



GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes

Held in the Village Hall

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 7.30PM

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

Also present: Clerk, Tina Newby and District Councillor Bernard.

1 Chairman's Welcome

- a. No Councillor apologies were received. District Councillor Brown and County Cllr Stone sent their apologies. It was noted that Cllr Crowfoot was not in attendance.
- b. No additional interests were declared.
- c. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

2 Minutes of last meeting

- d. Minutes of the last meeting, 19th October 2022 were approved with the amendment in (m,) 'An additional subcommittee to work alongside existing subcommittee.' The rest of the minutes were approved as being an accurate record. (Prop: JH; Sec: JA) all Cllrs that were present agreed.

3 Matters arising from last meeting and outstanding actions:

- e. Discuss the update on the Station Road fence and agree any action: This is regarding the wooden fence on top of the flood wall. Environment Agency is not doing anything. **Action Clerk** to continue to chase.
- f. **Action Clerk** to ask for an additional no give way sign in Kells Way. This is still ongoing.
- g. Bus Stop no waiting, Village Hall - County Councillor Stone was not at the meeting and did not provide an update. **Action Clerk** to chase this up.

- h. Holly hedge overgrown on The Street footpath: After some discussion the Clerk realised, she was looking in the wrong direction. The holly hedge is next the Fir Tree Farm. Cllr Ansell will provide the Clerk their name and address.
- i. 30 mph sign not visible at Penny Come Quick Meadow – this has been sorted.
- j. Clearing ditches out Big Row (Action IA), this will be done before Christmas.
- k. South Norfolk Council village sweep, this was done a few weeks ago.

4 Chairperson's report – Nothing to report.

5 New issues

- l. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors – reports received had been distributed to the Councillors.
- m. Parish 10:
 - A member of the public had sent a letter to the Parish Council with a letter of complaint. This is being discussed below:
The communication from residents regarding shooting in the village. It was noted that there was also another complaint. Both were regarding the shooting on 5th November at 5.50am. The noise had been heard over most of the village. The people were luring the geese down from the flock to shoot them. Additional concerns is the Bird Flu. This member of the public is requesting that we speak to the person responsible and wait until 7am. The Parish Council noted that the shooting is a lawful activity and that geese are shot at night. **Action Clerk** to provide details of the person responsible and send this to Cllr Ansell.
 - Footpath Gillingham Road to Yarmouth Road there is a fallen Oak Tree, this needs to be removed. There are other trees on this footpath that is covered in Ivy, which is probably killing the tree.
 - Blocked water grates, storm drains, Stockton to Leytons Lane.
 - Another request for 20 mph enforced speed limit or sleeping policeman in Kells Way.
 - Heath Road to the Church footpath hedge is overgrown and needs to be cut back. **Action Clerk** to write to the owners and request this to be done.
- n. To receive an update on the Geldeston Village Park:
 - Cllr Wade has sourced quotes from Caloo Ltd for two projects: £12,144 quote 049152 and £16,492.63 quote number 049674, play equipment.
 - Fencing quotes were around £4,025. This is for boundary fencing and lane fencing. Earl Fencing contractors were appointed.
 - Boule Court costs are only an estimate.
 - Work on the Sensory Garden has been started.
 - The above quotes were agreed (Prop: AW; Sec: JA) all in agreement.
- o. To discuss grass cutting contract for the village for 2023, only Norse have quoted, no other contractors and companies are interested in quoting.
- p. To agree to pay the Clerk the Local Government National Pay Rise and back date it to 1st April 2022. The Parish Council agreed to pay the back pay from 1st April 2022 and the increase pay scale, from £12.95 per hour to £13.95 per hour. (Prop: IA; Sec: AW) all in agreement.
- q. To agree two training courses for the Clerk. – Election 2023 training and GDPR. The Clerk discussed the reason for these courses and the costs: Elections 2023

£36.00, GDPR £16.80. Total of the courses are £52.80. The Clerk is requesting 25% of these fees for reimbursement, £13.20, (Prop: IA; Sec: AW) all in agreement.

- r. To discuss the Parliamentary boundary review. District Cllr Bernard, reported that, the Parliamentary review is in consultation at the moment. The new Waveney Valley constituency needs to be 70,000 electors. The boundaries will need to be in place by the Elections in April 2024. The parish will be able to state that they want to stay 'North of the River', and stay in South Norfolk Council.
- s. To discuss the Neighbourhood Planning meeting and agree any action. The Neighbourhood Plan would be a massive commitment. The overview notes were handed to the Councillors at the meeting and will be uploaded to the Parish Council website. Neighbourhood Plans have been completed all over the Country. It will give you plenty of control, on how your environment is developed. The Parish Council already receives 15% of the CiL monies and would receive 25% once the Neighbourhood Plan is completed.
Geldeston village has a strong case as there is a conservation area. Broads Authority will also have to be in agreement too. The parish will have a lot more influence with neighbourhood planning.
- t. Issues from Councillors (for information only):
DS: 30 mph sign in Station Road has been replaced. Dog and waste bins have been delivered to IA. IA to ask DS for help to install. Kells Way footpath to West End is still flooding when there is a lot of rain. **Action Clerk** to contact FW Properties to get them to correct this problem. DS bumped into the local PC James King, who is the Beat Manager. **Action Cllr Shave** to communicate with PC King and arrange a walkabout around the village.
JH: Mentioned the fallen Oak tree on the footpath. The Parish Council stated that it was the responsibility of Gillingham Parish Council. **Action Clerk** to inform Gillingham Parish Council.
AW: Mentioned the road closure at Station Road from 5th December to 10th December 2022. Cllr Wade has a map.
- u. Clerk's report: The Clerk reported that she would like to re-visit the parishioners concerns of trespassing from the village green to private land. **Action Cllr Wade** to obtain a quote for a fence to be installed to stop the trespassing. **Action Cllr Ansell** to let the parishioner know that some work will be done to resolve their issues.

6 Finance

- v. To approve invoices for payment – no payments are due for payment, other than the Clerks wages, which will be confirmed after the above pay scale has been agreed or not.
- w. The latest bank balances were distributed at the meeting. Balances as at 22nd November 2022 were:

Parish Council Community Account	£18,742.56
Geldeston Village Park Account	£5,060.82
- x. To note the approval of the bank reconciliations. Cllr Shave agreed to approve the bank reconciliations on a six-monthly basis.

- y. To note the draft budget for 2023/2024 – The draft budget was produced and handed to the Councillors. The Clerk has advised them to look at the budget and report back any queries.

7 Updates from village committees & groups

- z. Village Hall Management Trustees – Village Hall bookings are doing very well
- aa. GREEN project – No update
- bb. Conservation Area and the Churchyard Conservation Area – no update

8 Planning applications and other planning matters

- cc. South Norfolk District Council. None
- dd. Broads Authority. None

ee. Update on previous applications. SNC updates

2022/1897, Land North of The Street and 2022/1993, Land South of The Street. These two planning applications in Gillingham were discussed. The increase in the traffic has a potential impact in the housing in Gillingham. This has a knock-on effect: Already inadequate health centre, schools are full. The public consultation ends on 2nd December 2022. Cllr Ansell to draft a response from Geldeston Parish Council. Gillingham Parish Council has requested the planning applications to be 'called in'. Dunburgh field, the owners have started to build a driveway. **Action Clerk** to contact BA enforcement.

9 Correspondence:

Date of next parish meeting: 11th January 2023

There was no more business to discuss the Meeting closed

8:55 pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Dated: