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WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 1st September 2020, at 7.30pm via Zoom (online).

Present: Kerry Oldfield (Chairman) (KO), Jonathan Rodwell (Vice Chairman) (JRod), Helen Dixon (HD), Rory Harrold (RH), Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk).
0 members of the public

20/62. Chair's welcome and apologies for Absence.

KO welcomed everyone, and apologies were accepted for Alex Clark-Rudd, Jono Wilton & Jonathan Rawlinson.

20/63. Declarations of Interest.

JRod - Church.

20/64. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2020

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

20/65. Matters arising from the meeting.

None.

20/66. Members of the public register a desire to speak

None.

20/67. Committee reports and recommendations:

David McMaster – Village Hall – DM had sent his apologies and the following report:

Coffee mornings restarted on 1 August with 10 attending with social distancing rules adhered to. These will be continuing. Film nights are restarting on October 9th, then on 13th November & 11th December, showing Military Wives, Harriet & North by Northwest respectively. Bank balance is £13665 which includes the £10000 grant from the Government. We are discussing spending some of this on removing unused toilet in store room & or comfortable chairs for film nights. We are planning some ground management over the winter to improve areas that have become overgrown. Lily Clarke is taking over the cutting of the grass, we have planned a conservation area but management of grass cutting has been difficult during the last few months. It is planned to roll over the AGM to next year & cover the 2 years next May.

Jonathan Rodwell – Church - The church is closed at the moment, partly due to COVID 19 restrictions and partly because we have a contractor working there. Other churches in the benefice re open for private prayer. We hope regular holy Communion services will be able to start again in November, subject, of course, to any COVID 19 restrictions in force at that time. The annual charity bicycle ride will take place on Saturday 12th September. Anyone wishing to take part and raise money for Norfolk Churches Trust and our own church can obtain sponsorship forms from Jonathan Rodwell (01263 687631). It is a good opportunity to cycle around some delightful parts of our county, and to visit some amazing buildings. At last the new heating/lighting chandeliers have been installed and are operational. The contractor has also started work on the improvements (toilet, kitchenette etc) and is due to complete at the end of October, although the water connection by Anglian Water will take at least a month longer. It is a great relief that progress is being made at last.

Jeff Topp – Newsletter – JT had sent his apologies, and emailed the following report: 'The Wood Dalling Village Newsletter has continued to be published throughout the period of lockdown - despite the main printers ('Posters by Design') being unable to print the Newsletter because of the Covid-19 restrictions. Kerry Oldfield kindly offered to assist with the publication with considerable help from the NFU Holt branch. The last two editions have been much shorter than villagers have come to expect and sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved (especially Kerry and my wife Debby) , for which I am very grateful, the standard has not been quite up to what I as the editor for the last six years would hope to achieve. With this in mind I contacted David Urry of 'Posters by Design' to see if he was 'back in business' and sadly he has replied to say that he has decided to use the opportunity to cease

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doing printing. However, he has given me details of another printer at Cromer, who he has used to do our Newsletter in the past, who is also very reasonable. So we have two choices: One - continue with the present situation of keeping it 'in house' with the probability that the standard of the Newsletter will not be as consistently high as some would expect (including me) but at a relatively low cost but with more labour intensity or -- Two: we continue to get a professional printer to produce a larger Newsletter albeit at a cost (currently about 37 pounds every two months) to provide every resident with an up-to-date informative edition. For my part, I would prefer the latter choice.'

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council are happy to pay for ongoing printing costs of the newsletter. The Clerk will let JT know.

Police – None.

20/68. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting

The large potholes on Corpusty Road remains, despite being reported nearly a year ago. The Clerk will chase with the Highways Engineer, and copy in Greg Peck. The Give Way sign on Front Road, at the junction to Heydon Road has been knocked down. The Clerk will report to Highways.

Action: Clerk

20/69. To update on grass cutting

All going well, and payments up to date. The contractor is cutting around fallen branches on Church field. It was agreed JRod & HD will look to see how easily they can be moved, and if necessary, KO will ask Salle if they can move them.

Action: HD & JRod

20/70. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary

The TDS deposit registration has been arranged, and an electrical test is to be carried out. As the deposit money is in the NS&I account, it was agreed to pay the TDS from the current account, then close the NS&I account and transfer the money back.

20/71. To update on the windfarm projects

Correspondence has been received by Alison Shaw of Oulton Parish Council to ask if the Parish Council would be interested in contributing to a fund to launch a judicial review into the Vattenfall application approval. This was discussed at length, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would require more information on the review and what grounds it is being requested on, before committing any money. This will be reviewed in November when S137 money can be budgeted if required.

GP arrived at 8pm.

20/72. To sign a MOU for the SAM2 unit and to approve payment

The SAM2 application was approved. It was agreed the Parish Council can pay for the SAM2 unit, then claim the money back from NCC, as agreed with Linda McDermott. The Memorandum of Understanding was approved and signed by the Clerk and KO.

20/73. Correspondence

None.

20/74. Planning

There has again been a number of complaints about one of the Red Pits plots of land. Additional structures are being built, and there was a large party during lockdown. A complaint has been sent to Broadland District Council planning enforcement, as the owner appears to be breaking their planning permission.

20/75. 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 & RH for-

(a) K Cotgrove – Aug & Sept salary (chq 100756)	£244.14
(b) P Collins – Jul grass cutting (chq 100752)	£326.00
(c) P Collins – Aug grass cutting (chq 100753)	£326.00
(d) Heat Norfolk – Town House boiler service (chq 100754)	£114.00
(e) TDS – deposit scheme for Town House (chq 100757)	£662.00

20/76. Matters for further discussion

JRod has contacted the police regarding the antisocial behaviour at the church and nearby house. The homeowner affected will be asked to report it too.

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A representative of Wild East has been in contact with the Clerk, to see if the Parish Council own any areas in the Parish which they would be interested in rewilding. It was noted that the Parish Council only own the Town House and the pond in the village, and the pond has already been rewilded.

20/77. Report from Greg Peck, District & County Councillor – The Western Link was discussed, and should be completed in 2025. The cabling routes and the effects on local villages was discussed. The Government are looking into the Offshore Ring Main idea, but it will not help the three current projects. The issue of getting staff back into County Hall was noted, as, due to the lack of ventilation and air conditioning, the main council chamber cannot be used with Covid restrictions. Modifications are currently being made. Council allowances were discussed, and it was advised that any increase in allowances are linked to staff increases. GP advised that he has not yet heard back from Planning Enforcement about the issues at Red Pits, and he is struggling to get through to people at Broadland District Council.

20/78. To close the Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 7:30pm. Either in the Village Hall or via Zoom, restrictions depending.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Approved as a correct record

Date