

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Present:** Andrew Penn (Chairman in the absence of David Alexander) Clive Ling, Jeremy Styles, Mark Cann and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

**Apologies:** David Alexander, Jeremy Alexander and Alison Thomas (County and District Councillor)

No Parishioners were present.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

The election of David Alexander as Chairman was proposed by Jeremy Styles and seconded by Andrew Penn. David Alexander was thanked by the PC for all his work during the last year.

### **2. Election of Clerk**

The election of Josephine Murgatroyd was proposed by Mark Cann and seconded by Jeremy Styles. The Clerk was thanked by the PC for all her work during the last year.

### **3. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were read, confirmed and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **Highways**

The Clerk had requested the Highways Department to consider the request by Alison Thomas to utilise her highways budget to be spent on repairing the fingerpost signs. The Clerk had also reported the protruding concrete in the water run that was likely to cause issues for passing traffic.

There was no update on the damaged post or damaged bridge previously reported and the Clerk had also reported the footpath post at the junction of Mill Road and Mill Lane.

During the Easter weekend, there was heavy rainfall leading to flooding on Low Road. Mark Cann had to assist a number of vehicles that had got stuck in the water. What became clear was that the marker sign was on slightly higher land giving the depth of water in the Ford as lower than it was by several inches. The Clerk will let the Highways Department know in case anything could be done to give a more accurate reading of the depth of water.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **a) South Norfolk District Council**

There was nothing to report.

#### **b) Norfolk County Council**

Alison Thomas had sent a report which was read out to the PC. A copy is attached to these minutes.

#### **c) Miscellaneous**

Letters or e-mails had been received from Diss CAB, NARS and Air Ambulance thanking the PC for their donations.

Operation Randall newsletters were received by weekly e-mail and circulated to all councillors.

Information had been received from CPRE about the National Planning Policy Framework.

**6a. Planning Cases.**

There was nothing to report.

**6b. Long Stratton Bypass and Development.**

South Norfolk Council had confirmed that they will be holding a meeting for local parishes to consider the planning application for the Long Stratton bypass and proposed building development. A date was not yet known. Once this was known all Parish Councillors will be notified. The Clerk and Andrew Penn confirmed their intention to attend.

**7. Accounts**

Bank Balance                      £1083.15

The PC authorised the payment of £257.60 for the insurance renewal and £132.25 for the renewal of the subscription to NALC

It was proposed by Andrew Penn and seconded by the Clerk that a donation of £100 should be made to each of the three local parish organisations, namely the village hall, FOSS and the PCC. Once the next precept had been received then it was hoped that an additional payment could be made.

**8. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation**

There was none.

**9. Any Other Business**

There was none.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

This was fixed for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman  
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**Cheques:-** £100 to each of the following:- Village Hall, FOSS and PCC

£15 – Village Hall Hire

- £257.60 – Zurich Insurance

- £132.25 – NALC subscription