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## WOOD DALLING PARISH COUNCIL

### *Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, Wood Dalling.*

**Present:** Jono Wilton (JW), Kerry Oldfield (KO), Rory Harrold (RH) Jonathan Rodwell (JRod), Alex Clark-Rudd (ACR) and Melanie Eversfield (Clerk).

1 member of the public

#### **22/33. To elect a Chair for the ensuing year.**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that Jono Wilton be elected Chair for the ensuing year. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### **22/34. To elect a Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that Jonathan Rodwell be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year. He will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### **22/35. Chair's welcome and apologies for Absence.**

JW welcomed everyone. Apologies were received and accepted from Jeff Topp, John Rawlinson and Greg Peck.

#### **22/36. Declarations of Interest.**

JW – Caravans on Red Pits

JRod - Church

#### **22/37. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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

#### **22/38. Matters arising from the meeting.**

None.

#### **22/39. Members of the public register a desire to speak**

A member of the public sought some information in relation to caravans on Red Pits. They were updated with the information that the Parish Council had.

#### **22/40. Committee reports and recommendations:**

**Richard Harrold – Village Hall** – Over the last year we have picked ourselves up and restarted post Covid shutdown.

Coffee mornings on the first Saturday of the month have been organised for the year with thanks to Jackie Harrold. They now run from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Thanks to the Friends of the Village Hall who have so far volunteered to bake cakes, donate prizes for the raffle and run the mornings: Maggie L, Alice W, Jackie H, Grania W-B, Gerri W, Sammi B, Amanda and Jonathan R. The 200 club has 25 numbers taken with 50% going towards the upkeep of the village hall and £64 paid out each month. More members are welcomed.

Film nights have been successfully run on the third Friday of each month by Debby T, Maggie L with her brother, Chris when available. There is a core of regular attendees.

The small committee since last July has consisted of Richard Harrold, Debby Topp, Maggie Leveritt and Fergus Partridge with Alice Wilton attending regularly. We meet monthly and are continuing the process of updating policies and regulations in order to achieve compliance.

Not servers of tea! The committee has overseen the introduction of new secure locks, re-roofed the village hall, had the village hall reassessed for rebuild insurance as well as maintaining fire safety certificates, ensured the boiler is serviced and gas safety certificates are updated, monitored the village hall specific email [wdvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:wdvillagehall@btinternet.com), ensured PPL/PRS license compliance, researched and reassessed the hiring charge and associated paperwork, emptied paper and bottle banks, found a regular cleaner and applied for Broadland District Council business grants. It has served the community by opening for the Parish Council meetings, 1 Golden wedding anniversary, 1 Christening, 2 wakes, 2 charity events 1 Village harvest supper and a band practise! We are looking to being joint hosts for the Queen's jubilee in June.

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We have depersonalised the running of the village hall and set up standard operating procedures for coffee mornings and film nights so that in future anyone can seamlessly take over the village hall.

In the near future we are to improve the transparency of what the committee does, obtain a license to open a social evening to villagers serving alcohol and include the friends in further day-to-day running of events. This is in the hope that villagers will take further ownership of their village hall during the running of events.

**Jeff Topp – Newsletter** – The Parish Newsletter continues to be issued once every two months, usually after the submission and publication of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting, at the end of January, March, May, July, September and November. The present format of 12 A5 pages has been going for some considerable time now and would appear to be sufficient to cover the needs of the parish. Despite some difficulties relating to covid, the Newsletter has been created, printed and delivered throughout the pandemic.

I took over editing in the summer of 2014 from Tony Martin, who previously had printed it on his own printer at home. I employed the services of a printer North of Norwich for a number of years but we now successfully use Cheverton's in Cromer who do an excellent job and who can turn the program into print very quickly. Jeff is ably assisted by Debby, my wife who assists with checking and formatting.

I collect the printed Newsletters from Cheverton's, sorts them and distributes to the eight households in the village who then take them to all the other houses in the village. I am extremely grateful to the deliverers who take the Newsletters out usually on foot or bike. They are: Roger and Rose Williams, Alice and Jono Wilton, Gerri Williams, Tony and Eileen Karger, Helen and Alvin Dixon, John and Kay Rawlinson, Amanda and Jonathan Rodwell and Kerry Oldfield. Any spare Newsletters are put in the Church.

The cost of the printing has been kept to a minimum and has barely risen in the time that I have been editing the Newsletter, despite the general cost of living rise; long may this continue.

I am sure that all those who live in Wood Dalling appreciate being kept abreast of all news relating to the Parish Council (whose minutes are published in the Newsletter), updates on the Village Hall and what its committee is doing, future events, the farming report, updates, obituaries and birth announcements, news and key dates for St Andrew's church and important dates such as those to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Key contact details of officers in Broadland and the parish are also printed for the public.

Finally, I am grateful to the Parish Council which funds the Newsletter, which it is felt, is a key contributor to ensuring that all those who live in Wood Dalling are fully informed of all that is going on in and around the village.

**Jonathan Rodwell – Church** - Thurning have confirmed that their church repairs have been completed and that they will re-start holding services there, the first one being Holy Communion at 09.00 on Sunday 8th May. Wood Dalling services will revert to their normal 9.00 o'clock Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of each month, commencing on 15th May. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, was held at the Reepham High School on 27th April. The Annual Accounts were approved, and Mr Rodwell confirmed as secretary and treasurer for the coming year.

There was a discussion at the meeting about the small number of people (2) on our church's electoral roll, far fewer than any other church in the benefice. In these days when the Church Authorities may look for churches to close as a cost saving measure, they would naturally look for churches with the smallest support. If people would like to keep an active church in the parish, we would encourage them to consider putting their names on the electoral roll to show their support for the church. Mrs Rodwell is in charge of the roll, and can be contacted at 01263 587 631 or amandarodwell16@gmail.com

**Greg Peck – District & County Council** – No report was submitted.

**22/41. Highways/potholes/hedge cutting/verge cutting etc**

It was noted that there were still some outstanding highway issues that the Clerk will chase.

**22/42. An update on the Town House, and to agree any payments necessary**

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It was noted that there currently no issues and no outstanding payments to be made. RH to chase the tenant with regard to the annual boiler service.

**22/43. To update on the wind farm projects**

It was noted that there were no further updates at present. Cawston and Reepham will be most affected so we must support them in ensuring that the best for all parishes concerned is done.

**22/44. To discuss Platinum Jubilee Commemoration plans**

It was noted that plans were still coming to fruition and that a meeting would be arranged shortly. Invitations have been delivered to every household with a reply date by 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**22/45. Planning**

(i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been reviewed between meetings due to the deadlines for comment. The Parish Councils comments can be found on Broadland District Councils website.

20220124 – The Old Salvation Army Hut

(ii) Various planning enforcement issues were discussed. It was noted that a meeting with Phil Courtier and Helen Mellors of Broadland District Council had been arranged. The outcome wasn't very satisfactory but the Parish Council should continue to report infringements.

(iii) Planning applications - None

**22/46. Finance and Payments**

(i) The accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were received and noted.

(ii) It was noted that the Clerk's salary scale has increased by £0.25 per hour and that 27 weeks of back pay, totalling £20.25, before tax, has been paid. Tax paid to date will be recovered.

(iii) Payments were approved and cheques were signed for-

100818	M Eversfield April & May Salary	£316.55
100819	Cheverton Printers Newsletter & Jubilee Invites	£87.00
100817 & 821	Matt Packman – Grass Cutting	£610.00
100820	Norfolk ALC – Subscription	£135.31
100822	J Rodwell – two benches	£50.00

**22/47. Matters for further discussion**

There was nothing

**22/48. Correspondence**

None

**22/49. To close the Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7:30pm, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**Approved as a correct record**

**Date**