



## **GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Virtual Meeting 6.00 PM**

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

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomes everyone to the meeting.
2. **To receive an update from chairperson on what we have achieved last year:**  
Last year was a very strange year for us all. We have met successfully with virtual meetings and kept the Parish Council running on an even keel. I would like to express my thanks to my fellow Councillors for the work they have done over the year. I need to thank Tina Page our Parish Clerk for the hard work she has carried out much of unseen by Parishioner's but vital to the PC. A Resilience hub was set up to offer assistance during the lock downs. This was used and helped a number of people who may otherwise have been overlooked. The Geldeston Green Project is going well and we have had new people take up allotments my thanks go to Margaret and Joe for their hard work on this on behalf of the Parish Council. It is difficult to get volunteers to run projects like this and we are very grateful. Let's Play is proceeding well and fundraising is ongoing, my thanks go to the working group for their hard work and enthusiasm which is driving the project forward.
3. **To approve the minutes from last meeting April 2019:** The minutes were approved by the three Councillors that were present in 2019. (Prop: IA; Sec: LR). It was noted that the Government cancelled the Annual Parish Meeting due to the first lockdown in 2020.
4. **Presentation from the Let's Play Project supplier, PlayForce:** The designs have not been received. 3d and 2d displays will be available, providing the layout plan of the complete project. Once ordered there is a 6 – 8 lead time before installation. The equipment is built to be durable and vandal proof. Phase 2 will consist of see saws and timber trail. There is no need for friendship groups. Playforce could help with applying for funding.

5. **To receive an update from Let's Play 2021:** LR has sourced 20 tonnes of top soil donated from British Sugar, this is coming at the end of May. Travis Perkins has offered to supply the rails for the fencing, but the rails are in short supply. Clarks of Walsham has donated two pedestrian gates. The members of the Let's Play 21 project have invested in some promotional items, like sweatshirts. Flyers were hand delivered to the parishioners in the village. Promoting the Let's Play Facebook page. There was a children's competition on designing your own playground. The Easter Egg Hunt was very successful, it was lovely to be out and put on something that the people could attend and enjoy themselves. The Barometer to get displayed in the village. We have reached £22,500 so far. Looking to apply for the Lottery Funding for the Dorothy Crowfoot Memorial Garden. Looking at other fundraising events for example Colour Dash. Phase 1 – Ground work will be levelled before all other work is started. The Pirate ship has been funded by Adnams. Climbing frame, slide and access to the existing slide. The playground will be suitable for all abilities and ages. Things in the pipeline – Mud Kitchen, Basketball area, Table Tennis, 2 Boule Courts, Sensory Garden
6. **Receive an update from Revd David Smith:** Did not attend, the email invitation had bounced.
7. **Questions and answers:** All the Let's Play information sounds very interesting, well done everyone. Are the gates going to be locked at night? Who will open them in the morning? Will there be any security?

**No more business was discussed, meeting ended 6:40pm**