

Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Hardwick on 30th September 2020

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

Apologies: Jeremy Styles and Miles Moseley
There were no Parishioners present.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2020 were read, confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Defibrillator

The gold pack for the defibrillator had been ordered from East of England Ambulance Service. The only additional requirement as the defibrillator would be in a kiosk was 'Class 2 electrics' at an additional cost of £120.

The telephone kiosk had been moved by the Chairman and Mark Cann to a barn where it had been pressure washed by the Chairman and then repainted by David Murgatroyd. The PC expressed their thanks to the Chairman, Mark Cann and David Murgatroyd for the work done. The cost of materials to repaint the kiosk came to £44 and there was a request from David Murgatroyd that this sum should be donated to the PCC.

The next stage was to install the kiosk outside the village hall. This will involve a concrete plinth being constructed. The Chairman with assistance from Andrew Penn will arrange for this to be done.

Shelton School

The playing field had been handed back to the Cann family and all fencing etc had been removed. The school building had been handed back to the Diocese but there was no news over possible future uses.

3. Correspondence

The PC received regular updates including from Norfolk Police re rural crime.

CPRE has expressed concern over proposed changes by the Government to planning legislation. The e-mail from CPRE had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors and the Clerk was instructed to respond to the consultation outlining the concerns of CPRE.

4. Planning

a) Erection of 25metre Lattice Mast, Hardwick

The Applicant had notified Andrew Penn that they were planning to proceed with the erection of the mast despite information that they were considering alternative sites. An agent had been appointed on behalf of the landowners and it was understood that the next stage was to conduct a soil survey.

b) Hardwick Hall

An application for an agricultural building to provide additional storage was approved by the PC. Jeremy Alexander declared an interest and took no part in the decision.

c) Morningthorpe – Construction of Boar Stud

The PC had opposed this application which had caused a lot of concern among local residents in Wood Green. A traffic report had been obtained which indicated that pedestrian use of Wood Lane was limited as there was no onward route. This report had previously been circulated but insufficient responses had been received for a consensus. The PC agreed that a response should be sent making it clear that Wood Lane was used by parishioners walking, cycling and horse riding in order to reach footpaths, bridleway and common land.

d) Agricultural Barn, The Street, Hardwick

An application for change of use for a barn from agricultural to residential had been made. Andrew Penn declared an interest as his family owned the land/building. The application had been received a few hours before the meeting and the plans had not yet been circulated. The application involved a Class Q permitted development and this was likely to mean that providing certain criteria were met, the application would be approved. However, no decision was to be made at this Meeting. This was to enable the plans to be circulated and if neighbours to the barn wanted an opportunity to address the PC, then a further meeting would be called.

5. Accounts

The current balance was £3,390.52 which included the second precept payment of £515. However, the PC was informed that unauthorised direct debits had been set up using the PC account details and some £100 had been taken from the account. The Chairman and the Clerk will contact the Bank and take the necessary steps to rectify the situation.

The PC discussed next year's precept in anticipation that there may be no further meetings this year due to the ongoing Covid situation. The Clerk proposed that the precept should remain at £1,030.

This was seconded by Andrew Penn and approved by the PC.

Following a discussion about making donations, it was proposed by Jeremy Alexander, seconded by Andrew Penn and approved by the PC that £250 should be paid to Shelton and Hardwick PCC, £50 to East Anglian Air Ambulance and £50 to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service.

6. Meeting Suspended for Public Participation

There was none

7. Any Other Business

A gate had been damaged on the footpath from the school to the meadows. A photo of the gate had been sent to the Highways with a request that it was replaced with a style.

8. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged

The Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Chairman

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Payments:- Shelton and Hardwick PCC - £294 (£250 plus £44)
East Anglian Air Ambulance – £50
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service - £50
Cardiac Science - £1,224.00 (defibrillator only)