

## **Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on Tuesday 5th May 2015**

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

Alison Thomas (District and County Councillor) was present for part of the Meeting.  
There were no Parishioners present.

**Apologies:** There were none

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

The election of David Alexander as Chairman was proposed by Jeremy Alexander and seconded by Jeremy Styles. This proposal was approved by all of the Councillors. The Chairman was thanked for his work as Chairman during the last year.

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

The election of Josephine Murgatroyd as Clerk was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Andrew Penn. This proposal was approved by all of the Councillors. The Clerk was thanked for her work as Clerk during the last year.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2015 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

#### **a) Hardwick Well**

A bill for £200 for the restoration work on the well had been received from Gordon Wilson as per his quote. This invoice had been paid.

#### **b) Highways**

Mark Cann had spoken to Johnny Burrridge about the offer by the ramblers group to do work to circumvent the standing water on the footpath that goes across his field. Johnny Burrridge had confirmed his consent and suggested that he was contacted direct re the necessary work. The Clerk confirmed she would contact the Rod Webster who has sent the original e-mail.

The Clerk had contacted the Highways Department about the potholes and other items raised at the last Meeting. Some of the potholes (on Alburgh Road) had been repaired, and others had been marked for repair but no further work had been done. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department again. She informed the PC that surface dressing is planned for July for Shelton Spot and Primrose lane/Room Lane.

Mark Cann raised concern about an electricity pole on the corner of Shelton Spot and Low Road. This corner was being eroded by lorries using this junction and the edge of the verge was getting closer to the stays holding the electricity pole in place. The Clerk was due to see a representative from UK Power Networks and would raise the concern with them.

#### **c) Shelton Sign**

The Clerk had spoken to Karen Whitbread about the lack of an agreed site. One possible site was on the northern edge of the corner of Alburgh Road with Low Road. Mark Cann said he had spoken to Johnny Burrridge who owned the adjoining field and he had no objection to a sign at this location. The Clerk will speak to Mark Whitbread re this possibility.

#### **d) Miscellaneous**

The Clerk informed the PC that NALC had set up a website for the Parish and she would seek the necessary help to arrange for the required information to be placed on the website.

#### **5. Correspondence**

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

Information about the procedure to follow following the Parish Council election had been received and circulated. There had been 7 nominations for the Council, so no election had taken place. Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, all Councillors had completed the required declaration forms. Most had completed the register of interests form and the remainder were reminded about the need to do so within the required time limit.

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

There was nothing to report.

##### **c) Miscellaneous**

The annual subscription for NALC was due. This year the renewal was £95.20. The renewal of the subscription for NRCC had not yet been received. NRCC was now known as Community Action Norfolk (CAN).

Information had been received from CPRE about the survey they conducted into light pollution.

#### **4. Planning Cases**

##### **'Cricket' Field off Alburgh Road, Shelton Hall, Shelton.**

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission has not yet been decided. .

##### **Long Stratton Area Action Plan**

Alison Thomas confirmed as District Councillor for the Parish that she would lobby SNDC that there should not be a junction where Hall Lane crossed the bypass. Ideally, this should be a bridge as per the original plan.

#### **5. Accounts**

Bank Balance                      £499.87

The PC had been paid the first half of the precept together with the council tax grant. The insurance policy was due for renewal soon, but although Zurich Insurance had contacted the Clerk re any changes, no renewal had yet been received. She will contact Zurich.

#### **6. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation**

There was none.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

One of the doors had broken off the Shelton noticeboard and the Clerk had brought it to the Meeting in case any of the councillors felt they could repair it. However, it was considered to be a more involved job and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mark Whitbread to see if he could do the necessary repair.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

This was already fixed for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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| <b><u>Cheques:-</u></b> | Village Hall Hire | £15.00  |
|                         | NALC              | £95.20  |
|                         | Zurich Insurance  | £243.80 |

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