



## **GELDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council**

**18<sup>th</sup> November, Virtual Meeting 7.30PM**

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

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

- a. To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Crowfoot apologies were accepted.
- b. To receive declarations of interest other than those registered with South Norfolk District Council. Cllr Ansell declared that he is a member of the village hall committee.
- c. To record the number of members of the public present. 4 people and District Cllr Brown.

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The approval of previous meetings from March 2020: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

All were taken on mass. All were agreed as being accurate records. (Prop: LK; Sec: LR) all in agreement.

#### **3. To consider co-option of the vacancy of a Councillor.**

- a. Questions for the new Councillor, and the Council.

A question was asked to the new Councillor: Why would you like to become part of the Parish Council? Answer: I live in the area and like to keep up to date of all parish issues.

- b. To consider co-option of the new Councillor. It was agreed to co-opt Jane Hayward, (Prop: IA; Sec: JA) all in agreement.

- c. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office form: was signed and presented to the screen to show acknowledgment.
- d. Welcome the new Councillor: Cllr Ansell welcomed Cllr Hayward to the parish council.

There was a presentation regarding the Locks Inn, This would have been discussed under the Public Forum, but was discussed now: Geldeston Locks was put on the market for sale. It has been purchased as a Community Asset. They are trying gain funding through the Plunkett Foundation, but needs letters of support. They are reaching out to the other sides of the river, Barsham, Shipmeadow and Mettingham. The two pubs in Geldeston complement each other and work together. 'Have a stake in their pub' , an option for community shares too,. Geldeston Locks Inn is more than just a pub, reinstate the music events, storytelling, and lots more. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter of support.

#### 4. **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: This is still outstanding due to Lockdown restrictions. Cllr Ansell and son will get it installed.
- b. To receive an update on the street library and agree any action: Street Library on hold over the winter months.
- c. To receive an update on the Let's Play Project, and agree any action. Also, to note that the quotes obtained will need to be approved:

The quotes will be reviewed before the work is started.

Fundraising has been going well. The pumpkin trail raised £100. Coffee man is selling charity hot chocolate. There will be an Elf Trail on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020, with festive drinks and gingerbread stall.

In August, the final design was agreed. Action, Play and Leisure are all happy with the suggestions. Hedges will be reduced in March.

South Norfolk Council have previously confirmed permission for the hedges to be reduced.

Funding applications, those that were sent had initial responses, but lockdown has halted these. We have received £1000 grant from Adnams for the Play bus. **Action point** Cllr Keep chasing the other outstanding funding applications.

- d. To receive an update on Cllr Crowfoot's letter to Highways and agree any action: Cllr Crowfoot was not there to update us on this. It has been outstanding for many months. It was suggested to close this item on the

agenda.

District Cllr Bernard joined the meeting (8:05pm)

- e. Cllr Ansell to provide an update regarding Stockton Road mirror installation: The mirror has been purchased. Due to lockdown restrictions the mirror has not been installed. **Cllr Ansell** to forward the invoice to the Clerk for paying.
- f. To discuss the upgrading of Zoom, for virtual meetings and agree the amount owing. **Action Cllr Ansell** to forward the invoice to the Clerk for paying.
- g. To receive an update on the new signatories for Barclays and agree any action: The Clerk is experiencing problems getting in contact with Barclays. Still ongoing.
- h. To receive an update on the Mutual Aid and agree any action: Mutual Aid is back in action, although it appears that residents are managing this time without too much help, from the Mutual Aid.

## **5. Chairperson's report:**

Nothing to report.

## **6. New issues**

- a. Reports from the County Councillors and District Councillors:

District Cllr Brown reported: The Leisure Centres are closed again. They are now in the process of setting the budget.

Recycling initiatives – potential growth for recycling, needs to increase by 60% in 2025.

There was a discussion on Members Ward Fund, specific items could be funded up to £200

- b. **The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (maximum 10 minutes) for items to be discussed on the Agenda only:**

Cllr Ansell reported that a chap in Broome raised concerns over the Coronation bench on the green, Rowan Crafts paid for the repair.

Village sign will be taken down soon and stored for the winter.

Geldeston Locks Inn was discussed earlier in the meeting before agenda item 4a.

- c. To discuss the football field and transferring the land to the Parish Council and agree any action: South Norfolk Council have contacted the Clerk and wanted to know whether we were interested in owning the whole field including the football goals. The zip wire will be installed up the top by Yarmouth Road, behind the goal posts, this is the only part of the field that we need

- d. To discuss the erection of the shed near the village hall and agree any action: There has been a few complaints regarding the erection of a shed, that is situated in front of the village hall kitchen window. The Clerk reported that she had notified BA Planning regarding this. It may be SNC. **Action Clerk** to chase this up with BA and SNC.
- e. To discuss the play inspection report and agree any action: The report is sparse due to the lack of equipment in the play area. It was agreed to remove the existing Ladybird.
- f. To note the Budget Forecast and agree any action: Budget is good, not much expenditure this year. All the Councillors have received the budget forecast so that they can study and tell the Clerk if there are any issues. The Budget will need to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting in January 2021.
- g. To note the grant received from Adnams for £1000; this was noted earlier in the meeting.
- h. To note and agree the meeting dates for 2021:
  - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021
  - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021
  - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021, APM and AMPC
  - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021
  - 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021
  - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The dates were approved. (Prop: JA; Sec: LK) all in agreement. Cllr Ansell will notify the Village Hall Committee of these dates.
- i. Issues from Councillors (for information only), Cllr Ashfield noted that there has been some vandalism by Dunburgh. There were no other issues from the councillors.
- j. Clerk's report (for information only) Nothing to report.

## 7. Finance

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

SNC	Dog bins emptying	393.84
Playsafety Ltd	Play Inspection	86.40
Wages and Tax	As usual	
	Total	£480.24

The payments totalling £480.24 were agreed, (Prop: IA; Sec: JA) all in agreement.

Bank Balance as @ 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.  
Community Account: £3,709.70  
Business Premium: £37,284.37

- b. To receive an update on the budget summary: Budget is going well. Clerk is concerned about how long the previous CiL money has been received.  
**Action Clerk** to find out about the expiry date of this,
- c. To receive approval of the outstanding bank reconciliations this year and agree any action: Cllr Keep has them, still ongoing.

## **8. Updates from village committees & groups**

- a. Village Hall Management Trustees: There is now a new cleaning company that is put on hold.
- b. GREEN project: The water was been turned off for the winter.
- c. Let's Play Project.
  - Outstanding Grant Forms
  - Outstanding quotes and agree any actionAll above has been updated earlier in the meeting.
- d. Conservation Area: Nothing to report.
- e. Planning applications and other planning matters

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- f. Update on previous applications. SNC and BA applications.

## **9. Correspondence**

- a. To note correspondence sent and received. [correspondence document]  
  
Cllr Ansell mentioned that he will be facing the SAM2 machine the other way on The Street.
- b. To note additional correspondence.

**Date of next parish meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Virtual Meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting closed.8.45pm

Signed:

(Chairman)