

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 14th day of JANUARY 2019 at the Royal British Legion, Long Lane – commencing 7.30 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Messrs Rayner (Chair), Lambert (Vice Chair), Cock, Leamon, Storey and Studd, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bane, Mrs Enefer-Harrison and Mrs McGeeney. Also present 3 members of the public and Squadron Leader Neild.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mr Cooper.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The meeting was suspended for 2 minutes to allow members of the public to speak.

MATTERS ARISING

1. RAF Feltwell – Sqn Leader said increased night flying will continue. Following recent drone incidents at two London airports, he said changes are being made to the drone code and he will forward the latest code to the Clerk. He has had no contact from Suffolk County Council regarding his concerns about the B1112 and A1065 but said the infrastructure of the roads won't improve any time soon so urged drivers to take more care. Lastly, Sqn Leader announced his retirement and due to his annual leave entitlement said this would probably be his last meeting. The Chair wished him well and thanked him for his valuable input over the years. Sqn Leader departed the meeting at 7.38 pm.

2. SNT – The few Police Connect emails received have been circulated.

3. Risk Assessment – Mr Storey apologised and said he had not been able to undertake the monthly risk assessment but would do it later in the week and forward his report to the Clerk. Mr Rayner to carry out the next inspection.

4. Balance Sheet – No queries.

5. Allotment Pest Control – Reports received for November and December.

6. NALC – Weekly newsletters and updates have been circulated.

7. Briefing sessions (i) Local Plan – Site Allocations & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (ii) 5 year land supply – No further news. Mr Storey has asked the Planning Officer to keep him abreast of any new measures re Stone Curlew.

8. Street Light Replacement – Mrs Bane proposed replacing 11 street lights with LED lights; 4 x Short Lane, 3 x Newcombe Drive, 2 x Falcon Road, 1 x Hall Drive, 1 x Clough Drive, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour. Clerk to organise.

9. Ranger Visit – Clerk to request report for visit w/c 7/1/19.

10. Hedge Removal rear of Edmund Moundeford Road – Orbit have proposed installing metal posts and wire mesh fencing, approx. 1.8m high and the Clerk circulated an image of this type of fence. Mr Lambert proposed Orbit install fencing of this specification, Mrs Bane seconded, all in favour. Clerk to contact Orbit.

MATTERS ARISING (CONT)

11. Additional Post Boxes – Royal Mail are investigating why the post box along The Beck is not operational.

12. Parish Partnership Scheme – Mr Rayner said there is unlikely to be any news until March 2019 re the bus shelter bid.

13. Locality Budget – Mr Storey said he had met with Highways and is waiting for requests to come in from other parishes before deciding where to allocate his Locality Budget. He did say that the ‘informal’ pedestrian crossing was the only pedestrian crossing Highways would accept. Mrs Arnold asked if Mr Storey would be considering requests from parishes that had received funding from his budget in the past but Mr Storey said the scheme had only been running a year.

14. Hedges – Orbit sent an email illustrating their title which showed the western boundary of their site falls between 1-2 metres short of the paved highway and as such they lack any rights to maintain the hedge. They have written to Highways Boundaries to advise them that the hedge is their responsibility to maintain. Mr Lambert suggested speaking to the PC’s solicitor.

15. Alleyway – After a discussion with Sean Hazell of NCC, Mr Storey said that payment could be made after the work is completed. The Chair thanked Mr Storey. Mr Lambert proposed proceeding with NCC’s quotation, Mr Cock seconded, all in favour. Clerk will liaise with Sean Hazell.

16. Overgrown Hedges – Clerk said Lawsons had contacted the landlord of 6 Newcombe Drive who in turn informed the Clerk that she will make arrangements for the hedge to be cut. Mr Lambert said he had spoken with the owner of Hill House who said that having had the wall inspected, he is considering replacing a section of the wall in the Spring. Mr Lambert proposed that further contact is not necessary, Mrs Bane seconded, all in favour.

17. Planning Breach – Hall Farm – No planning application has been forthcoming. Clerk to email Planning Department to ascertain if an application has been made.

18. Village Sign – Clerk has obtained another price of £200 + VAT from another local builder which is cheaper than the previous quote and has therefore instructed him to undertake this work as requested at the previous meeting.

19. T T Jones Electrical Ltd – Column Replacement & Electrical Testing – Mr Studd asked how the concrete columns were to be monitored. Mr Storey felt that they should all be inspected and suggested contacting a concrete specialist. Clerk to contact NCC for advice.

20. Mirrors at Exit of East Hall – Clerk said Highways do not allow mirrors on the highway and they can only be erected on private land. Mr Cock will advise the resident who enquired.

21. Review Grass Maintenance Contract – Clerk said tenders were gradually coming in but the deadline is 31st January 2019 so she will present these at the next meeting.

22. National Playing Fields Association Renewal – Clerk advised renewal cost is £25.00 for 2019/20 based on an electorate of 1753. Mrs Bane proposed renewing, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING (CONT)

23. Request from Intelligent Data Collection in relation to the Department for Transport, National Road Traffic Census 2019 – On 14th June 2019, Intelligent Data Collection will be conducting a count on Paynes Lane between 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs and have requested permission to park two of their vehicles in the playing field car park during this time. Mrs Bane proposed allowing them to park in the car park, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour. Clerk will liaise with them re access.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 24. Police Connect - Emails received and circulated
- 25. BCKLWN – Email – Latest Authority Monitoring Report for 2017/18
- 26. NCC – Emails – Norfolk's gritters ready for action this winter; Recruitment to Norfolk Local Access Forum (forwarded to Village Magazine)
- 27. T T Jones (Electrical) – Email – Contact Procedures & Processes 2019
- 28. PC Lee Anderton, Norfolk Constabulary – Email – Parish Newsletter
- 29. E.ON – Emails – Monthly Market Report Dec 2018; EnergyTalk Newsletter Dec 2018
- 30. Community Action Norfolk – Emails – Jobs & Training Newsletters
- 31. Rural Services Network – Emails – Bulletin; Funding Digest
- 32. Active Places – Email – January Newsletter
- 33. ACAS – Email – ACAS HR, Employment Law and Training Review of 2018
- 34. Rural Norfolk – Email – Rural Services Network Bulletin Dec 2018; Rural Funding Digest Dec 2018
- 35. Early Help Children's Services – Emails – Christmas Activities; Early Help & Services Directory & Monthly Bulletin Jan 2019 (displayed on Feltwell Community Facebook Page)
- 36. Brochures – Parish Magazine, Clerks & Councils Direct
- 37. **CHEQUES** – Were signed for the following – J Martin £31.04, S Sargent £103.25, Cash £10.00, Viridor £129.60, T T Jones Electrical £88.15, John Rolph £100.00, E.ON £436.94, Berryman £21.60, HMRC £272.20, T T Jones Electrical £1980.00, Anglian Water £73.88, D G Waters & Sons £600.00. Standing order to Mrs J Martin £813.19, direct debit to BT £49.86.

38. **PLANNING**

There were no planning applications.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 39. Highways – Mr Storey confirmed that £2 million of the extra funding given to Norfolk County Council by central government will be spent on fen roads throughout West Norfolk.
- 40. Bridleway – Mr Leamon said he had been made aware that the bridleway on Corkway Drove had been ploughed up. Mr Lambert asked him to send him a map of the location.
- 41. Brandon Town FC Request – Clerk said Brandon Town FC has asked if they can use the senior pitch for some of their games due to one of their own pitches becoming unsafe. This was agreed in principal and a charge of £25/game was thought to be reasonable.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.30 pm at the British Legion.
Meeting declared closed 8.34 pm.