



## **GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parish Council Minutes**

### **Geldeston Village Hall**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7.30 PM**

Parish Councillors present: I. Ansell (chairman), J. Ashfield, J. Crowfoot and A. Wade

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

- a. Apologies accepted for Cllrs Hayward, Rowntree and Shave.
- b. No additional declarations were declared.
- c. 4 members of the public attended as well as District Councillor Bernard.

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

- a. Minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 per approved as being an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Ashfield and seconded for Cllr Crowfoot. All agreed.

#### **3. Matters arising from last meeting and outstanding actions:**

- a. (July 5b) Cllr Ansell to update the dog bin map – Ongoing.
- b. (July 5b) Clerk to obtain prices for bins and emptying - Ongoing
- c. (September 6d) Clerk to contact Border Bus and Simmonds for bus stop sign and timetable. Simmonds state that they do not supply bus timetables and Bus Stop signs would need planning permission. Border Bus has not replied. Some of the parishioners update the timetables. Close agenda item. Cllr Crowfoot would like the key to the timetable board.
- d. (November 5b) Discuss the update on the Station Road fence: This is down to Environment Agency to repair and maintain.  
Cllr Ansell to provide a sign for the Stone Pit.: Cllr Ansell has a sign for the Stone Pit.  
Clerk to speak to Highways and see why a parking place has been changed to a

passing place. Still ongoing.

Clerk to speak to Kells Way Developer and see why the speed limit sign has not been erected. Speed limit sign has been erected. There is a need for 'no through' sign.

**Action Clerk** to look into this. Cllr Wade would like speed limit signs along Yarmouth Road. **Action Cllr Crowfoot** to provide details of the speeding issues on Yarmouth Road to Cllr Wade.

- d. (November 5d) Clerk to speak to Andy Baines from SNC regarding the field at Kells Way. Ongoing.
- e. (November 5j) Wainford Mill Sluice and flooding correspondence, Clerk to inform neighbouring parishes. They already knew and were acting on this. Cllr Ansell to respond for the Parish. This is a tiny pen stock on their own private land. Environment Agency will still be maintaining the main Wainford Mill Sluice.

#### 4. Chairperson's report - None

#### 5. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors. County Councillor Stone sent his apologies. District Councillor Bernard mentioned the budget, organising four-year plan. The District Council has made a formal request to government to change the virtual meeting regulations. They are still trying. At the moment virtual meetings are not a legal requirement.
- b. **Parish 10.** There are a lot of abandoned cars in the car park at Kells Acre. The description of the cars will be given to the Clerk. **Action Clerk** to contact Saffron, South Norfolk Council and the Police to get the cars removed.
- c. To rectify the decisions made in the 15<sup>th</sup> December Working Party:  
Clumps, Village Green and Playing field to be cut monthly  
Play area to be cut monthly as required.  
Trimming of hedges and bushes annually.  
The agreement for the tree and hedge work went to Hallam Tree Services £880.00.  
The agreement for the boundary fencing went to Keith Hall Contracting £950.00.  
The agreement for the post and rail fencing around the play area, the Parish Council would supply the materials, whilst Three Rivers/Bromley Homes would supply the labour. Thank you to Three Rivers, Bromley Homes for their support and help. This was all AGREED, Cllr Ansell did not vote as he had an interest, as stated in the working party notes.
- d. The River Hall correspondence from Gillingham Parish Council was discussed. The Parish Council will keep an eye on this. Last year the river wall was surveyed, and it appears that the height of the riverbank had reduced.
- e. The Clerk received 2 quotes from contractors to cut the 3 areas. One Contractor would not cut the areas monthly but would cut fortnightly. This was deemed not necessary. The other provided a quote which was discussed. The local gentleman who was asked, was not interested in cutting the grass, only the hedges. Another outside contractor was asked but did not supply a quote. **Action Clerk** to contact Norse and take out items for the Saw Pit, hedge cutting, £100.00 and £75.00. It was

noted that the footpath in the Green Project needs to be cut too. The cutting machinery will need to go through the pedestrian gate. **Action Clerk** to get a quote for this. Proposed to go with Waveney Norse for 1 year at a approximate cost of £2131.25. (Prop: IA; Sec: JA) all in agreement.

- f. To discuss the hedges/gap on the village green and discuss the ownership and maintenance of this area. The ownership is the Dowson's but maintained by the Parish Council. **Action Cllr Crowfoot** to speak to the Dowson's for prior agreement for the work he wants to do.
- g. To discuss and agree the budget for 22/23. The Tidings would like GPC to pay £185.00 to help with the production of the Tidings. The printing has been outsourced and costs £600 per issue. **Action Clerk** to speak to Kirby Cane and Ellingham Parish Council, and Gillingham Parish Council, to see what they paid. **Action Clerk** to speak to the Tidings editor and get the charge re-calculated. The grass cutting budget has increased from £434.94, to £2200.00. The Budget was agreed at £8700, showing a deficit of £377. Band D cost £50.00 which is an increase of £8.72 per year. (Prop: JC; Sec: JA) all in agreement.
- h. The Village Hall has some benefactors who will replace the old village sign with an identical replacement in oak. This will then be maintained by the Village Hall Management Trustees. The old village hall sign was agreed to be placed in Rowan Craft boat yard, being visible to the walkers. All in agreement.
- i. To receive an update on the Let's Play 21 project: There has been no update on the lottery funding bid. COVID 19 has delayed the meeting of the lottery panel to discuss this. Without this there will be no Phase 2 and no Sensory Garden. Cllr Wade to liaise with Cllr Crowfoot when the hedge and trees are being cut, which is planned for February.
- j. To discuss the documents from Cllr Crowfoot, regarding flooding: Cllr Crowfoot has discovered a fourth document. Environment Agency should be regularly monitoring the Station Road non return valve.  
Now all the agencies involved are talking to each other. GPC agreed that Cllr Crowfoot's document should be sent to all agencies. **Action Cllr Crowfoot** to send the document out. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Crowfoot for all his hard work.
- k. Issues from Councillors (for information only) – None.
- l. Clerk's report (for information only) - None

## 6. Finance

- a. To approve invoices for payment:  
Road Closure NCC Jubilee Event, paid by Clerk. £38.66 was approved for payment.  
(Prop: IA; Sec: JC) all in agreement
- b. To note Bank balances to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Community Account                      £1,346.50

Business Premium £21,503.37, of which Let's Play = £8106.66 (of which £1829.73 is not yet claimed VAT)

- c. To note the approval of the bank reconciliations. Quarter Oct to Dec to be given to Cllr Wade for approval.

## 7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees: The report was handed to the Councillors in their meeting packs. **Action Clerk** to request the marking of Bus Stop in The Street with yellow bus lines.
- b. GREEN project: The trees and hedges that were donated by SNC will go to the GREEN Project. GPC agreed to pay for the labour of a gardener to help with the GREEN Project, at a cost of £70.00 (Prop: IA; Sec: AW) all agreed. Previous payment approved for the compost was noted and is still needed.
- c. Conservation Area: no update

## 8. Planning applications and other planning matters

- a. South Norfolk District Council. None
  - b. Broads Authority. None
- Update on previous applications. SNC updates**  
Receive an update on The Three Rivers Application

## 9. Correspondence:

Correspondence was discussed regarding Scrapes at River Waveney Trust, BA/2021/0067/UNAUP3, current open enforcement. GPC will keep an eye on this.

**Date of next parish meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

There being no more business to discuss the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed: (Chairman)

Dated: