken Roundabout to commemorate Mr Gordon Knowles. Cllr Weston, Cllr Bernard and Mrs Bernard have agreed to create the artwork and information.

b) To Note New Rock Approach & Social Media Comment

The Chair outlined the back story of the New Rock's presence & comment on local & social media, The Chair stated that the social media comments confirmed that this evidenced the continuing local interest in the Roundabout consistent with DPC's efforts over recent years. He summarised the New Rock's proposal document and read out an email from Norfolk County Council's Highways Chief Engineer received on the

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morning of the meeting confirming that the New Rock's proposal was inconsistent with NCC policy (see documents attached page 864-874).

The representatives from New Rock did not request to speak or comment (having declined to do so in the public session, and also having been advised by the Chair at the beginning of the meeting that at his discretion he would adjourn the meeting to allow that opportunity).

Councillors considered the attached proposal and resolved unanimously they could not support New Rock's proposal.

8. Planning and Highways

- a) BA/2022/0340/FUL - Erection of workshop/storage building & associated works - see report attached
- b) To Receive the Planning Applications & Decisions Report
Cllr Daplyn – 8.b) Planning Applications (home owner) and did not comment.
The Chair read out the list of Planning Applications & Decisions since the last meeting, full list on the website: <https://ditchinghampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/planning-applications>

9. To receive Internal Reports from Committees (if required)

- a) Chair's Report – no report
- b) Community Chair's Report – no report
- c) Planning & Highways Chair's Report
- Dangerous Crossing at Pirnhow Street, Ditchingham - see report attached

10. To Consider Issues Not Decided by Committees

- a) Hollow Hill Conservation Area – update
- Planting scheduled for 20th & 27th February 2023
- b) Ditchingham - Ordinary Water Course Review and Flood Awareness/Preparedness Project
Cllr Weston advised 'DPC has tried to engage with Parishioners regarding flooding prevention and 'Save the Rain Project' by emailing, flyers, putting up posters and editorial in the parish magazine. Hardly anyone responded, not even the people who were flooded in Ditchingham Dam that had a leaflet put through their door'.
[Councillors resolved not to be involved with the Ditchingham - Ordinary Water Course Review and Flood Awareness/Preparedness Project.](#)

Councillor Weston left the meeting at 8.15pm

11. To note Correspondence Any Received

None

12. Any Other Business

For discussion and information only, the Council may not make decisions on these items.

- a) Defibrillator Training – c/f
- b) Warm Rooms
Cllr Bernard confirmed funding of £600 is still available if any volunteers would like to run the Warm Rooms initiative at Ditchingham Village Hall.

13. To Receive items for the Next Agenda

None

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14. To Confirm the Next Meeting Dates (*Planning Meetings arranged as required*)

- Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm
- Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.30pm
- Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm
- Monday 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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Point 6.a)

Ditchingham Parish Council Finance Report - January 2023

Community Account balance from the last meeting - B/F £ 20,271.96

Receipts since Last Report

Date	Ref.	Payee	Amount	
10/11/2022	credit	Reserved Cemetery D/D Plot K16	£ 520.00	
21/11/2022	credit	Howshams Memorials	£ 255.00	
21/11/2022	credit	Allotment payments (cheque)	£ 10.00	
09/12/2023	credit	NCC Hollow Hill Conservation Project Grant	£ 1,000.00	
09/12/2023	credit	Cossey Funeral Service Beccles	£ 525.00	
			Total	£ 2,310.00

Payments since Last Report

Nov/Dec	S/O	Staff Costs	£ 2,450.76	
28/11/2022	48	EPS Transfers - Play Area Signs	£ 126.00	
28/11/2022	50	Toilets To Go - Jubilee Event	£ 132.00	
28/11/2022	51	Keith Weston - Maintenance	£ 15.36	
28/11/2022	52	Clerk's Expenses - October & November	£ 121.97	
01/12/2022	D/D	SSE Street Lighting Energy 26/11/22-01/12/22	£ 67.74	
03/12/2022	S/O	Bank Service Charge	£ 18.00	
04/01/2023	D/D	SSE Street Lighting Energy - December	£ 375.84	
			Total	- £ 3,307.67
			Total	£ 19,274.29

Community Account Statement Balance

Uncleared receipts	£ 19,717.87	
Unpresented payments	£ -	
	- £ 443.58	
Total	£ 19,274.29	

Unity Business Saver Account	£ 35,992.28	
Barclays Business Saver Account	£ 85,084.38	
Total Savers Accounts		£ 121,076.66

Total Balance in All Accounts **£ 140,350.95**

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Point 6.a) Budget Report

Ditchingham Parish Council - Budget Report 2022-23

January 2023

Year End 2021-22		Budget 2022-23	Actual Year to Date 2022-23	Forecast 2022-23	% of Original Budget
Income					
37,000	Precept	38,100	38,100	38,100	100%
3,535	Cemetery	2,000	3,210	3,210	161%
265	Allotment Rents	245	245	245	100%
8	Business Account Interest	100	272	272	272%
6,075	VAT Reclaim	4,000	5,858	5,858	146%
46,883	Total Budgeted Income	44,445	47,685	47,685	107%
93	Thwaite Road Play Area Cashbox	0	0	0	-
-	S106/CIL/Grants	0	16,265	16,265	-
46,976	Total Income	44,445	63,951	63,951	-
Expenditure					
11,823	Staff Costs	12,666	9,648	12,666	76%
396	Clerk's Expenses	396	264	396	67%
2,232	General Expenses/Internal Audit/Subscriptions/Bank Charges	2,500	1,417	2,500	57%
100	Allotment Rent to Land Owner	100	100	100	100%
1,106	Dog Waste Bin Servicing Charge	1,100	0	1,100	0%
766	Insurance - 3 year contract 2022-2025	1,000	780	780	78%
51	Miscellaneous	500	0	500	0%
750	Parishioner Magazine & Website Production Costs	750	0	750	0%
2,658	Cemetery Maintenance & Grass Cutting	2,696	1,318	1,800	49%
2,386	The Dip Maintenance & Grass Cutting	2,997	1,262	1,500	42%
2,479	Thwaite Road Play Area Maintenance & Grass Cutting	2,668	1,783	2,200	67%
2,234	Village Maintenance & Grass Cutting	2,668	2,524	2,850	95%
-	Tree Survey & Maintenance	2,000	872	2,400	44%
1,200	Street Lights Energy Contract to 31/05/2023 & Maintenance Contract 2022-2025	3,000	513	3,000	17%
6,000	Village Hall Grant - S137	0	0	0	-
-	Local Projects Grants - S137	1,000	16	1,000	-
7,472	VAT Expenditure	4,000	5,074	5,074	127%
-	General Maintenance (Handyman)	2,500	2,170	2,500	87%
-	Community Projects (Jubilee Event)	2,400	905	2,400	38%
41,654	Total Budgeted Expenditure	44,940	28,646	43,516	64%
5,322	Budgeted Variance	-495	19,039	4,169	
11,751	Play Area New Equipment & Repairs	0	0	0	-
14,002	Street Lights/Columns -Repairs/LEDs/Removal/Replacements	0	15,620	15,620	-
-	S137/CIL Expenditure	0	1,571	1,571	-
67,407	Total Expenditure	44,940	45,837	64,876	-
(20,431)	Variance	-495	18,113	-926	
4,276	Community Account Balance b/f		36,433		
46,398	Total Receipts per cashbook (less interest)		63,678		
67,407	Total Payments per cashbook		45,837		
36,433	Community Account Balance		19,274		
85,574	Business Saver Accounts		121,077		
122,007	Total in Both Accounts		140,351		
18,117	General Reserves		28,786		Should be approx 50% of precept
103,890	Restricted Reserves		111,565		
122,007			140,351		

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Point 7.b) Chicken Roundabout - To Note New Rock's Approach & Social Media Comment

Norfolk County Council

The Chair read out the email from Norfolk County Council's Highways Chief Engineer received on the morning of the meeting:

RE: Chicken Roundabout

 Gary Overland gary.overland@norfolk.gov.uk 

Mon, 16 Jan 2023 11:05

To 'Ditchingham Parish Council Clerk' clerkdpc@aol.co.uk

CC Barry Stone barry.stone.dlr@norfolk.gov.uk

(185 KB)

Dear Sally

Thank you for your e-mail.

