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WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Wood Dalling.

Present: Kerry Oldfield (Chairman) (KO), Jonathan Rodwell (Vice Chairman) (JRod), Jonathan Rawlinson (JRaw), Jono Wilton (JW), Alex Clark-Rudd, Rory Harrold (RH), Greg Peck (County & District Councillor) (GP), Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk).
1 member of the public

20/19. Chair's welcome and apologies for Absence.

KO welcomed everyone, and apologies were accepted for Helen Dixon.

20/20. Declarations of Interest.

JRod - Church.

20/21. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020

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

20/22. Matters arising from the meeting.

None.

20/23. Members of the public register a desire to speak

None.

20/24. Committee reports and recommendations:

Jeff Topp – Newsletter

JT sent his apologies, and had emailed the Clerk to thank the Parish Council for arranging to pay the printer directly.

David McMaster – Village Hall – Some information about the orchard went into the newsletter and received some feedback. This was mainly positive but concerns were raised about the long-term maintenance. The village hall committee have asked Julian Duffield for a list of volunteers and a plan, and are waiting for a response to progress the matter. The film nights are running well. The advertised tour of Holkham cannot go ahead as planned, but it is possible it could be rearranged. So far there are only 5 volunteers for the Open Garden event, 10 are needed to make it viable, so further volunteers are being sought.

Jonathan Rodwell – Church - It has been a quiet time at the church for the last two months, with no services or other events taking place. The final accounts for the Eynsford Ensemble concert in September last year, and the performance of The Messiah were prepared and a cheque for £1,660 was sent to the voice charity, this will attract a matching cheque from the N & N Health Trust, so the two performances raised £3,332 for the charity, a very creditable performance. Work on the church improvements has progressed in some areas. The heating chandeliers are due to be delivered this week, these will be fitted out at the weekend, and we hope to install them in the following week. Offers were received from two people for some of the furniture advertised for sale. The prices offered are good, and we will be able to sell more than 50% of what was available. The remainder will be sent to the auction in Aylsham. The Chancellor returned the application for or a faculty for the toilet and kitchenette for further discussion between the PCC and Historic England. We have now prepared a revised submission refuting the opinion and position taken by Historic England. This has been sent to the Chancellor, and we hope to have a decision one or the other by the end of the month. Planning for future events is under way. We will be hosting the Wood Dalling artists participating in the Open Studios Event between 22nd May and 7th June, and we hope as many of our parishioners as possible will take the opportunity to visit the church and see what our wonderful artists produce. There are also outline plans for a choral concert in early September.

Police – None.

Greg Peck – District & County Councillor – The budget has been agreed at County Hall. Councillors' allowances have been increased 2%, in line with staff salary, and will be linked

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to staff salary in future. District Councillors' allowances were increased by 32%, which was recommended by an independent panel. Broadland is still the cheapest District Council in Norfolk for allowances. 70% of the County Council budget is for child and adult social care.

20/25. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting

KO spoke to Salle Estate who will cut the hedge at Church Field. The Village Hall signs are still not up. GP toured his area with the Head of Highways, showing him various Highways problems where work has not been done. The Clerk will chase again. A small wooden box on a post has appeared at the crossroads next to the Heydon Road sign. It is not known what this is for. Some raised manhole covers were identified, and some potholes, along with issues along Crabgate Lane North. The Clerk will report. **Action:**

Clerk & KO

20/26. To update on grass cutting

It was agreed to sign two cheques for the grass cutter, as he is due to commence soon.

20/27. To agree a date for the litter pick

JW agreed to take over arrangements. He has located 7 of the litter pickers, but 3 are still unaccounted for. The National dates for Keep Britain Tidy's campaign is 20th March to 13th April. JW will arrange a date which is convenient for most people. KO thanked JW for taking this on. **Action: JW**

20/28. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary

A new lock was fitted to the door. RH paid and it was agreed to reimburse him. It was agreed that the Parish Council will register with the Deposit Protection Scheme. **Action: Clerk**

20/29. To update on the windfarm projects

The campaign for an offshore ring main is proceeding, with three of the region's MPs meeting with the new Secretary of State. The windfarm companies are suggesting the ORM idea is not feasible, but it is in place on the continent. A group in Oulton are spearheading a group to continue putting pressure on the windfarm companies. It was agreed JW will contact them to offer support. **Action: JW**

20/30. To update on the bid for a Parish Partnership grants for Village Hall signs and a SAM2 unit

The Clerk should hear soon if the application for a SAM2 unit was successful. She should hear in March.

20/31. To agree a response to the Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation

A call for sites was submitted some time ago, and a new consultation is open. The CPRE have sent through a lot of information, and it was agreed that the Clerk will respond, with agreement of the CPRE position. **Action: Clerk**

20/32. Correspondence

- (i) Jerome Mayhew MP's invitation to meet Parish Councils – Jerome Mayhew has offered to attend a Parish Council meeting, but can only attend on a Friday. It was agreed that the PC have no burning issues at the moment, and the Clerk will reply to thank him for his offer.
- (ii) Norfolk Police Consultation – The Clerk will respond.

20/33. Planning

Threshing Barn, Corpusty Road, Wood Dalling. The PC had no objection to this application.

20/34. 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 KO & ACR for-

(a) K Cotgrove – Feb & Mar salary (chq 100738)	£244.14
(b) David Urry – newsletter (chq 100739)	£37.50
(c) Norfolk Association of Local Councils – part renewal (chq 100737)	£30.00
(d) Rory Harrold – Town House repairs (chq 100739)	£56.44

An additional cheque was signed for the next edition of the newsletter, and two cheques were signed for the grass cutter.

20/35. Matters for further discussion

KO has received correspondence from the Pension Regulator. The Clerk will reply. JO has spoken to a neighbour who is unhappy that the new fibreoptic cabinet will not serve his

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property, and was quoted £20,000 to get fibre to his home. KO was told by Karen O’Kane at Better Broadband for Norfolk that the new cabinet should be up and running by the end of March, but this will not cover the whole village. Other options were discussed.

20/36. To close the Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting). All are welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:36pm.

Approved as a correct record

Date