

GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, Held on Wednesday 13th March 2019, Village Hall GELDESTON 7.30PM



Parish Councillors present: L. Rowntree, L. Keep, R. Ashe, A. Norman (Chair person) and I. Ansell.

1. Chairman's Welcome

- a. To receive apologies for absence. – Cllr Dawnay
- b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council. – None.
- c. 5 members of the public were present.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019. There was an amendment approved on 3g) 'Parish Council notes that we have no ownership of the war memorial but interested in partners to help raise funds'. The rest of the minutes were proposed, as an accurate record. (Prop: IA; Sec: LK), all in agreement.

3. Matters of report and action points

- a. Update on the speed awareness machine, the siting and moving of the devices and agree any action: January 2019 statistics were 180 minutes worked, 4 vehicles captured and 1 letter issued. February 2019 statistics were 240 minutes worked, 9 vehicles captured and 6 letters issued. A person asked when they were going to do Station Road? Locks Inn would be happy to liaise with the speed watch group. There was no news on the SAM2 machine.
- b. To discuss the repair of the war memorial: There are grants available. It would be a good idea to involve the PCC. Getting quotes are still ongoing. Cllr Ansell to meet with Jonathan. Cllr Norman, stated that we need to be mindful of the fact that no one owns it legally, seeks partners to help run with it. An email was received from Cllr Dawnay, which stated that the war memorial is not likely to fall down any time soon. **Action Cllr Ansell** to speak to Jonathan first and then write an informal letter to PCC.
- c. Cllr Keep to provide an update of the request of a map of dog bins in the parish: Cllr Keep is having problems obtaining a map that can be scaled down. **Action Cllrs Ansell and Keep** to work on this between them.
- d. Clerk to advertise the Parish Elections and Councillor vacancies in the Tidings: Done.
- e. Clerk to provide a poster for the Annual Parish Meeting: Done.

- f. To receive an update from Cllrs Ansell and Keep, regarding the grant forms for the play project: Vanessa, has done a fantastic job in obtaining quotes on 4 different play areas. **Action Cllrs Keep, Ansell and VL** to fill in grant forms.
- g. Cllr Norman mentioned the outstanding action regarding the sound disturbance: The letter has not gone out. **Action Cllr Ansell**, to get a definitive answer in writing on the stance on this.

4. **Chairman's report:** none reported

5. **New issues**

- a. Reports from the County Councillors: no reports received: Cllr Bernard stated that he is standing in the next election. He stated that a polling station would not be in Geldeston this time. It was requested, that he reflect disquiet that there is no polling station. **Action Clerk** to speak to the election team to find out the nearest polling station. A member of the public asked when it was likely that the council tax would stop increasing. It was noted that the Parish Council, had kept the Precept the same this year. It was noted that the report received from Cllr Stone was an unnecessary political report, this crosses the line again just before an election!
- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only.** It was reported that the footpath towards the church is very overgrown, making the path narrow to walk along. **Action Clerk** to note this for the next Rangers visit. **Cllr Keep** to see what she can do, regarding the bit on her land. It was noted that two boats have sunk at the Locks. There was a discussion regarding the floating rubbish. **Action Clerk** to contact BA and request these to be raised. **Action Cllr Ansell** to confirm the legal process. **Action Clerk** to speak to Gillingham Clerk and see what is happening.
- c. Finance: To discuss the need to add additional bank signatories to Barclays Mandate. Cllrs Ansell and Rowntree volunteered to be signatories. **Action Cllr Ashe** to action the change in signatories. The Clerk informed them that this can now be done over the phone in the first instance. All agreed.
- d. To discuss the elections in May and note the timescales: To discuss the delivery of the nomination packs of the councillors that will be standing again to SNC. It was noted that some of the councillors needed some advice on how to fill these in. The Clerk said she would meet them after the meeting to discuss any issues.
- e. To discuss the ICO renewal and whether to pay by DD for £35 or cheque for £40 per year: The Direct Debit was agreed with a saving of £5. (Prop: RA; Sec: IA) all in agreement.
- f. To discuss and finalise the format for the Annual Parish Meeting and note the change of date and agree any action: The date is now 10th April and the maximum spend on nibbles and drink would be £50. The play project would be there too.
- g. Clerk's report:
The Clerk has received correspondence regarding Dunburgh Steps: It was noted that the materials were costing £1200, and they would like was assistance from the Parish Council. It

was agreed that we would donate the same as Gillingham Parish Council, £100. (Prop: IA; Sec: RA) all in agreement. Cllr Barnard noted that the members grants were frozen until after the elections. **Action Cllr Barnard** to send the Clerk a list of contacts for the locality grants.

6. Finance:

- a. To approve invoices for payment

28/01/2019	Staff	Salary January	SO	184.55
14/02/2019	HMRC	NI and Tax January	DD	41.80
28/02/2019	Staff	Salary February	SO	184.55
13/03/2019	Anglian Water	Allotment water	101077	18.61

Also, the ICO payment (£35.00) and the village hall hire £140.00

(Prop: IA; Sec: LK) all in agreement

- b. Bank balances to 14th February 2019
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| Community Account | £17,257.49 |
| Business Premium | £ 6,306.85 |
- c. To receive an update on the budget summary: There was no budget for the CiL money that has been received. There is an overspend, due to the donations for the village hall refurbishment.

7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees: Thank you.
- b. GREEN project: An successor is still needed. The Green project comes under the parish council umbrella. MR will volunteer in the interim, but would like help.
- c. Play Equipment: VL, gave the Parish Council an update. **Action VL** to provide the Clerk with the files to put on the website.
Komplan £83,500 for 11 pieces of equipment
NGF Play £73,000 for 11 pieces of equipment, local suppliers.
Action Play, not as exciting.
Eibe, poor value for money.

All the plans were timber based products.

We will need to replace the fencing around the play area.

The meeting was adjourned to look at the project plans. There was a discussion on the surface. The play project will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting asking residents for their views.

8. Planning applications and other planning matters

- a. South Norfolk District Council. – None
- b. Broads Authority – None

c. Update on previous applications: None

9. Correspondence

- a. To note correspondence sent and received. Noted and discussed. The Clerk reported that some of the correspondence are requesting grants. The general feeling about this is a universal 'No'.

Date of next parish meeting: Wednesday 15th May 2019, 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 10th April 2019, 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed: (Chairman) 15th May 2019