

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

**Present:** David Alexander (Chairman), Jeremy Styles, Miles Moseley and Josephine Murgatroyd (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Andrew Penn, Jeremy Alexander, Mark Cann and Alison Thomas (County and District Councillor)

No Parishioners were present.

### **1. Clive Ling**

The Parish Council noted with great sadness the death of Clive Ling on 28<sup>th</sup> July. He died whilst motor cycling racing in Belgium. The Chairman described him as a very valued and astute member of the Parish Council and that the Parish Council were very fortunate to have him as a Councillor. He was particularly thorough with planning applications and had the ability to note the smallest detail which assisted the Parish Council greatly in their consideration of the applications. The Clerk said he had been a member of the Parish Council for 12 years and that his lasting legacy will be the distinctive metal noticeboard that he made for the Parish. He designed and made the noticeboard himself and being Clive, he was very thorough and modest in all that he did.

### **2. Co-Option of New Parish Councillor**

The death of Clive Ling had resulted in a vacancy on the Parish Council. The District Council had been notified and the appropriate notices displayed. The District Council had confirmed that there had been no request for an election and that the Parish Council could co-opt. There was one candidate and the co-option of Miles Moseley was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Clerk. Miles Moseley was duly co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

#### **Highways**

There had been no response from the Highways Department about the request by Alison Thomas that her highways budget should be spent on repairing the fingerpost signs. Also there had been no response about the protruding concrete in the water run. The Clerk had cleared the top of the concrete (which was a telephone cable inspection point) in order to make it easier for the Highways Department to locate it. She then noticed that it had been painted red, making it visible to passing traffic and thereby enabling them to hopefully avoid coming into contact with the concrete. The painting had been done not by the Highways but by a concerned parishioner.

The Clerk was requested to raise both issues again with the Highways Department, although the red paint clearly assisted in reducing the possible risk of impact.

There was also no update from the Rights of Way section of the Norfolk County Council on the damaged posts or damaged bridge previously reported. A reminder will be sent.

The issue of the marker sign in the ford at Low Road (water run) was further discussed. The Clerk had looked at the marker and could see no easy way for the depth indicators to be altered. In the light of restraints on the Highways budget, and the infrequency of such depth of flooding, funding was unlikely to be easily available.

The Chairman said he would look at the marker to see if there was any action that could be taken. If not, the Clerk will let the Highways Department know to put them on notice of the problem.

## **5. Correspondence**

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

Notification had been received from South Norfolk Council that the District and Parish Council elections will take place on the 2 May 2019 and details on the elections will be placed on the South Norfolk Website over the next few weeks.

Chairmen of Town and Parish Councils have been invited to a reception at SNDC on 9th November to commemorate the ending of the First World War.

E-mails were sent fortnightly by the District Council called 'Help Hub'. This set out in one place details of events and organisations in the District that would help or assist parishioners – eg information about meetings for carers, events for children over school holidays,

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

Alison Thomas had sent a report which was read out to the PC and included the following information:-

'Long Stratton Bypass: the County Council has applied to the Department for Transport for funding for the bypass which would see almost 2/3rds of the money come from the grant if successful. This would leave approximately £10m to be raised locally from CIL and developer funding. The County Council could then progress the design, development and construction of the road ahead of any housing development.

Hempnall Roundabout: further consultation on the speed limits suggests 50mph all the way north of LS to the roundabout.

Children's Centres: a consultation recently launched into 'changes in early years support' that has been commissioned to be delivered via our Children's Centres that will focus on the service. There will be seven District hubs from which the district wide outreach service will be co-ordinated. This will enable more focus on families and will include the opportunity to visit struggling families in their own homes rather than expect them to come to us. Long Stratton Centre will be the proposed South Norfolk Hub subject to consultation.

Highways: proposals are being considered to transfer highway works to Norse. This is still at the discussion stage with pros and cons being put forward for discussion. No decision taken but from a local member perspective Alison Thomas does not want to see any deterioration in the service.'

### **c) Miscellaneous**

Regular Operation Randall e-mails had resumed with a new format and more information. Alerts include hare coursing and night hawking as well as information about thefts and successful operations. Further e-mails from the police include warnings of scams.

## **6a. Planning Cases.**

There was nothing to report.

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

The Clerk and Andrew Penn had attended a meeting in June (organised by South Norfolk Council) for local parishes to consider the planning application for the Long Stratton bypass and proposed building development. A report of the Meeting had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The main points from the parish perspective were as follows:

1. The Meeting was attended by SNDC planning officials, District Councillors (including Alison Thomas), representatives of Norfolk County Council and also from Parish Councils from Long

Stratton and parishes adjoining/affected by the planning application. Also in attendance were representatives of Norfolk Homes.

2. Once SNDC had reached an initial view and all reports received (highways, etc), then the Parish Councils will be further consulted on the planning application to include any amendments.

3. SNDC was not yet in a position to consider the merits of the application. The final planning decision will be taken by all members, ie the full Council, not just the planning committee.

4. Consideration of the scheme has been extended to the end of the year in view of the scale of the development.

5. It is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in traffic north on the A140. Traffic flow figures were being independently assessed. This should include the impact of traffic on the villages to the east of A140 that currently are used by commuters to travel to Norwich

6. Concerns were raised by parishes on the A140 north of Long Stratton of the impact that additional traffic will have on the road. 13,000 vehicles currently use A140 through Long Stratton daily.

7. £10 million is available from GNDP for the Bypass.

8. Norfolk Homes are the developer for the proposed housing on the west side of A140. There is, at present, no developer(s) for the proposed development on the east side of A140.

The cost of the bypass will be met (in part) by the developers. SNDC repeated that the bypass must be completed by house 250. It is anticipated that it could take up to 15 years for 1800 houses to be built.

However, if there is no developer for the east side then the building of the houses on the west side will not produce sufficient funds to cover the cost of the bypass.

#### **7. Accounts**

Bank Balance            £870.80

As the next precept had been received and as noted at the last PC Meeting, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Jeremy Styles that a second donation of £100 should be made to each of the three local parish organisations, namely the village hall, FOSS and the PCC.

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

There was none.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

- Miles Moseley was experienced with websites and accordingly it was proposed by the Clerk and seconded by the Chairman that Miles would take responsibility for the Parish Council website.
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#### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

This was fixed for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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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