



GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council

13th January 2021, Virtual Meeting 7.30PM

Parish Councillors present: I. Ansell (chairman), J. Ashfield, J. Crowfoot, J. Hayward, L. Keep, and L. Rowntree.

1. Chairman's Welcome

- a. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted for Cllr Shave.
- b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council – Cllr Ashfield reported an interest in Dunburgh Farm item 5b.
- c. To record the number of members of the public present – 5 people and 2 District Councillors.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from November 2020, were agreed as being an accurate record. (Prop: JA; Sec: LK), all in agreement.

3. Matters arising from last meeting, report, and action points

4a - To receive an update on the new dog bin in the Church Yard – this is still ongoing.

4b - To receive an update on the street library and agree any action. On hold over the winter months. This will be reviewed after Lockdown. The Clerk noted that Locks Inn is planning to setup a street library.

4c - To receive an update on the funding for Let's Play Project and agree any action. VL was not present to give us an update. Cllr Keep, thanked all the people that have been donating, Deans Beans, Harris Flooring, Mandy's

Pickles. Some fundraising events have so far raised £500. However, we are still needing to raise approximately £70,000.

4e - Cllr Ansell to provide an update regarding Stockton Road mirror installation – this is still ongoing, postponed due to flooding. Cllr Ansell to provide the invoice for reimbursement.

4f - To discuss the upgrading of Zoom outstanding payments. Cllr Ansell assures the invoice will follow.

More members of the public joined the meeting. There is now 8 members of the public in total.

4g - To receive an update on the new signatories for Barclays and agree any action. The Clerk reported that it is extremely difficult to get a hold of the Bank with this pandemic and people working from home.

4h - To receive an update on the Mutual Aid. The Mutual Aid funds appear to not be needed with this lockdown. However, Cllr Rowntree expressed an idea of helping reimburse the people that are providing meals for the children. This was considered a brilliant idea. **Action Cllr Rowntree** to provide information on this and costings.

6d - To receive an update on the erection of the shed near the village hall – Planning are still looking into this.

7b - Clerk to make sure the CiL monies are still in date (less than 5 years old). SNC have confirmed that they will not be taking the CiL away from us, as we have a project to spend it on.

4. Chairperson's report

The Chairman has nothing to report but would like to re-iterate that all enquires, and concerns should go to the Clerk.

5. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors. District Cllr Brown reported that the Council are still distributing the COVID business grants. The members ward fund of between £100 to £200, end date is March 2021. The flooding over Christmas has been a real issue. SNC and NCC will be setting up scrutiny committees. Sandbags supply at Geldeston have been used and replenished. The Local Plan will be going to the Government after the pre-submission consultation 1st Feb 2021 to 15th March 2021.
- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only**

There were a lot of concerns expressed over the development of a sand area/horse menage, which will overlook numerous of houses. There are concerns over the noise and traffic. Is this an authorised development? Cllr Ansell went and had a look, the ground is naturally sandy, it was pre-existing, it is no bigger. A member of the public stated that she had grazing and riding there in 1999. They have it levelled every five years. It is just going back to how it was. It will only be for private use and no commercial use, with an occasional trainer. There will be no additional structure, fencing, lighting. Just replacing what was there.

A member of the public mentioned the car parked on The Street that appears to be abandoned with no MOT. **Action Clerk** to write the owners a letter.

- c. To discuss the budget and precept for 21/22 and agree any action – The budget was discussed. There is nothing in the budget for Let's Play equipment purchase. This would have been a too expensive increase on the precept. It was agreed to go with the basic amount needed, Precept of £7182.72, an increase of 2.58%, increasing the Band D to £41.28, which is an increase of £1.04. (Prop: JA; Sec: JC) all in agreement.
- d. To discuss any outstanding training for Clerk and Councillors – it was noted that some of the Councillors have not attended the Councillor training. **Action Clerk** to send out the training dates again. It was also noted that the Clerk's training is being obtained with her other parish council.
- e. To discuss the recent flooding and consultations with associated parties – Cllr Crowfoot reported that the sluice has no return valves and not serviced properly. Nuttall responsible for one side and not the other. The flooding was unprecedented, nothing like this since 1968. **Action Cllrs** to send out letters to all agents involved. There was no flood warning, this time it effected the sewage! The District Cllrs offered the flood report from Bungay Town Council.
The sandbags delivered to the wrong place, will be moved to the Stone Pit.
- f. Issues from Councillors (for information only)
JA during this lockdown there appears to be more litter, which is 90% McDonalds. **Action Clerk** to write to McDonalds.
JC would like to register a vote of thanks to the whole community.
There is a problem with fly tipping at the junction between Leyden Lane and Stockton Road. This has since been cleared.
JH the litter is a big issue, perhaps a village day litter pick?
- g. Clerk's report (for information only) – none.

6. Finance

- a. No payments needed to be authorised.

Bank Balance as @ 7th January 2021.

Community Account: £2,848.48

Business Premium: £37,285.26

- b. To receive an update on the budget summary, previously discussed in meeting.
- c. To receive approval of the outstanding bank reconciliations this year. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllr Keep to sort out the outstanding bank reconciliations.

7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees. The report has been sent around. The AGM will be delayed and may be held in September. The accounts have been uploaded to the Charity Commission.
- b. GREEN project. - The report was circulated to the parish councillors. We have a record number of working allotment plots.
- c. Let's Play Project – ongoing.
- d. Conservation Area. - no additional information.
- e. Planning applications and other planning matters
South Norfolk District Council. none
Broads Authority - none
- f. Update on previous applications. SNC and BA applications. - none

8. Correspondence

- a. To note correspondence sent and received. - sent through the months via email.
- b. To note additional correspondence. - none

Date of next parish meeting: 10th March 2021 – Virtual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed.8.45pm

Signed: (Chairman)

Dated: