

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting held outside Hardwick Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

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

**Apologies:** There were none  
Two Parishioners were present

NB: Due to the covid-19 pandemic, there was no legal requirement to hold annual meetings this year. A shorter meeting had been arranged. This was to allow for a discussion and decision to be made about the defibrillator and also to enable the accounts to be presented.

### **Defibrillator**

Angela Braddock, on behalf of the Parish Council, had carried out research into defibrillators seeking information from East of England Ambulance Service, British Heart Foundation and St John's Ambulance. The packages offered by East Of England Ambulance Service would appear to best meet the needs of the Parish. The defibrillator would be registered with the ambulance service and they would be able to give its location and code to any caller within a one mile radius. The Clerk had checked with the insurance company and the defibrillator would not be covered by the insurance policy unless it was kept locked. A cabinet was necessary to ensure the defibrillator was kept at the necessary temperature and for security. The East of England package offered several different options which included training for upto 12 people.

The information that Angela Braddock had obtained had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors for their consideration. The PC was of the opinion that an automatic defibrillator was the preferred choice. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mark Cann that an automatic defibrillator should be purchased from East of England Ambulance Service with the preferred package (gold pack) costing in the region of £2,136. More information had been requested by Angela from the Ambulance Service and once this had been received a final decision would be made. As the defibrillator was going to be kept the telephone kiosk, there would be additional costs that would make the final figure slightly higher together with postage and packing.

The Clerk confirmed that the PC had sufficient funds. The current balance was £2,875.52. Payments had been made to NALC - £138.86 and Zurich Insurance -£257.60. The first half of the precept had been paid. There had been no response from the Bank to the second letter and accordingly the sum of £314.88 was also available. The PC should be able to reclaim the VAT element of the cost of the defibrillator.

Due to covid-19 and the 'lockdown', it had not been possible to move the telephone kiosk. This will hopefully be done in the next month or so and it would then be refurbished and positioned next to the village hall.

### **1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were read, confirmed and signed.

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

### **Shelton School**

The Clerk informed the PC that she had been notified by Alan Buckley that the noticeboard outside the school had been damaged. The noticeboard had been repaired by the school caretaker and an e-mail of thanks had been sent to Alan Buckley.

Horatio House School were still using the school, but Mark Cann informed the Meeting that the County Council were then handing the building back to the Diocese. The climbing frame will be moved to Hempnall School.

### **Planning**

#### **a) Erection of 25metre Lattice Mast, Hardwick**

The planning application had been granted by SNDC as it was permitted development. Andrew Penn confirmed he had heard nothing further. Two parishioners had consulted Richard Bacon MP who contacted the applicant company. His office had received confirmation from the company that they would no longer proceed with the proposed site, but looking at alternative sites.

#### **b) Shelton Hall**

An application for a new agricultural barn had been approved by SNDC with conditions about a non-reflective external finish and a requirement for an archaeological survey.

#### **c) Hardwick Hall**

An application for an agricultural building to replace a building destroyed by fire was approved by the PC and granted by SNDC.

#### **d) Morningthorpe – Construction of Boar Stud**

The PC had opposed this application which had caused a lot of concern among local residents in Wood Green. Amendments to the plans had been made, but the PC still objected. A final decision was awaited.

### **Community Heritage Event**

Due to Covid-19, this had been postponed until 2020

## **3. Annual Report**

This was approved by the PC.

## **4. Annual Accounts**

The internal audit had been completed by Heather Goddard and the PC expressed their thanks to her. The income and expenditure was less than the £25,000 limit, and accordingly, the PC completed and approved the Certificate of Exemption. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Jeremy Alexander.

The Annual Governance Statement was completed and the adoption of the accounts was proposed by Andrew Penn and seconded by Miles Moseley.

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **Covid-19**

The PC acknowledged with grateful thanks all the parishioners looking after neighbours who were self isolating through age and/or health issues during the 'lockdown'. The Clerk was able to confirm that steps had been taken to ensure that everyone in the Parish who could be in need had contact details to request assistance.

Jeremy Alexander requested that it should be recorded the PC's thanks to the Chairman and Clerk for their work during the past year.

**Date of Next Meeting**

This was fixed for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm

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