



GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Minutes

Geldeston Village Hall

10th November 7.30 PM

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

- 1. Chairman's Welcome:** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.
 - a. To receive apologies for absence. No apologies were recorded.
 - b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council. None
 - c. To record the number of members of the public present. 6 public and a County Councillor.
- 2. To appoint a Vice-Chairman –** Since publishing the agenda there was one nomination. There was a majority vote for Cllr Ashfield to be appointed as Vice Chairman. Motion **Agreed, although there was 1 Abstention.**
- 3. Minutes of last meeting**
 - a. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2021. Minutes of 29th September were approved as being an accurate record. (Prop: LR; Sec: JH) all in agreement.

6 a. County Councillor Stone gave his update as he had to leave early.
- 4. Matters arising from last meeting and outstanding actions:**
 - a. (July 5b) Cllr Ansell to update the dog bin map - Cllr Ansell reported that these are nearly done and will be put up around the village.
 - b. (July 5b) Clerk to obtain prices for bins and emptying. – South Norfolk Council has a duty to empty the litter bins, therefore they are free of charge. Once we know where

and how many, SNC will discuss what bin is best. They range from £70 to £250, purchased from Glasdon.

- c. (July 5i) Cllr Crowfoot to check whether there are TPOs on the site allocated for the Village Cluster. Cllr Wade has looked into the TPOs and there is only one registered in the village.
- d. (July 8) Clerk to request Planning to provide a site visit to The Three Rivers Application. Clerk will speak to the Planning Department again.
- e. (September 6d) Clerk to contact Border Bus and Simmonds for bus stop sign and timetable. Ongoing.

5. Chairperson's report Nothing to report.

6. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors. County Councillor Stone reported: Geldeston Parish Council is now through the second round of the 'To tree or not to tree' project. County Cllr Stone has given his support for Geldeston project. There has been a bid for better buses, looking to purchase 10 single decker buses. These are electric with safety functions, helping the driver to stop and steer. County Cllr Stone reminded us of the Rangers email. There will be an increase in the budget for more social care funding, this ranges from birth to death, all ages. New parish partnership invitation is out. If you need a car electric charging unit set up in the village the District Council will fund 70%
- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only**

The fence along Station Road behind the hedge is broken and parts are being removed. This is now visible due to the fact that the hedge has been trimmed. **Action Clerk** to contact BESL. **Cllr Shave** to provide photo evidence.

Sand Bags appear to be taken by people. At the moment these will need to be place together in one place. **Action Cllr Ansell** to obtain a sign for the Stone Pit.

The signs around the village will need cleaning and the hedges by the signs cut back. 30mph sign by the GREEN Project needs to be cleared.

Volunteers are still needed for the GREEN Project.

Does anyone check the flood wall, is it still sound? It is believed that BESL looks after this.

Dunburgh Road where the people park to walk down to the river now has a sign stating it is a passing place and not a parking place. It has always been a parking place. **Action Clerk** to check with Highways why this has happened.

The footpath between Heath Road to the Church is reported to be overgrown.

Speeding up through Kells Way from the new estate. **Action Clerk** to contact Julian Wells developer and Highways to see what can be done.

Clerk to investigate the idea of sleeping policemen.
- c. To discuss the request for a clothes recycling bank. This would likely go near the bottle bank at the Wherry Pub. After a discussion it was agreed to not have one. There are too many incentives for recycling clothes with the schools and charity shops in the area.

- d. To receive an update on the issues regarding the field near Kells Way. Clerk received communication from Broads Authority, it is not there's. **Clerk** to phone Andy Baines from SNC.
- e. To receive an update on the Street Library. Books are still there and appear to be borrowed and swapped out.
- f. To receive an update on the Let's Play 21 project. Cllr Wade and the Clerk had a site meeting with PlayForce. Soft opening happened for the October half term holidays. Heras's fencing was removed by a couple of volunteers. The existing build seems to be poor. There are problems with the matting and the installations not being installed level. The trees and hedges need to be cut back and trimmed. Fencing will need to be installed. The gate posts are now out of line, they were hit by the construction lorry. Cllr Wade is obtaining quotes for the maintenance of the trees and hedges, also fencing. Once all the quotes have been received, the Council will hold a virtual meeting to agree the quotes and move this forward.
- g. To note the return of the mutual aid grant balance of £910.09. This has been returned.
- h. To agree the meetings dates for 2022: 12th January 2022, 9th March 2022, 11th May 2022 (APM and APMC), 13th July 2022, 14th September 2022 and 9th November 2022 Motion **Agreed**.
- i. To discuss Lottery Youth Led Peer Research (LR), Cllr Rowntree explained this, and it was noted.
- j. To discuss Sluice and flooding correspondence. It appears that Environment Agency would like to off load the Wainford Sluice to the landowner. This would cause problems if the owners decided to open the sluice fully. This would cause flooding further down the river the timing is bad; we have not been given much notice. **Action Clerk** to send this correspondence to Gillingham PC, Bungay TC, Ellingham and Kirby Cane PC and the Norfolk Flood Team. **Action Cllr Ansell** to respond for the Parish.
- k. Issues from Councillors:
 DS – just the fencing in Station Road, which has been previously discussed.
 LR – Was reminded by Mrs Munro head teacher regarding her recent communication requesting a grant for a child's refectory area at the school. Although this appears to be the same as LP21 project will be doing. There was an agreement to donate £250. (Prop: IA; Sec: LR), all agreed
 No other Councillors had any issues.
- l. Clerk's report: None

7. Finance

- a. To approve invoices for payment, Just one for Cllr Rowntree, expenses for £36.32.
RESOLVED

To note Bank balances to 4th November 2021

Community Account £32,483.30 (£31,172.24 paid as VAT reclaim from HMRC into wrong account).

Business Premium £21,850.77

of which Let's Play = £7309.33 (of which £1,685 is not yet claimed VAT)

- c. To receive an update on the budget summary, we are coming up to precept settings. Budget is on track. We will need to set up a finance meeting before Christmas to discuss the budget and the precept.
- d To note the approval of the bank reconciliations. June and September have been signed off by Cllr Wade.

8. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees. – Road Closure requested for June 2022, Road Closure from the Crossroads, Station Road and the Street up to Snakes Lane, ongoing.
There was a suggestion that the Parish Council may want to donate something to the Queens Jubilee. **Action Clerk** to place this in The Tidings.
- b. GREEN project. Trees are being planted and there are more to come.
- c. Conservation Area. Noted

9. Planning applications and other planning matters

- a. South Norfolk District Council.
2021/2220 2 Little Row, Two storey extension with porch and associated landscaping works. Recommended Approval, quite sympatric.
- b. Broads Authority. None
Update on previous applications. SNC updates
Receive an update on The Three Rivers Application

Date of next parish meeting: 12th January 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no more business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: (Chairman)

Dated: