

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Present:** David Alexander (Chairman), Jeremy Alexander, Andrew Penn, Mark Cann, Miles Moseley and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Jeremy Styles, Alison Thomas (County Councillor) and Michael Edney (District Councillor)

No Parishioners were present.

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

The election of David Alexander was proposed by the Clerk and seconded by Jeremy Alexander and agreed by the PC. The PC thanked the Chairman for his contribution to the work of the Parish Council during the last year.

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

The election of Josephine Murgatroyd was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mark Cann and agreed by the PC. The PC thanked the Clerk for her contribution to the work of the Parish Council during the last year.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

#### **Defibrillator**

Further information had been requested about arranging training as per the package purchased. Andrew Penn informed the PC that he checked the defibrillator at 6 weekly intervals. He informed the PC that the pads have an expiry date at the end of September and the Clerk said enquiries would be made re replacement pads.

#### **Highways**

- a) Nothing further had been heard about the installation of the marker posts on Low Road. The Clerk will contact Highways for an update.
- b) Information had been requested from Highways re the pedestrian bridge at the ford in Low Road as to whether this was still required as the planks were no longer on the bridge. These planks had been washed away when the road was last flooded. The PC decided that when the road flooded, the depth of the water inevitably meant that the bridge was itself flooded and accordingly the bridge was no longer of any use.
- c) Mark Cann informed the PC that he had been approached by the landowner of the field at the bottom of Fritton Hill. On three occasions in recent months, cars had failed to negotiate the bend and had crashed through the fence into this field. As the field was used for grazing cattle, there was the concern that the cows could leave the field and get onto the road. Also, on every occasion, the landowner had to repair the fence after the car was removed.  
The PC decided to ask the Highways to place marker posts at the bottom of Fritton Hill to warn motorists of the severity of the bend.

#### **Village Sign**

Jeremy Alexander informed the PC that the sign needed some repair work and this was in hand.

### **Village Well**

Miles Moseley had contacted Gordon Wilson re organising materials for the restoration of the well and was waiting to make the necessary arrangements.

### **5. Correspondence**

Emails were received on a regular basis from NALC and Norfolk Constabulary.

An email had been received from a resident of a parish to the west of the A140 concerning the proposal by National Grid to erect a new line of pylons. The pylons would start at Dunston and be erected through South Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex to Tilbury to carry electricity cables for the power generated by the wind farms in the North Sea. Concern was expressed about the impact on the countryside as the cables were only going to be laid underground in the Dedham Vale area. There has also been articles about the proposal in the local media. Whilst appreciating that there were technical and costs issues if all the cables were laid underground, the PC agreed that the concern over the impact of the pylons should be raised in the current consultation process.

### **6. Planning**

There were no new or outstanding applications.

### **7. Accounts**

The current balance was £2,381.78.

The first precept payment had been received together with a CIL arising from the new barn at The Firs of £502.66. The PC decided that this should be utilised towards the cost of renovating the village well.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.49pm

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Chairman  
2022

**Payments:-** Village Hall Hire - £15.00