As requested :-

As per previous discussions and e-mail correspondence over the past 4 + years, NCC would not allow any memorials/statues to be placed on Chicken Roundabout. With reference to the most recent correspondence on this matter, I am happy to give you permission to erect a small plinth type memorial on the outskirts of the roundabout, this could be installed in the verge behind the footway, between the B13332 and A143 legs of the roundabout . As you may recall, I agreed to cut back the hedge, and side out the footway in readiness in 2022, sent you details of a plinth type sign, and offered you a site meeting to agree the exact position of the sign, my offer of a site meeting still stands if you think it would be beneficial.

NCC would not permit volunteers, or training to take place on the roundabout, it is not a suitable location for this type of activity from a H&S viewpoint, it is the intersection of a busy A class and B class road.

Chicken roundabout is not available to lease

Mr Gardiner has not been in contact with myself, or indeed my colleagues from our Central Highways Team, as far as I can determine

I hope that the foregoing is of assistance.

Regards

Gary Overland – Highway Engineer

CES - Highways (South 1)

Tel: 01603 819806

South Area Highways, Ketteringham Depot



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New Rock Information

The Chair advised in response to New Rock's initial proposal DPC had requested the following information from them before the meeting. New Rock's responded and DPC's comments in blue:

Fwd: Chicken Roundabout Lease

DPC Council Policies.pdf (762 KB)

Dear All

Earlier today I forwarded the New Rock 'Ditchingham Roundabout Gateway Project 2023'

I can advise in response to my email:

Company Information

1. 'New Rock' Company email address **yes**
2. 'New Rock' Company telephone number **yes**
3. 'New Rock' Corporate Address **yes**
4. 'New Rock' Charity number **company number provided** and certificate **No**
5. Evidence of Owners and Partners' role in organisations list - **no certificate**
6. Their Authority Contract or other Relationships with Local Government **none**

Highway Maintenance

1. Relevant Qualifications **no certificates provided**
2. Public Liability Insurance **certificate not provided - listed details**
3. Certificate of Employers' Liability **certificates not provided**
4. Highways Risk Assessment **not provided**
5. Highways Methodology Statement **not provided**
6. Health and Safety Certificates of all Highway operatives for the equipment they will use **not provided**
7. Training record for operatives engaged in working on the highway **not provided**
8. Training record for operatives engaged in using herbicides **not provided**
9. Membership certificate of the Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme (CHAS) or another safe contractor scheme **not provided**

Chicken Roundabout

1. Proposed Roundabout Plans **provided plans**
2. A detailed Maintenance schedule for 8 years **Basic outline, the same as we do**
3. Photographs of previous highway contract work and any references **not provided**

Kind regards

Sally Chapman
Clerk to Ditchingham Parish Council

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New Rock’s Ditchingham Roundabout Gateway Project 2023 Proposal and DPC Comments



DITCHINGHAM ROUNDABOUT GATEWAY PROJECT 2023

Project lead organisation New Rock 08/01/2023

ATTENDED PURPOSE

This document has been produced to present concepts and ideas for a community led development project, submitted to Ditchingham Parish Council.

GAVIN GARDNER
New Rock 2023

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Consulting Organisation

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Gorleston on Sea
Norfolk
United Kingdom
NR31 6NE

Telephone: 07398 773 546

Email: contact@teamnewrock.co.uk

Website: www.newrocknewworld.com

Organisation Type: Incorporated Non Profit

Company Number: 12905908

Directors

Gavin Richard Gardner
Janine-Angela Long
Maxine Butler

Local Government Statement.

No projects or directors of either New Rock or Naturally New Rock, are directly linked to any Local Government, Members of Parliament or Appointed Councillors. Officials operate independently for the benefit of the community. Officials and Team Members, will maintain working relations with Council Officials, Norfolk County Council, Highways Authority and Norfolk Police.

Local Links

New Rocks local links include a Ditchingham based office and leasing of Ditchingham Lodge Estate, for the purpose of environmental regeneration and improving natural habitats. Other local projects include music showcases at St Mary's Church, Bungay, educational workshops, and community support services and upcoming Arts Academy. Our officials hold qualifications and hold significant experience in Health Care, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Habitat Management, Forestry and Arboriculture, Health and Safety Management, Event Management, Mentoring and Education and Outdoor Education Activities. As consultants our officials have worked across the UK and Europe on targeted projects including local authority work.

The New Rock Ditchingham Roundabout Gateway Project (DRGP) 2023

The New Rock Ditchingham Roundabout Gateway Project (DRGP) will deliver an organic and maintained bio-diverse landscape to the centre of the roundabout known as "Chicken Roundabout". DRGP will provide landscaping and maintenance for the roundabout, ensuring it is both eye catching for visitors and safe for motorists and pedestrians. DRGP will be a reflection of the area's natural beauty, its history and an expression of community spirit.

Operational Organisation

Naturally New Rock
Unit1, Longs Business Park
Englands Lane
Gorleston on Sea
Norfolk
United Kingdom
NR31 6NE

Telephone: 07398 773 546

Email: contact@naturetoinspire.com

Website: www.naturetoinspire.com

Organisation Type: Incorporated Non Profit

Company Number: 14537959

Directors

Gavin Richard Gardner
Janine-Angela Long

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•[CENTREPIN, 1, Englands Lane, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 6NE](#) (DISSOLVED) Maxine BUTLER
•[NATURALLY NEW ROCK, New Rock, Unit 1 Longs Business Estate, Englands Lane, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 6NE](#) Gavin Richard GARDNER
•[CHP EAST ANGLIA, Community House, 4 Church Plain, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 1PL](#) (DISSOLVED) Gavin Richard GARDNER
•[HAND MOBILITY, Community House, 4 Church Plain, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 1PL](#) (DISSOLVED) Gavin Richard GARDNER
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New Rock is an 'Innovative Artists Led Music Management Organisation', developed and operated for community benefit. Creating opportunities, supporting artists and assist in the building of a happier more creative world.

At the heart of New Rocks work is a commitment to positively affect climate change, giving back and helping to offset some of the industries notoriously high Carbon footprint. Supporting bio diversity and natural habitats New Rock uses the arts as a cultural and physical means of supporting a healthier planet. New Rock has an environmental team with a great deal of expertise. They have been part of significant habitat studies on behalf of major UK estates and for and behalf of other environmental organisations such as RSPB, Forestry Commission, Scottish Natural Heritage, Environment Agency, The Wildlife Trusts and a number of zoological organisations.

The DRGP Location

This location has been chosen for this special attention due to its arterial road positioning providing main links, both for routes taking people to and from Norwich as well as longer distance commuters heading to Ipswich or those holidaying on the Norfolk Broads.

"Chicken Roundabout" is one of two possible sites considered along the A143 and is currently the only one without paid advertising on it. The Roundabout itself has significant local history and its infamy for the live chickens that held the roundabout as their home for over 3 decades and their unofficial guardian Gordon Knowles ("The Chicken Man of Bungay") up until 2010 when the birds were removed.

A survey of residents and visitors provided numerous accounts as to how much joy the feathered spectacle brought to the area and how this unique experience was part of the cultural fabric of the area.

