



GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Minutes

Geldeston Village Hall

9th March 2022 7.30 PM

Parish Councillors present: I. Ansell (chairman), J. Crowfoot, J. Hayward, L. Rowntree, D. Shave and A. Wade

1 Chairman's Welcome

- a. Cllr Ashfield apologies were accepted
- b. Four out of the six Councillors present declared an interest in the planning application 8b
- c. 7 members of the public present

2 Minutes of last meeting

- a. The minutes for January 2022 were not approved as there were some typos, in 5c. However, the rest of the minutes were approved in principle. (Prop: JC; Sec: IA) agreed by all that were present in January 2022.
There was a discussion on how we should advertise for future work/contracts. It was considered a good idea to advertise on Facebook, Geldeston Community Page, website and Tidings.

3 Matters arising from last meeting and outstanding actions:

- a. (July 5b) Cllr Ansell to update the dog bin map. This has been completed **Action IA** to provide a member of public the map. There is scope for more dog bins, currently we have 4. Clerk has tried to order some more, but is having difficulty in getting in contact with the relevant people.
- b. (July 5b) Clerk to obtain prices for bins and emptying. Clerk has tried contacting SNC department, still ongoing.

- c. (November 5b) Discuss the update on the Station Road fence and agree any action: Environment Agency were supposed to be dealing with this. Ongoing. Cllr Ansell to provide a sign for the Stone Pit. Ongoing.
Clerk to speak to Highways and see why a parking place has been changed to a passing place. Ongoing.
- d. To discuss the amendments in Norse Grass Cutting Contract. The new revised cost is cheaper which includes the cutting of the GREEN Project. £2096.25 + £50 to trim Boundary Laurel Hedge (face only), clear debris. One year contract. (Prop: LR; Sec: JH) all in agreement.
- e. To discuss and agree the outstanding Barclays mandate. Cllr Ansell approved his. The mandate needs to be printed off and then scanned in and sent back – ongoing.

4 Chairperson's report – nothing to report.

5 New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors. Apologies County Councillor Stone were accepted. District Councillor Bernard had nothing to add other than the report he had sent.
- b. **Parish 10 - The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only**

Car are parking on the bank of Geldeston Hill and eroding the bank.
Kells Acre footpath overgrown, it was reported that Cllr Ashfield has been dealing with this.

Dog poo on Kells Way to The Street, dog owners appear not to be picking up.
GREEN Project problems with Dogs mess there.

Provide a dog bin on the allotment site (Prop: IA; Sec: DS) 5 in favour one abstained. **Clerk to Action.**

Kells Meadow sign, No through Road. **Action Clerk** to ask for an additional sign check to see if it is Kells Meadow/Kells Way.

There are no white lines between Kells Way and the The Street – no give way signs. **Action Clerk**

Reinstate the issues with the football, cars etc being played in the field on the new estate. **Action Clerk.**

Action Clerk to check when the roads are going to be swept, by the Rangers.

- c. To receive an update on the Let's Play 21 project,
Phase 1 is completed.
Lets Play 21, Geldeston PC has been awarded the Lottery Bud of £53,000 – congratulations!! A strategy needs to be laid out as there is a strict process with the lottery people. The project needs to be completed within the year. Incorporate all the donations received by people/companies. There will be a big announcement next week. Phases 2, 3 and 4 can now happen.
- d. To discuss, review and agree the Tree Warden policy: This policy was discussed. It is not specific to Geldeston Parish, appears to be out of date. Postpone the agreement.
Since the meeting, the Clerk has checked the validation of this policy and

appears to be current and valid. As it appears that the policy will not be adopted now or in the future, the Clerk suggests that we do not follow this up. But state that the Tree Warden is not part of the Parish Council and therefore not insured by the Parish Council.

- e. To note the Norfolk Parish Training and Support Topic Briefings on 'The high hedge' and 'Hedges'. This was thrown into doubt about being out of date. The Clerk noted this was only to note.
For items 5d, and 5e, if Councillor Crowfoot would like to discuss the issues with Cllr Ansell. Cllr Ansell will consult the Tree Council and provide a resolution.
- f. To discuss and agree the subscriptions charges for next year. Norfolk ALC costing £78.28. The existing support Norfolk PTS £87.00. It was noted that Norfolk PTS provides more training and support. It was agreed to stay with Norfolk PTS, (Prop: IA; Sec: LR) all in agreement.
- g. To discuss a residents' complaint that there are hedges being planted in Stockton Road. The hedges are well set back and could help with the blizzards when snowing.
- h. To discuss the extra vehicles along Yarmouth Road. The Council has tried to get the speed limit reduced. There are extra vehicles travelling along this road. Suggest go to MP.
- i. To discuss and agree the findings from the Internal Control Report, completed by Cllr Ansell – ongoing.
- j. To discuss and agree the format for the Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Start at 6.45pm, slot to be taken up with the Chairman's report for the year and the Lets Play 21 project and lottery funding presentation.
- k. To discuss the donation of the Tidings and the lack of search engine for the online version. There is no longer an online version. Cllr Crowfoot has taken it down.
- l. Issues from Councillors (for information only).
LR – passing places along Stockton Road have potholes. **Action IA** to look into.
DS – Kells Way down West End poor condition – Cllr Ashfield has dealt with this in the past.
AW – Concern over the commercial waste license at the quarry. **Action Clerk** to contact Ellingham and Kirby Cane Clerk to find out what is happening with Linden Pallet.
- m. Clerk's report:
To discuss and agree the changes in home working charges. The Clerk has requested to change the £26 per month for home working expenses to £14 home working and £8 own laptop use. (Prop: IA; Sec: JH) all in agreement.
To agree the additional over time charges for the last two months. 10 hours.

(Prop: IA; Sec: JH) all agreed.

To note the back dated pay from April 2021 at 1.75%. Noted.

Finance

- a. To approve invoices for payment, nothing for payment. The Clerk sought agreement for the boundary fence cost £950 to come out of CiL as this is new and open space, and part of the condition of the purchase of land. (Prop: Aw; Sec: IA) all in agreement.
- b. To note Bank balances to 2nd March 2022
Community Account £585.95

Business Premium £19,503.37
of which Let's Play = £8147.13 (of which £1,829.73 is not yet claimed VAT)
- c. To note the approval of the bank reconciliations. Up to date.

Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees – Now has a licence to hold weddings and partnerships. Jubilee Party 2 – 4pm
- b. GREEN project. – no update. The Parish Council agreed that they could remove the snowdrops from the Stone Pit and replant them in the GREEN Project
- c. Conservation Area – noted.

Planning applications and other planning matters

- a. South Norfolk District Council. None
- b. Broads Authority.
BA/2022/0061/HOUSEH - First floor extension over existing single-storey element and further two-storey extension to the side. – The Hollies, 26 Station Road, Geldeston – recommend no objection.

BA/2022/0020/FUL – Public sewer connection and pumping station, Locks Inn, Locks Lane, Geldeston. The Parish Council has no comment on this Planning Application as 4 out of the 6 are shareholders.

Update on previous applications. SNC updates

Correspondence:

To discuss and action the item that has been fly tipped at the top of Locks Lane. – has been reported

Meeting closed to the public 9.10pm

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

Signed:

(Chairman)

Dated: