**WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL**

***Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 5th November 2019, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Wood Dalling.***

**Present:** Jonathan Rodwell (Vice Chairman) (JRod), Jonathan Rawlinson (JRaw), Jono Wilton (JW), Helen Dixon (HD), Alex Clark-Rudd (ACR), Greg Peck (County & District Councillor) (GP), Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk).

2 members of the public

**19/88. Chair’s welcome and apologies for Absence.**

JRod welcomed everyone and apologies were accepted for Kerry Oldfield and Rory Harrold.

**19/89. Declarations of Interest.**

JRod - Church.

**19/90. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**19/91. Matters arising from the meeting.**

None.

**19/92. Members of the public register a desire to speak**

None.

**19/93. Committee reports and recommendations**:

**Jeff Topp – Newsletter**

ACR has recently resigned as a deliverer, and thanks were given for all her hard work over a number of years. Alice Wilton has kindly offered to take over. The invoice confusion at the last meeting has been rectified.

**Jonathan Rodwell – Church**

The harvest festival on 15th September was well attended by a congregation of over 30 people. Likewise, the Eysnford Ensemble concert on 29th September was well attended and attracted an audience of over 50 people. A total of £372 was raised, and this was donated to the cancer charity VOICE. The next event in the church will be the performance of Handel’s Messiah by the Eysnford Ensemble and choir at 6.30pm on Saturday 14th December. Tickets are £10 each and are available on the website [www.wooddalling.com/events](http://www.wooddalling.com/events). They will also be available on the door if space permits. So far, we have sold 52 tickets through the website, and we would urge people to buy from the website to avoid disappointment and also it makes it easier for us to plan for the right numbers. Refreshments will be on sale during the interval. Proceeds will be shared between the VOICE charity and the church. The following event will be the carol service, at 5.00pm on Saturday 21st December. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps us in any way – cleaning, catering and helping on the day – to put these events on in the church. We really do appreciate it. There has been considerable activity since the last meeting. All our projects with the exception of the removal of furniture have been ‘recommended’ by the DAC, and are now with the Diocesan Registrar, who as issued statutory notices which are currently displayed at the church. However, the representative of Historic England has written a letter with objections to both the heating and provision of a toilet etc. We are not obliged to heed the objections, but the letter will be sent to the Diocesan Chancellor who is responsible for approving faculties, and it is not clear how he will view the objections. In the meantime, we have invited tenders from 3 contractors (with a provisional clause in case the faculty is not granted) for the building works for the toilet, kitchenette etc. The furniture will go back to the DAC tomorrow.

**Police –** None.

**David McMaster – Village Hall** – The Village Hall is progressing well. The recent fete made approximately £600, and film nights have started again. There are an average of 20 people attending regularly, but it would be good to see more. There are two new committee members.

**Greg Peck – District & County Councillor –** GP reported that he is working on the cabling route for the windfarm applications. He has written to Andrea Leadsom regarding concerns about the additional traffic movements through Cawston of approximately 1000+ HGVs per week. A caveat on any permissions should include a traffic management plan to avoid Cawston.

**19/94. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting**

Two areas with potholes were identified. **Action:** **Clerk**

**19/94. To update on grass cutting**

Everyone seems happy with the grass cutting contractor this year and it was agreed to continue the contract for the three-year period. David McMaster asked if an additional quote could be obtained for next year to include the village hall. It was agreed that David McMaster will pass the spec to HD as soon as possible, so she can contact the grass cutter. **Action: HD**

**19/95. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary**

None. Replacement of the guttering will need to be considered in the near future.

**19/96. To update on the windfarm projects**

Decisions on the Hornsea and Vattenfall projects have been delayed for six months, but a scoping report for two new applications with two cabling corridors has been sent out. The Clerk has registered the Parish Council’s interest in this project, and has again reiterated the need for an offshore ring main. Councillors will keep an eye on all projects and the Parish Council agreed to register support with the Oulton Group.

**19/97. To update on the bid for a Parish Partnership grant for Village Hall signs, and to approve a Parish Partnership application for a SAM2 unit**

The signs are still not in, despite the Clerk being assured that they would be installed by the end of October. The Clerk will continue to chase. GP has offered to fund 50% of the SAM2 unit, and thanks were given to him. On a proposal by HD, it was agreed to approve the application for 50/50 funding for the other 50% of the cost, through Parish Partnership funding. **Action: Clerk**

**19/98. To discuss a community orchard**

A Parishioner has suggested a community orchard for the bottom of the Village Hall field. He has had a meeting with David McMaster, who discussed it with the Village Hall committee. Concern was expressed at how willing people would be to maintain the trees and whether enough people would take the fruit. It was discussed if a spinney may be a better idea. Salle Estates are willing to consider a proposal, and have asked to be kept up to date. It was agreed that village involvement is essential, and a strong plan is needed to get people involved. The Clerk will contact the Parishioner to ask him to put an article in the newsletter to ask if there is support for the project, and to bring a plan to the next Parish Council meeting.

**19/99. To update on the church noticeboard**

ACR reported that the doors have been replaced.

**19/100. Correspondence**

(i) Broadland District Council CIL payments – The Clerk reported that there is no payment due to the Parish Council.

(ii) Norfolk Fire & Rescue draft Integrated Management Plan – Councillors will send any comments to the Clerk before 10th December.

(iii) Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation 220-21 – Councillors will send any comments to the Clerk before 10th December.

**19/101. Planning**

(i) Update on enforcement action at Red Pits – A field on Mole End was occupied for a weekend a couple of weeks ago, for a party, and there was a large amount of mess left. This has now been cleared.

(ii) 20191643. Tyby Farm, Guestwick Road, Wood Dalling. Councillors had no objection to this application.

**19/102. Finance and Payments**

(i) Copies of the current cash book and budget update were given to all councillors prior to the meeting, and were approved.

(ii) Payments were approved and cheques were signed by ACR for-

1. P Collins – grass cutting for Sept (signed 8/8/19) (Chq 100723) £316.00
2. P Collins – grass cutting for Oct (chq 100728) £316.00
3. K Cotgrove – Oct & Nov salary (chq 100729) £244.14
4. J Topp – newsletter x 2 issues (chq 100730) £75.00

(iii) To agree the 2020-21 budget – On a proposal by JRaw, seconded by ACR, the 2020-21 budget was approved

(iv) To agree the 2020-21 precept – On a proposal by JW, seconded by JRaw, it was agreed to keep the precept at £1888.

**19/103. Matters for further discussion**

None.

**19/104. To close the Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:32pm.

The Next meeting will be 7th January 2020, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

**Approved as a correct record Date**