It made sense to our team when celebrating the beauty of the area that a special recognition should be given to Gordon Knowles and the poultry pirates that claimed the island as their own. (This makes "Chicken Roundabout" our preferred and worthy choice)

The DRGP Proposal

The New Rock team have requested the lease of "Chicken Roundabout" for the period of an initial six years from Ditchingham Parish Council. It is felt that this will be adequate time to enhance the island with habitat rich planting and some idyllic additions showcasing the areas natural beauty, whilst also exploring remembrance furniture placement with Norfolk County Council.

The New Rock environment team will conduct a full area survey, including soil and drainage analysis as well as a general species count for flora and fauna and insect life. We will provide a full and relevant planting list for approval by the parish council/ NCC as part of the survey.

Training Programme

DRGP will use the day to day maintenance and management of the roundabout to also deliver a training program to local residents to ensure future sustainability and provide unemployed and vulnerable individuals with soft skills and green skills in order to move closer to employment.

With New Rocks other local nature sites and its willingness to support other local projects such as the Waveney River Trust and The Otter Trust, there are increasing opportunities for community involvement. New Rock works hard with its volunteer team to ensure that each member feels fully supported. Demonstrating traditional country skills and supporting personal development this includes up skilling either for personal benefit or as a means to better prepare them for full time employment.

Our volunteer management team are highly skilled in working with and motivating our members, with local links to colleges and accredited training programs too formally recognise their efforts and achievements.

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Commented [A19]: That's correct. See DPC policy. Note SNDC councillor Pauline Allen struggled hard to obtain this exception on DPC request

Commented [A20]: Valid comment

Commented [A21]: But why 6 years?

Commented [A22]: Assume NCC as owner (not DPC). Assume planning authority is Broadland/SN?

Commented [A23]: Already a well explored history of this

Commented [A24]: It's a small roundabout. There will be heavy metals, You can count the drains. Daffodils?

Commented [A25]: Consideration of the location & basic risk management would be useful. Unemployed & vulnerable volunteers on the highways. DPC has had its challenges with professional contractors?

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Placements can be made to New Rock directly or through a local job centre or employment support service.

Protecting Our Environment

Given the current well documented decrease in wildlife and insect life in Norfolk “highlighted in the Norfolk Capital Asset Compendium and the 2022 national report published by The Wildlife Trusts on climate risks to Norfolk Wildlife, New Rock is taking a traditional approach to its work. The DRGP expands on this working style operating where possible will rely on hand tools and a strict “No Pesticide or Herbicide” policy favouring natural methods, techniques and management. We will explore enrichment for wildlife, to include the siting of nesting boxes or other enchantments to bring more life to the area, insect life will also be considered. DRGP will also ensure that there will also be a focus on carbon capture on a busy roadside. The plantings, plus the training and the ongoing display will act as a model for how Parish councils can support the Norfolk wide ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030, while at the same time providing a nature based solution to supporting our unemployed and more vulnerable residents with the skills needed to join the green skills economy that is our future.

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Practical Planning

As for the practical element of the project it needs to be recognised that as a traffic island that the site must remain well maintained and meet Highways Agency guidance both with its general condition and for any disruption that could be caused by any planned works. Although these will be addressed in detail within the site safety plan and linked risk assessments it's worth noting that key policies will be observed to avoid any potential issues arising ahead of final planning. Grass edges shall be kept short so as not to impair visibility (Line of Sight) to previous and following junctions. This will be judged via line of site or 2m from the outside circumference dependent on which is greater.

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- No public access permitted to roundabout (Authorised Personnel Only).
- All staff/ volunteers will be trained prior to working on site, this includes daily “Toolbox Talks” on safety and daily planning.
- Any plaques or writing to be clearly visible from roadside.
- No work vehicle access to the roundabout.
- No fuelling of machinery or maintenance to be carried out on the roundabout.
- All works to be carried out during quieter road times.
- No Pesticides/ Herbicides or other chemicals permitted on roundabout.
- Traffic control to be scheduled if required with Highways Agency/ County Council (emergency traffic management exclusively by qualified road marshals holding CSCS green cards with suitable CSAS endorsements).
- All waste to be bagged and extracted by hand where possible.
- No private advertising permitted on roundabout (for local events see Ditchingham Parish Council policy guidance).
- All works to be carried out in accordance to Highways Agency guidance. (Independent Consultant Directed)

Commented [A30]: Hikers?

Commented [A31]: Roundabout risks?

Commented [A32]: No advertising of any kind

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Commented [A34]: Who? Credentials?

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Liabilities

New Rock observes all liabilities concerning to its activities carried out upon the island, following a formal lease the land will be insured independently for public liability for a minimum amount of £5,000,000. All works will be covered by operational public and employer's liability cover for a minimum amount of £5,000,000. All training of staff and pre checks of potential credentials of external contractors are solely the responsibility of New Rock. New Rock accepts "No Liability" for Curb Stones, Road Surfaces, Road Marking, Road Signage or Drainage or damage to any of these due to circumstances outside of their operational control.

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Assumptions

It is expected that upon the signing of a formal lease that the island known as Chicken Roundabout will become the leased property of New Rock with the respective freedoms and responsibilities that entails. New Rock will not be permitted to "sub-let" land in part or full to any other organisation outside New Rock's direct control. "No part" of the land may be used to provide financial benefit of New Rock or any other linked organisation.

Overall maintenance works and planting will be at the discretion of New Rock. All works will be done so to enhance the general appearance of the area, support wildlife and habitats and support local interests whilst respecting traditions. New Rock will be responsible for any applications to Norfolk County Council, regards the proposal or installation of any object "Furniture" that may be added to the site. Shortlisting's for possible roundabout enchantments will be given a period of community consultation, allowing for opinions and views of local residents.

Insurance Policies

Policy Holder: New Rock
Policy Issued By: Zurich
Volunteer and Education Activities – inc public events, working with vulnerable children & Adults
Public Liability Cover: £5,000,000
Employers Liability Cover: £5,000,000
Expiration Date: 02/01/2024

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Policy Holder: Naturally New Rock
Policy Issued By: Square Pegs (Castell Underwriting)
Trade & Activities: Tree Surgery - inc rope access work, Forestry & Landscaping/Grounds Maintenance.
Public Liability Cover: £10,000,000
Employers Liability Cover: £5,000,000
Expiration Date: 02/01/2024

*It is New Rock's intention to insure the land leased independently, covering for additional public liability and any potential damage caused by any third parties entering the site.

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Risk Assessments

Risk assessments will be created by New Rock as the consulting organisation for this project upon site inspection. This will be added to general risk assessments, policies and procedures upon request on completion of the lease agreement.

Health and Safety

As professional consultants for health and safety an organisational governance, our own is very robust and will be shared upon on completion of the lease agreement. This includes training records, DBS checks and other sensitive data in accordance to New Rocks Data Protection Policies

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Memberships Bodies

Membership to CHAS is not appropriate as neither New Rock nor Naturally New Rock are active contractors and only carry out works on land that is owned or leased by New Rock. As a consulting organisation New Rock is happy to provide additional safety guidance upon request on completion of the lease agreement.

Highways Methodology Statement

New Rock is aware of Norfolk County Council Highways Methodology Statement requirements and have confirmed that a site specific statement, is more appropriate combined with active working procedures and risk assessments as this is New Rocks only proposed highway location..

Maintenance Schedule

This will be specific, dependent on agreed works and planting schedule.
Grass will be cut a minimum of five times per year (between April & October), for the 2m circumference of the island, the centre will be cut a minimum of two times dependent on planting.
Trees will be “dead wooded” upon inspection, monitored and maintained (any trees becoming unsafe will be removed in accordance to County Council guidance).

Summary

The proposal being submitted is for the independent leasing of the centre “Vegetation Covered” section of the road traffic island identified as ‘Chicken Roundabout’. The area has a diameter of approximately 16m and currently contains mixed vegetation including grasses and mature trees. As tenants of the island New Rock will take on all maintenance responsibilities and the development of a planting and delivery plan to enhance the appearance and environmental quality of the roundabout. New Rock has incorporated a stand- alone environmental facilities management organisation-Naturally New Rock- This sister organisation has been set up specifically to meet the operational needs and demands of maintenance work on the island. This incorporation structure meets the Norfolk County Council requirements for this type of project, offering separate consulting body and operational team. *This is not an application to apply for a maintenance contract. Neither New Rock nor Naturally New Rock operate as contractors, we do however operate professional maintenance on sites owned or leased by New Rock. As a tenant New Rock takes full responsibility in ensuring all work is carried out meeting the guidance laid out by Ditchingham Parish Council for the expectations of Contracted Works carried out ‘Roadside’ demonstrating good working practices and due diligence to our own appointed operational team or any external organisation selected to do work on New Rocks behalf at this location. Following a successful lease agreement a planning stage will begin to further present planned works that both enhance the areas natural beauty and provide a fitting ‘Gateway Project’.

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Organisations

New Rock (corporate website) www.newrocknewworld.com
Naturally New Rock website www.naturetoinspire.com

Project

DCGP website www.chickenroundabout.co.uk
Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ChickenRoundabout>

Reference Material

Norfolk Capital Asset Compendium <http://www.nbis.org.uk/natural-capital-compendium>
Norfolk Wildlife Trusts [Trust Report Article](#)
Norfolk Roundabout Advertising <https://www.marketingforce.co.uk/norfolk.html>
Suffolk Roundabout Advertising <https://www.marketingforce.co.uk/suffolk.html>
Norfolk Roads <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads>
National Highways <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>
History of Chicken Roundabout [Parish Council Information](#)
Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicken_roundabout

Historic Media

BBC 2012 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-20686120>
ITV 2013 [Chickens Return](#)
Suffolk Live [Suffolk Nostalgia](#)
EDP 2021 [Memorial for 'chicken roundabout' hero rejected](#)

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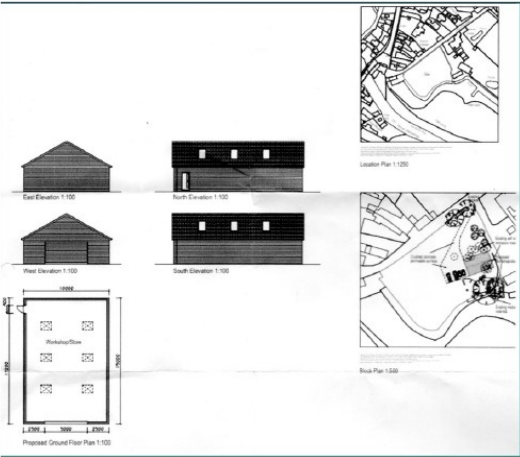
Point 8 - Planning and Highways Report

P & H Chair's Report January 2023

1. Location: 34 Norwich Road Ditchingham Norfolk NR35 2JL
Proposal: Erection of front single storey extension

My response to the Clerk: We could make a neutral response with added comment that we note that the extension is beyond the building line of neighbours. Any neighbours' comments should be taken into account.
As there is a service road in front of these properties there is little general impact.

2. Location: Falcon Lane BA/2022/0340/FUL
Proposal: Construction of storage/workshop and parking for three vehicles



There is local opposition from some residents. Conditions from various official agencies have to be considered. NCC Highways have no objections. The building would be on land currently untended and unkempt. There would be some loss of habitat. The land borders on Falcon Meadow. A private dwelling is adjacent to the plot but the building proposed would be set back.
On opposite sides of Falcon Lane, at the Ditchingham Dam end, are two (fairly ramshackle) buildings of brick and wood. The proposed building would not appear to be out of keeping with the surroundings.
The proposal does not conflict with DPC policies.

3. Pedestrian safety at Ditchingham Dam/Pimough Street junction.
With NCC Highways apparently having no responsibility I contacted The Maltings Freehold Management Committee. They passed my concerns on to

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