

Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick Village Hall on 7th May 2019

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

Apologies: Alison Thomas (County Councillor)

No Parishioners were present.

Before the Meeting started, all Parish Councillors completed the Acceptance of Office forms.

1. Election of Chairman

The election of David Alexander was proposed by Andrew Penn, 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, seconded by Jeremy Styles and agreed by the PC. The PC thanked the Clerk for her work for the Parish Council during the last year.

3. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2019 were read, confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Highways

The Clerk informed the PC that Alison Thomas is meeting Gary Overland from Highways this week and will discuss the replacement of the missing/damaged fingerpost signposts with him.

The Clerk had contacted Fiona Pratt at Norfolk County Council as the damaged bridge had not yet been repaired and its condition had deteriorated further. A reply had been received confirming that the repair work had been programmed but due to funding restrictions there could be a delay of some months before the work was done.

Miscellaneous

a) The District and Parish Council elections took place on 2nd May. There was no Parish Council election in the Parish as there were sufficient nominations for the number of Councillors. Alison Thomas was now a District Councillor for Long Stratton, but still remained County Councillor for the Parish. Michael Edney had been elected District Councillor for the Parish.

b) The donations authorised at the last Meeting had been paid and acknowledgments received from CAB and NARS.

c) On further consideration of the state of the village well, it was agreed to establish whether all that was required was repainting. However, if it was clear that repair work was required, then the PC agreed that a work party would be organised or professional assistance sought, with the necessary costs being met by PC funds.

5. Correspondence

a) South Norfolk District Council

Nothing to report.

b) Norfolk County Council

Nothing to report

c) Miscellaneous

Nothing to report, although the Clerk reminded the PC that regular e-mails from the Police re scams and rural crime were circulated.

6a. Planning Cases.

Street Farm House, Hardwick

South Norfolk Council had approved the application to replace some of the windows.

Grange Farm, Hardwick

An application to build a porch had been submitted and approved by the PC.

6b. Long Stratton Bypass and Development.

A planning application to alter existing PROWs in view of the proposed bypass had been submitted by the County Council and was considered by the PC. The PC had no comments to make in respect of the proposals for PROWs to the east of the bypass.

7. Accounts

Bank Balance £835.84

The PC agreed the payment of £257.60 to Zurich Insurance for the renewal of the insurance policy and £139.20 for the annual subscription to NALC.

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 Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman

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Cheques:

£15 – Village Hall Hire
£257.60 - Zurich Insurance
£139.20 -NALC