

GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2018, Wherry Pub Function Room GELDESTON 7.30PM



Parish Councillors present: P. Dawnay (Chairman), A. Norman (Vice-chair person), L. Rowntree, L. Keep, R. Ashe and I. Ansell

1. Chairman's Welcome

- a. To receive apologies for absence. None all present
- b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council. None
- c. 5 members of the public were present.
- d. The Council would like to thank the Wherry Pub, for the use of the function room.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018. The minutes were proposed as an accurate record. (Prop: IA; Sec: LR), all agreed.

3. Matters of report and action points

- a. To receive an update on the request for volunteers for the standing speed watch and agree any action. – Mrs Dawnay has done extremely well in recruiting 13 volunteers. These will need Data checks. Held over to next meeting for an update.
- b. To discuss the proposals for the playground being repaired and appoint a person to take responsibility for this project, and agree any more action. – The Clerk read out an email from a parishioner, stating that Geldeston residents would like a playground. The Council discussed the need to act now on the ROSPA report that shows the need to remove the broken play equipment. GPC needs to know what the residents require. **Action Cllr IA** to assist in the removal of the damaged equipment. (Prop: RA; Sec: IA) all in agreement. The Council would like to thank Joe and Graham for keeping the play area going.
- c. To receive an update regarding the speeding on Old Yarmouth Road and agree any necessary action. – The Clerk read out an email from a parishioner, the relevant committee at NSS stated that the guidelines for a reduction in speed limit, require housing on both sides of a street or road before introduction of a speed limit can even be considered.
- d. To discuss the English River Polluted article, and receive an update from Cllr Norman. – Cllr Norman had sent a letter, as yet she has had no response.
- e. To receive an update from Cllr Rowntree regarding the dangerous parking. – Cllr Rowntree reported that she had written to the rector, the response was that the parking was out of her control.

- f. To receive an update on the closure of the footpath, and agree any action. – technically the footpath is closed but not physically closed until an alternative route has been completed. It has been noted that the garages have already been taken down.

4. Chairperson's report: none reported

5. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors: Cllr Stone was absent.
- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only.** The Broads Authority have been renewing the gravel on the path on the moorings, removed and replaced wood on the Norfolk side of the footbridge. The Broads Authority car park has been flooded. Litter Pick has been organised by Marcia on 12th April 2018, there is a request for volunteers.
- c. To discuss the weight limit on Heath Lane and agree any action. - Big lorries and sugar beet lorries are making a mess of the surface of the road. The Council has asked the farmer to clear up, some work has been done. Cllr Norman provided the Clerk with photos and the report has been logged with Highways.
- d. To receive an update on the village hall. - LL reported on the progress of the village hall refurbishment. The hall is now open in the evenings. Noticeboards are out of use for the time being to discourage people walking under the scaffolding. All the quotes will be in by a couple weeks. The interior will be done first, then the exterior. The Council would like to congratulate LL for her outstanding work raising funds. Nearly £2,000 was also raised by the annual auction. Once completed the hall should make a profit. There is to be a panto, which is booked in January 2019.
- e. To discuss the format of the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th April 2018, and agree any necessary action. - After some discussion it was agreed to move the meeting to the date of the full council meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will discuss what the council has done and what to do in the future, supporting the village hall, the playground. All agreed.
- f. To discuss new street lighting on the Kell's Way development and agree any action. – Cllr Norman quoted that the Broads Authority had stated before that 'the sky over Geldeston is the most beautiful dark sky.' We have no lights in Geldeston at the moment, therefore it was agreed to refuse the street lighting. All agreed.
- g. To discuss an email received regarding painting of a disabled parking space, and agree any action. – The Council agreed that this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- h. To discuss any action regarding the GNLPC Consultation. – It was noted that the consultation period had been extended to 22nd March 2018.
- i. Issues from Councillors. -
Cllr Ashe reported that he went on a training course and reported back that we can claim exemption on the external and internal audit. Proposed that we go with the exemption of the external audit PKF Littlejohn. (Prop: RA; Sec: PD) all agreed.

- j. Clerk's report. – The Clerk read out an email from a parishioner about historic pictures, LL reported that she has historic pictures, but however it would be good to receive other photos, perhaps scan them and store somewhere, perhaps a dropbox account.

6. Finance

- a. To approve invoices for payment.

10/02/2018	HMRC	NI/TAX	101045	39.80
28/02/2018	Tina Page	Salary February	SO	176.44
14/03/2018	Information Commissioner	Annual Subscription	101048	35.00
14/03/2018	HMRC	NI/TAX	101046	39.80
28/03/2018	Tina Page	Salary March	SO	176.44

and to agree any additional payments by the meeting date. -

14/3/18	Village Hall	Rental	101049	£140.00
14/3/18	Anglian Water	Allotments	101050	£18.44

(Prop: RA; Sec: IA) all in agreement.

- b. Bank balances to 14th February 2018

Community Account £12,485.47

Business Premium £ 6,294.29

- c. To receive an update on the budget summary – Cllr Ashe reported that the expenditure is high, due to the grant for the village hall, everything else seems according to plan.

7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees. – already updated
- b. GREEN project. – the hedge has been cut and done without charge. **Action Clerk** to write a thank you letter. There was a reminder to renew with Clinks Farm, the Clerk reported that she had already sent emails requesting a quote for next year, but have had no reply.
- c. Footpath Group. – There used to be a scheme, where those who walked dogs would pick up litter at the same time. This is something that could be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting **Action Cllr Dawnay** to discuss this with Marcia. **Action Clerk** to send the annual letters to the footpath owners.

8. Planning applications and other planning matters

- a. South Norfolk District Council. - None

Update on previous applications. SNC/BA updates

2018/0335 Land North of 18 The Street Geldeston, Variation of condition 2 of permission 2016/0106 – addition of roof light over entrance and fenestration changes. – **Pending consideration.**

BA/2017/0435/COND Three River Camp Site – approved with conditions

9. Correspondence

- a. To note correspondence sent and received. Noted

Date of next parish meeting: Wednesday 9th May Annual Parish Meeting 6pm.
Wednesday 9th May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
2018 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm

Signed: (Chairman) 9th May 2018