

## **North Norfolk Green Party 6th March 2025 meeting minutes**

1. Those present: Liz Dixon, Stephen Green, Ray Mooney & Mike Bossingham.

Attendance via Zoom: None

Apologies:

Mike Ward, Paul Sutcliffe, Clare Wilson, Edmund Wright, Bryonie James and Chris James.

2. Previous minutes:

Stephen questioned about some obs he'd submitted to secretary. Secretary apologised for missing them. Minutes now agreed.

3. Matters arising:

Petition of no confidence in the Integrated Care Board being developed by the campaign to save Benjamin Court in conjunction with the campaign in Norwich to save the NHS walk in centre.

4. Future Elections:

There will be no County Council or District Council election before 2027 or maybe even 2028 but if there is a by-election called because of a resignation or death of a Councillor they will be held until 6 months prior to the elections of new unitary Authorities. During the 6 month period the County or District Council Chief Executive can decide not to hold an election. Stephen will produce a grid of the current wards showing the current Councillors and the Green % of vote to help us decide where we want to make an effort for a by-election and where we would just have a paper candidate. He will do the same for the County divisions. The election of the Mayor of Suffolk and Norfolk will be held in May 26 by a first past the post system which could easily result in a Tory or Reform Mayor. No idea of where Mayor will be based.

5. Next News letter:

To explain the total lack of democratic accountability by the recently formed Integrated Care Boards. Even our local MP has no sway. It will further explain the reason for the petition from the campaign the save Benjamin Court. To be produced by Mike Bossingham. The newsletter will have a common front page with 2 different back pages; one for general use and one Fakenham specific.

6. Finance:

Mike Bossingham reported that we now have £1608.49 in the current account.

7. News for web:

We will produce an item to explain the enormous amount of energy used to power AI processes and that the vast amounts of water used to keep the servers cool enough to operate. The green option would be to use the heated water to heat homes and commercial premises instead of flushing it down the drain. Stephen agreed to update his article on “It’s cheaper being green.”

8. Guest presenter:

Policy coordinator Anne Gayfer gave a presentation on the importance of getting involved with Policy groups to enable the members up constitution of the Green Party to work in practise by inputting into those working groups. Liz asked for a directory of all policy working groups and their coordinators email address in order in invite them to give a presentation to our monthly meetings. Anne also gave a short presentation on current land policy which was brief because of time restraints. The Land Use Group has done an enormous amount of sophisticated mapping to present what “ideal” land use for England and Wales would look like.

Meeting Closed: 21:00

Next meeting 3rd April 7pm Sheringham Community Centre.