

GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Wednesday 11th March 2020, Village Hall GELDESTON 7.30PM



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

1. Chairman's Welcome

- a. To receive apologies for absence: None
- 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: 15 members of the public including District Councillor and County Councillor.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020: The minutes were approved as an accurate record. (Prop: LK; Sec: JA) 6 in agreement, 1 abstained.

3. Matters arising from last meeting, report and action points

- a. To receive an update on the war memorial and agree any action. – There now is some funding available. Although there is still the issue of who owns the war memorial!
- b. To receive an update on the request for a map of dog bins in the parish and agree any action: Once the new dog bin is installed the map will be updated and distributed.
- c. To receive an update on the Barclays mandate change and BACS payments and agree any action. Cllr Ansell and the Clerk have online access and can now pay invoices by BACS. **Action Cllr Rowntree** still needs to sort her access.
- d. To receive an update on the return of the street library and agree any action: This is still ongoing. Cllr Rowntree needs a volunteer to put shelves up in the bus shelter. **Action Cllr Crowfoot** to put an article in the Tidings.
- e. Cllr Ansell to provide a list of fencing contractors for the Lets Play Project: This is well underway and will be discussed later in the meeting.
- f. To receive an update from the Clerk, regarding the purchase of an additional dog bin in the Church area and agree any action. This has been purchased. **Action Clerk** to inform SNC of the new bin on our route for emptying.

- g. Cllr Crowfoot to write a letter to Highways, regarding the incident in Yarmouth Road: Cllr Crowfoot reported that the letter has been drafted. It was noted that there are still issues with this road. **Action Cllr Crowfoot** to pass the letter to the Chairman, prior to sending it.
- h. Cllr Crowfoot to provide an update regarding the loose stones at Kells Way footpath: Although this has been completed, there are still issues. The shingle is too deep, push chairs and wheel chairs have difficulty. **Action Clerk** to contact Saffron and ask a resolution.
- i. Cllr Ansell to provide an update regarding Stockton Road mirror installation: Ongoing, still waiting for a reply from the landowner.

4. Chairperson's report: No report

5. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors: Cllr Stone, provided a report that is on the website. The issues with Old Yarmouth Road was discussed, the District Council does not have any involvement, it is the Highways department. Write to the Network Safety Team and they may install a slowdown sign. A member of the public reported her incident on Old Yarmouth Road, this was reported to Highways and the Police. Send all incidents to the Clerk for her to collate. **Action Clerk and Chairman** to write to the Network Safety Team and copy Cllr Stone into the letter.
- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only:**
 The footpath West End and the other end there is no footpath sign? Who owns this path?
Action Cllr Ansell to look into this. Have the landowners given permission to horse riders to ride along this footpath?
 Cars are parking dangerously on Geldeston Hill. **Action Clerk** to write to Saffron and ask their residents to park responsibly.
 The Speed Awareness Machine will be back on 12th March 2020.
 The residents would like to send their wishes to Gloria, after being assaulted.
 The Compost group have lost 4 helpers, they have been asked to leave their site. The Compost is up at the Green Project and being used there. Leaflet has gone out to the village, there will be 1 or 2 collections per season.
- c. To discuss boundaries footpath, bridleways and agree any action: this has been dealt with.
- d. To discuss the issue from a resident regarding the unsatisfactory state of the footpath from West End to Kells Way and agree any action: This problem was discussed. **Action Clerk** to write to FW Properties, and ask them to rectify the flooding.
- e. To discuss the flooding of Old Yarmouth Road from a field in Kirby Cane Parish and agree any action: Kirby Cane and Ellingham Parish Council are looking into this.
- f. To discuss the connection to Fast Broadband in East Geldeston recently upgraded 01502 exchange: Noted.

- g. To discuss the serious accidents on Old Yarmouth Road and agree any action: This has already been discussed. As stated above, **Action Clerk and Chairman** to write a letter.
- h. To discuss the format of the Annual Parish Meeting and agree any action: Draw up a potential list of what we would like to talk about. Design a poster and add to Tidings. *Please note that there will be no more public meetings for the time being, due to Lockdown and COVID-19.*
- i. To discuss the process of the new website and agree any action: The Clerk has had some training on setting up the new website. Could Councillors and residents find information and photos that we can put on the new website. Please pass to the Clerk.
- j. Issues from Councillors (for information only)
 Cllr Shave, there is a resident in Kells Way that has allowed their hedge to grow over the footpath. **Action Cllr Shave**, to provide the address. **Action Clerk** to write them a letter, requesting that they trim back, after the nesting season.
 Cllr Rowntree - setting up a Resilience Plan for the Coronavirus outbreak. This was in response to the email from South Norfolk Council. Cllr Rowntree would be happy to follow it up.
- k. Cllr Dawney, Speedwatch has now stopped, there were not enough volunteers. All the equipment has been returned.
 Cllr Crowfoot, reported that there is now a new Rector living in the village.
 Cllr Ashfield, reported that SAM produces reports.
- l. Clerk's report (for information only): Nothing.

6. Finance

- a. To approve invoices for payments as per payment schedule.

Payee	Description	Amount
Norfolk Parish Training and Support	Subscription 20/21	65.00
Norfolk Parish Training and Support	Councillor Course	55.00
T Page	Mileage and Stationery	93.54
		213.54

Addition to this is the invoice for the village hall hire £140.00. Proposed to approve the payments of £353.54 (Prop: IA; Sec: JC) All in agreement.

- b. Bank Balance as at 29th February 2020.
 Community Account £10,351.01
 Business Premium £24,852.17
- c. To receive an update on the budget summary: We are on target. Cheque refunded £35 due to not being cashed.
- d. To receive approval of the outstanding bank reconciliations this year and agree any action: These are being done on a quarterly basis.

7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees: Cleaning and disinfecting is being done on a daily basis. There will be a key lock for the village hall. The key should be obtained via that from now on. Bookings will need to go through LL and DS.
- b. GREEN project: The compost is feeding the orchard at the moment. There is a new gate sign, lots of daffodils too, all looking good. We have a couple of spare allotment plots.
Action Cllr Crowfoot to add this to the Tidings.
- c. Let's Play Project: There was been a lot of funding grant applications filled in. We wait for some of them to reply. The Lets Play latest document was discussed. This can be found on the Parish Website.
 - It was considered a good idea to have bird spikes on the swing. This was agreed and will be added into the maintenance plan.
 - Consider local contractors to prepare the ground, three quotes would still apply.
 - Consider Play Truck or Bus? Bus was decided.
 - Sand Pit was not considered to be high priority.
 - Ladybird is damaged and was agreed to be removed
 - The cycle path will be considered in Phase II
 - The hedge was decided to be lowered and kept as a hedge.
 - Signage is needed.
 - **Action Clerk** to obtain permission to trim the hedging.
 - Emma the Community Fund Raiser would like to run an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday.
 - Thinking of a Summer Event and Retro Event.
 - **Action Clerk** to be updated on all the events the parish is holding and will contact the insurance company.

The Parish Council would like to express thanks to you and all your efforts.

Planning applications and other planning matters

- d. South Norfolk District Council.
- e. Broads Authority: BA/2019/0377/HOUSEH was discussed and the residents concern and the decision we had made.
- f. Update on previous applications. updates

8. Correspondence

- a. To note correspondence sent and received. [correspondence document]
- b. To note additional correspondence.

Date of next parish meeting: 13th May 2020, starting with the Annual Parish Meeting, then the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

9. **To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public**

interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed:

(Chairman)