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WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 2nd March 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), Alex Clark Rudd (ACR), Jeff Topp (JT), Kirsty Cotgrove (Clerk).
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21/19. Chair's welcome and apologies for Absence.

KO welcomed everyone, and welcomed Jeff Topp as a new Parish Councillor. There were no apologies.

21/20. Declarations of Interest.

JRod - Church.

21/21. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2021

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

21/22. Matters arising from the meeting.

The Clerk has been through the filing cabinet and safe. They are old documents, which she will go through with the Chair, as there may be documents with historical value.

21/23. Members of the public register a desire to speak

None.

21/24. Committee reports and recommendations:

Police – None. Police reports will no longer be included in the minutes.

Jonathan Rodwell – Church – Due to the continuing Covid 19 restrictions, we are still not holding not holding any regular services in the church until further notice, although there will be a burial there on 3rd March. There will probably be Easter services within the benefice, and details will be published under “what’s on” in the benefice web site (reepham-and-wensum-valley-team-churches.org.uk); at present it seems unlikely that there will be a service at our church. Largely due to the difficult weather in the past few weeks, the path at the church has still not been surfaced, and this remains the only outstanding item of work to complete. The contractor has advised that he should be here next week to do the work. We are still planning to hold a coffee morning at the church as soon as Covid restrictions allow us to do so.

David McMaster – Village Hall – DM sent apologies. The next meeting should be in May, if allowed. The committee would like to tidy the trees at the back of the Hall field, and are considering adding a goalpost. The bank balance is good, due to grants. They are thinking of doing a harvest supper in the autumn, restrictions allowing.

Jeff Topp – Newsletter – JT is pleased we have been able to continue to produce the newsletter. It’s an important communication tool for the village. JT thanked the deliverers for ensuring the newsletter gets out.

Greg Peck – District & County Council – Sent his apologies prior to the meeting.

21/25. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting, including flooding issues on Church Lane

KO sent photos of signs prior to the meeting. Highways have replaced a few signs, but the others are still waiting to be replaced. There are a number of potholes, including a large one outside Page’s Farm. JRod will report to Highways. Church Lane is still in an appalling state. Salle Estate’s sugar beet lorries have caused a lot of damage. KO have spoken to them, and they have said British Sugar are the contractors, so the issue is with them. The fields are on a seven-year rotation. The Clerk will report the state of the road to Highways. From Low Farm Cottages, to Guestwick Road end. The Chairman was recently contacted by a resident of Foundry Hill concerning the fallen oak tree opposite her property on Corpusty Road. She wished to have it recorded in the minutes that she believed the said tree had been in the fallen state for about a year and not the 18 months reported in previous minutes. She also wished to have it recorded that the BT cable that laid through the hole created by the fallen tree, had

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been placed there by herself. The said oak tree has now been polled and the remaining trunk has been pulled upright, so that the root ball has filled the dangerous hole against the road.

21/26. To update on grass cutting

JW has been in contact with Paul Collins. The first cut is due soon, and JW will pass the keys to the contractor when he comes for the first cut. The conservation area on Red Pits has been badly cut up by lorries, as has outside the church. JRod spoke to the owner of the house opposite the church, who will repair this area. JRod will liaise with JW to discuss areas of the church yard to leave for the time being.

21/27. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary

There have been further problems with the heating, and there has been a water leak from the upstairs sink. KO has arranged a plumber to deal. He has quoted £216. It was agreed to go ahead (prop. RH, sec. JW, all agreed).

21/28. To update on the SAM2 Parish Partnership application

Highways have got the bank details for the SAM2, so once the money is in, the SAM2 can be delivered.

21/29. To agree a date for the village litter pick

The national pick has been delayed to May, into summer, as restrictions will not allow anything until then. JW will email last year's volunteers to see if they would like to help again, then can get equipment to them to do as and when they are able. Everyone is happy with this approach. JT will put something in the newsletter to request additional volunteers.

21/30. To discuss recent fly tipping issues

There has been a large amount of rubbish dumped on Back Road. There were some items with names and addresses on. Broadland District Council have been advised, and they will ensure the perpetrators remove it.

21/31. Planning

(i) 20202335. Churchgate House, Briston Road, Wood Dalling. There has been no decision on this application.

(ii) 20210308. Churchgate House, Briston Road, Wood Dalling. There have been previous applications, where work did not take place. The 2018 consent is still active. JRod asked if there could be clarification as to how this application ties into the 2018 permission, where work hasn't commenced.

(iii) JW, KO, GP and a resident had a meeting last year with Phil Coutier regarding the Red Pits plots. The limits for how long you can stay on your land is 28 nights per year ordinarily, but was extended to 52 last year. One of the plots has had someone staying on for 61 days to date. KO has emailed planning to ask them to look into it. It is uncertain if anyone is staying in the van overnight, but a local resident has stated that he has been staying there. Residents are asked to contact Broadland Planning as soon as someone stay there, so the number of nights can be logged.

21/32. 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-

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| K Cotgrove – Feb & Mar salary | £244.14 |
| Heat Norfolk – Town House repairs | £162.00 |
| Cheverton & Son Ltd – newsletter | £40.00 |
| CPRE - membership renewal | £36.00 |

(iii) To consider updating the Financial Regulations & bank account to allow online banking – The Clerk uses online banking for some of her other Parishes, and Regulations allow for this. All agreed that the Clerk should set this up.

21/33. To update on the windfarm projects

Ray Pearce was successful in his judicial review, and has overturned the Secretary of State's permission. The Clerk reported back on her meeting with Duncan Baker, with further information on the Offshore Transmission Network, and that the law must change to allow for sharing of services.

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21/34. Correspondence

(i) Census 2021 - This will take place on 21st March.

21/35. Matters for further discussion

Platinum Jubilee, June 2022 – JT put a note in the newsletter to see who would be interested in being involved in an event. A Parishioner has put a number of ideas together, which JT has collated into a form. This is for a number of events over one weekend, including an art exhibition and an event in the church. It is likely to take place in June, when there are bank holidays to allow for a long weekend. It was agreed that this could be a project supported by both the Parish Council and the Village Hall, with a committee to run it. It was noted that if the events are all planned for one weekend, it would need a large number of people to volunteer to help. It was agreed that it may be better to have fewer events, so everyone can attend, and spread it out over a number of weekends, to take the pressure off the people who would help. All agreed that JT will put something in the newsletter to ask for volunteers and committee members to assist.

A few Parishioners have approached JRaw with concerns that second home owners have been coming from Covid hotspots into the village. It was noted that if anyone has any concerns, they should contact the Police on 101.

21/36. To close the Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May 2021, 7:30pm. Either in the Village Hall or via Zoom, restrictions depending.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:38pm.

Approved as a correct record

Date