

GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, Held on Wednesday 9th January 2019, Village Hall GELDESTON 7.30PM



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

1. Chairman's Welcome

- a. To receive apologies for absence. – All present.
- b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council. – None.
- c. 8 members of the public were present.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018. The minutes were proposed, as an accurate record. (Prop: IA; Sec: LR), 4 in agreement, 2 abstained.

3. Matters of report and action points

- a. To discuss the damage to Heath Road caused by beet lorries and the disabled parking bay in Kells Way: The Clerk reported that Heath Road has been repaired. Highways are unable to do the disabled parking bay in Kells Way.
- b. To receive an update on the sound disturbance reported by the member of public and agree any action. The member of the public mentioned that the shootings are still taking place. Cllr Ansell to provide timescales, the Clerk to write a letter to the farmer. The Clerk has sourced the timescales for noise disturbance. There is a template letter for general noise disturbances, available from the South Norfolk Council website. **Action Clerk** to write a letter.
- c. Illegal parking, the Clerk to write an article in the Tidings. The Clerk reported it in the Tidings. It was noted that the cars are still parked facing the wrong way on the road and paths.
- d. The Clerk to write to request the hedge cutting in Layton's Lane. The Clerk will do this in February 2019.
- e. Update on the speed awareness machine, the siting and moving of the devices and agree any action. The application to the parish partnership was completed in the required time frame. Ellingham and Kirby Cane has expressed an interest in sharing this speed awareness machine. They have 4 sites in mind and Geldeston has 3 sites. The insurance for the machine was mentioned. **Action Clerk** to source the insurance. After some

discussion it was agreed to share with Ellingham and Kirby Cane, (Prop: PD; Sec: RA) 4 were in agreement, 1 abstained and 1 against.

- f. The Clerk to update the website with the adopted Standing Orders. This has been done.
- g. To discuss the repair of the war memorial and agree any action. Cllr Ansell and the Clerk to provide quotes: This is still outstanding, this will be a long process. It was noted that the memorial has moved last year. The Parish Council notes that we have no ownership of the war memorial, but interested in partners to help raise the funds.
- h. Cllr Dawnay to discuss the use of the village green with the village hall trustees and agree any action: If the clients wish for extra work to be done on the green it will be chargeable to the client who would like to use it. Cllr Norman, stated that the green is a public space and belongs to the people of Geldeston. The client will not have absolute right of the green. The Parish Council will deal with each case on an individual basis.

4. Chairman's report: none reported

5. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors: no reports received.
- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only.** A member of the public asked if Cllr Ansell could take down the village sign and store it over the winter. They will get a quote for the repair of the sign, whilst it is down.
Thank you to another member for putting the signs up on the allotment gate.
There was a request for a map of the dog bins in the parish. **Action Cllr Keep** to resource the map and locations.
The new landlords for Locks Inn spoke about their ideas. There was a request to move the wheelie bins 20-30 feet back and screen them.
- c. Finance: To discuss and agree the budget for 19/20 and the precept for 19/20: There is no support grant this year. The budget with all the expenditure will likely incur a small deficit. The tax base has gone up, therefore the Band D charge will reduce. Proposed budget of £6,565 and a Band D Charge of £38.62 was proposed (Prop: RA; Sec: PD) all in agreement. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the form.
- d. To discuss the elections in May and note the timescales: It was noted that all councillors will have to re-apply to be parish councillor. With the fact that there may be a new council, the Annual Parish Meeting will be before the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. **Action Clerk:** to advertise in the Tidings for Elections and Councillor vacancies.
- e. To discuss the billed water usages for the allotments and agree any action: The metered water bill usage was less than £3. It was agreed that the parish council would take on the extra cost and not charge the allotment individually. (Prop: PD; Sec: LR) all in agreement.
- f. To discuss the request for help for more volunteers needed for the distribution of the Tidings. We asked if there was any interest. It would be helpful to know which areas they were short of volunteers.

- g. To discuss the format for the Annual Parish Meeting and the way of advertising this and agree any action: There was a general discussion, Cllr Norman approached a member of the public and asked their views. They will get back to Cllr Norman of any suggestions. **Action Clerk** to design a poster, send the draft to Cllr Norman. Invite people to provide us with 3 things they most dislike about the village, 3 things they most like about the village. There will an opportunity to send complaints/suggestions in envelopes marked FAO GPC and post through the village hall letter box. These can be anonymous, any abusive ones will be discarded.
- h. Clerk's report:
Highways, any defects please let me know before 15th January 2019.
Managing the Council's financial year-end, an opportunity for the new RFO to attend. **Action Clerk** to send details to Cllr Rowntree.
To note the Parish Council Planning Consultations email.

6. Finance:

- a. To approve invoices for payment

30/11/2018	Staff	Salary November	SO	184.55
05/12/2018	SNC	Dog Bin Annual Charge	101074	360.00
12/12/2018	Anglian Water	Allotment water	101075	21.45
	HMRC	Sept, Oct, November	DD	125.40
31/12/2018	Staff	Salary December	SO	184.55

And to agree any additional payments by the meeting date. There was an additional payments for Clerks expenses £36.18 which included stamps and mileage

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

- b. Bank balances to 14th December 2018
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| Community Account | £18,108.82 |
| Business Premium | £ 6,306.85 |
- c. To receive an update on the budget summary: No update.

7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees: No report
- b. GREEN project: There is a successor needed. Cllr Norman expressed a big thank you to Jolyon. The GREEN project would not have not off the ground without him and his team. If you would like to join the volunteers, help with the responsibility, please let the Council or Jolyon know. There was one interest, they would like to help being a joint leader.
- c. Play Equipment: Cllr Keep gave a report. Vanessa sent her apologies. They have approach 4 organisations including Komplan. They have a Project Specification Document and have had two site visits. Let's Play working group will supply demonstrations to parents and children. To provide an update at the next parish meeting. **Action Cllrs Ansell and Keep** to fill in the grant forms.

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

Date of next parish meeting: Wednesday 13th March 2019, 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

(Chair) 13th March 2019