



GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Wednesday
9th September, Virtual Meeting 7.30PM

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

1. Chairman's Welcome:

- a. To receive apologies for absence - Apologies were accepted for Cllr Ashfield and District Councillor Bernard.
- b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council – No declarations were received.
- c. To record the number of members of the public present – No members of the public attended, but one District Councillor attended.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

- a. The approval of previous meetings will be approved when we have face to face meetings.

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

- a. To receive an update on the new dog bin in the Church yard and agree any action – Cllr Crowfoot obtained the location for where the dog bin can be situated. Cllr Ansell will notify the Clerk when the work is completed and then she can add to the dog waste run.
- b. To receive an update on the street library and agree any action – Waiting for Cllr Ansell to design the specification of the shelving. The Council agreed to not run this until the situation with COVID-19 has been resolved.

- c. To receive an update on the Let's Play Project, and agree any action – This project is moving forward. The hedging quotes has been obtained by local suppliers. **Action Clerk** to check permission from SNC for the hedging work. **Action Clerk** to reply to the Adnams grant funding email. Dist Cllr Brown, stated that the Community Action Fund will be available soon.

The quotes where discussed in the document and it was re-confirmed the approval for reducing the height of the hedge. Once revised quotes have been obtained, we can then agree on the contractors to do the work.

Cllr Keep mentioned some ways of fundraising, one option is a Christmas display in the same format as the Scarecrow trail.

- d. To receive an update on Cllr Crowfoot's letter to Highways and agree any action – Cllr Crowfoot write to the highways regarding the signs that are along the dangerous stretch of road. These signs are almost completely covered by hedges and trees. Highways department have stated that it is the responsibility of the landowners to maintain the overgrowth on the road signs! **Action Clerk** to contact County Cllr Stone for her views. Cllr Crowfoot will update Highways Department that he has done the work and will ask again who is responsible for the maintenance.
- e. Cllr Ansell to provide an update regarding Stockton Road mirror installation – Cllr Crowfoot has cleared the overhanging foliage around the sign post, now the mirror can be installed as soon as possible.
- f. To discuss the upgrading of Zoom, for virtual meetings and agree the amount owing – Cllr Ansell has upgraded the zoom for GPC and the other meetings he uses it for. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay half.
- g. To receive an update on the archiving and agree any action – The archiving is completed. Norfolk County Council are not in the position to take the archiving due to not being open. Clerk was able to sell the rusty four drawer filing cabinet and replace it with a two drawer filing cabinet for the same price. It was noted that Cllr Ansell agreed to reimburse the Clerk for her paper shredder that broke while doing all the shredding.
- h. To receive an update on the new signatories for Barclays and agree any action – Clerk has a direct dial telephone number for Barclays. **Action Clerk** to update the mandates for the new Councillors to sign.
- i. To receive an update on the Mutual Aid and agree any action – Ticking along, will keep active in case this will be needed in the future.

4. Chairperson's report:

There was nothing to report. It was noted that since there is no venue to hold the meetings in, we will continue to hold the meetings virtually.

5. New issues

- a. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors – Dist Cllr Brown reported that August was a quieter month. Recovery of the economy is now the main aim. There is a fund wide fighting fund £7 million to help businesses and local authorities to recover. There is a new website which will cover South Norfolk and Broadland together. The new Planning White paper will tear up the old planning policy and restart again.

County Cllr Stone joined the meeting at 8.05pm and reported: Her written report was distributed to the councillor earlier in the day. There was a discussion regarding adult services and their budget. Income has gone down. Adult services are supporting private adult care, the government does not want these to go out of business. There is a website link that shows the state of the COVID-19 throughout the country. Norfolk County Council are running a test and trace system.

- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only:** No members of the public attended.
- c. To receive an update on the future virtual meetings and COVID-19 and agree any action – This has already been discussed in this meeting.
- d. To note that the Clerk will be away in the November meeting and agree any action – It was agreed that the date would be moved to 18th November 2020. This was all agreed.
- e. The Clerk would like to request any budget changes for next years' 21/22 budget – The Clerk will send all the councillors the budget figures for next year, so that they can look at them in detail.
- f. To note the Local Government, pay rises, increase in home working payments and holiday entitlement, and agree any action. – The government pay award has been reviewed and agreed by the government. The Clerks pay would go up from £12.11 to £12.45 and the home working payments increased to £26.00. The increase would be back paid from April 2020. The councillors all agreed.
- g. Issues from Councillors (for information only) – Cllr Ansell noted that the SAM2 was installed in the village on 10th August 2020.
- h. Clerk's report (for information only) – Nothing.

6. Finance

- a. To approve invoices for payments as per payment schedule and to note the payments between meetings.

Tina Page Expenses 190.69,

Payments made between meetings: £434.94, Clinks Care Farm and £35.00 allotment tap repair.

Bank Balance as at 3rd September 2020.

Community Account: £4,500.28

Business Premium: £33,279.77

- b. To receive an update on the budget summary – The Clerk reported that the budget is doing fine, payments are not high due to COVID-19.
- c. To receive approval of the outstanding bank reconciliations this year and agree any action – This normally happens quarterly, but due to the lack of payments this will be done 6 months.

7. Updates from village committees & groups

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees – There is a meeting on Friday this week to discuss the situation with opening the hall.
- b. GREEN project – The Clerk reported an email from ML, a allotment renter would like an additional allotment and the siting was discussed. The Councillors all agreed to her suggestions. The Clerk expressed her thanks to the work that ML is doing.
- c. Let's Play Project.
 - Outstanding Grant Forms
 - Outstanding quotes and agree any action

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

- d. Conservation Area - For the past ten years there has been a lot of houses unoccupied. Now they are being occupied and renovated. The land behind the village hall, that has been subject to planning applications. The owners are happy with the land to be preserved and seating area put in. Garden House meadow has been cut after two years. Dowson Geldeston Ltd should now be looking after it.
- e. Planning applications and other planning matters - None

South Norfolk District Council.
Broads Authority
- f. Update on previous applications. SNC and BA applications. - None

8. Correspondence

To note that all correspondence has been emailed to you as and when the Clerk has received it.

Date of next parish meeting: 18th November 2020 – Virtual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed.8.40pm

Signed:

(Chairman)