

5th January 2021

WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 5th January 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom (online).

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

21/01. Chair's welcome and apologies for Absence.

KO welcomed everyone, and apologies were accepted for Alex Clark-Rudd.

21/02. Declarations of Interest.

JRod - Church.

21/03. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020

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

21/04. Matters arising from the meeting.

None.

21/05. Members of the public register a desire to speak

Greg Peck – District & County Councillor.

21/06. Committee reports and recommendations:

David McMaster – Village Hall – DM had sent his apologies. He advised there was very little to report, as the Hall hasn't been open. The Parish Council have a locked filing cabinet and a safe in the Village Hall. It was agreed that, if possible, they should remain there. DM advised that the toilet to be removed from the store room, isn't connected to the main septic tank, and currently drains into a system which is no longer in use. This is why the Committee would like to remove it, and use the area for lockable storage.

Jeff Topp – Newsletter – JT had sent his apologies, and emailed the following report: During the difficulties of 2020 we managed to produce the Newsletter against all the odds. This was due to the collective positive spirit of Kerry Oldfield who managed to co-opt the services of the NFU at Holt when the Printers 'Posters by Design' ceased operations in the early stages of lockdown, to assist with printing; to Kirsty Cotgrove for organising direct payment to Cheverton the printers in Cromer and to the deliverers who have without fail delivered to all villagers in our widely scattered housing. I would also like to thank Jonathan Rodwell for his contributions to the Newsletter on Church matters, to Peter Perry-Warnes for his farming report and to David McMaster for his report on Village Hall matters. I believe that continuing to show our many households that things are still happening, that we are still thinking of them and that there is help available for them if they need it is a small lifeline in our present troubled times. So, may I also personally thank the PC for continuing to ensure that funding is available for the production of the Newsletter.

Jonathan Rodwell – Church – Due to Covid, there will be no services until further notice. Improvements and repairs to the church are largely completed, and within budget. Work to the footpath is due to start in February. A new organ has been obtained, so when restrictions allow, a service is planned with accompanied music. KO congratulated JRod for the quality of the work to the church.

Greg Peck – District & County Council – Norfolk County Council have been voted the top County Council for Highways for the second year running. The cabling for windfarm projects was discussed, with the Hornsea Three project having been recently approved. The Offshore Ring Main is still being discussed, but will not be in place for the first three or four windfarm projects in this area. Broadland District Council will consider traffic movement plans. The judicial review was also discussed. It was National Tree week in early December, and the County Council have started planting trees on County farm land. Trees are available for local community schemes. The decision to close Holt Hall was also discussed.

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Police – None

21/07. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting

The Back Road sign has still not been replaced. The Clerk will chase Broadland District Council. The rusted through signs have also not been replaced, despite many requests to Highways, and the safety implications. It was agreed that the Clerk will forward the information to GP to chase the Highways Engineer. A cycle route fingerpost on Reepham Road has been sawn off, the Clerk will report. The tree which has fallen beside the road, exposing cables has still not been dealt with, after 18 months. It was noted that it is the landowner's responsibility to deal with it, but if they do not do so, Highways have the authority to deal with it and reclaim the money from the landowner. GP will chase this with the Highways Engineer. It was noted that the area in Church Hill which used to flood regularly has now been dealt with, with soakaways being installed to drain away excess water. Crabgate Lane North still floods badly, and will also need dealing with. JRaw noted that repair work had been carried out on the potholes in Church Lane recently, but the vehicles used for sugar beet lorries have caused the edges of the road to crumble to a dangerous extent. Action: Clerk

21/08. To update on grass cutting

As HD is no longer a Councillor, a new volunteer is needed to administer and oversee the grass cutting. JW volunteered to take over. HD and JRod both have a key for the gate to the church field. It was agreed to get a key cut to give to the contractor. JRod will speak to JW to let him know the temporary changes to the cutting for the churchyard. Action: JRod & JW

21/09. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary

There have been some issues with the boiler, which Heat Norfolk have been called out for. This will result in a large invoice, but it was for essential work.

21/10. To update on the SAM2 Parish Partnership application

The Clerk is chasing the invoice from Westcotec, then she can send it to Highways for 100% reimbursement.

21/11. To note a vacancy on the Parish Council and to consider co-option of a Councillor

Following HD's resignation, the Clerk has advertised the vacancy, and there has been no request for an election, so the Council can co-opt. Jeff Topp has expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor, so it was agreed to co-opt him (prop. JW, sec. JRod, all agreed). The Clerk will send paperwork to him. Action: Clerk

21/12. To agree a grass cutting quotation for 2021

The current grass cutting contractor has sent through a very competitive quote, within the budget which was set in November. He has proved reliable and good quality, so it was agreed to accept the quote (prop. JW, sec. JRod, all agreed).

21/13. Planning

(i) 20202335. Churchgate House, Briston Road, Wood Dalling. Councillors have no objection to this application.

(ii) Following the November meeting, Phil Coutier (Head of Planning, Broadland District Council) agreed to establish the number of dwellings at two properties in the Parish. GP will chase PC again, as this has not yet been done.

21/14. 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-

K Cotgrove – Dec & Jan salary	£244.14
Heat Norfolk	£634.80
Cheverton & Son Ltd – newsletter	£40.00
ICO – annual renewal	£35.00

It was noted that the approval for Heat Norfolk is currently an estimate, as the final invoice has not been received.

21/15. To update on the windfarm projects and to consider a donation to the crowdfunding appeal for the judicial review

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JRod updated Councillors on the information regarding the crowdfunding appeal, and the costs involved for the judicial review. It was generally agreed that, although the project will probably go ahead anyway, it is important to back the review, as it is likely to influence future applications. The maximum the Parish Council can donate is £8.32 per elector in the Parish, estimated at 120 people, so the maximum allowed is £998.40. It was agreed to donate around the maximum allowed (£998.40) providing the number of electors is around the 120 mark (prop. JRaw, sec. RH, all agreed). The Clerk will check elector numbers with Broadland District Council, and will advise if the number of electors is vastly different. Action: Clerk

21/16. Correspondence

None.

21/17. Matters for further discussion

(i) KO reported that someone is bagging their dog waste and throwing it into the woods in the village. Dog owners are reminded to take their waste home, as this is littering / fly tipping and a prosecutable offence. These bags have to be removed by volunteer litter pickers, which is a horrible job.

(ii) KO advised that 2022 will be the Queen's platinum jubilee, and there will be an additional bank holiday to commemorate this. It would be nice to commemorate this in the village, possibly with the Parish Council donating silver birch trees or rose bushes to Parishioners, and a village party. It is over a year away, so Councillors were asked to start thinking of ideas.

21/18. To close the Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, 7:30pm. Either in the Village Hall or via Zoom, restrictions depending.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Approved as a correct record

Date