

Hindolveston Parish Council

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Present: Wayne Bowditch (Chair), Hazel Carter, Wayne Jolly, Trevor Leeder, Neil Lewis, Mary Walsh (Vice-Chair)
and: Vincent FitzPatrick (District Cllr), Steff Aquarone (County Cllr), and one member of the public

Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30 pm (in accordance with the corona virus Regulations this meeting will be via Zoom) **Public Forum**

Welcome from the Chair

- Members of the public may raise matters of concern and make comments in respect of items on the Agenda before the Parish Council meeting opens. No matters raised.
- Reports from District and County Councillors: circulated via email.

MINUTES

- 1) Apologies from Chip Davison were accepted.
- 2) Declarations of pecuniary interest in any of the agenda items listed below.
 - a) Wayne Bowditch declared an interest in the application at Land West of 3 Church Lane as he owns the neighbouring property.
- 3) The Minutes of the previous meeting (18 February) were approved for the Chair to sign.
- 4) **Matters arising:** progress on items from previous meetings for information or reminders only. Items not on this agenda requiring decisions will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. None.
- 5) **Highways**
 - a) It was noted that the farmer had confirmed that the signs saying private were in fact correct: there was no right of way along the old railway from the footpath which goes from Beck Farm the Nethergate. He has tried to make the signs clear and friendly and is hoping to provide more information about crops etc. He was told that he could send information for publishing in the newsletter and if possible, to include a map showing the PROWs.
 - b) It was note that the work to clear the drain at Beck Farm was not carried out on 2 March as scheduled. The Clerk was following this up with Highways.
 - c) **Items to report**
 - i) Potholes:
 - (1) Beck Farm (previously reported)
 - (2) Melton Road (lots of damage about ½ mile along)
 - (3) Church Lane
- 6) **Planning**
 - a) Applications received from the District Council since the last meeting:
 - i) CL/21/0290: Lawful Development Certificate for existing operation - commencement of development for erection of a public house, first floor flat and car parking (outline planning permission 1991/0977 and reserved matters approval 1994/1333) All necessary conditions discharged See the supporting statement which accompanies this application for plans, decision notices, confirmation commencement started and for full details at **Land West Of 3 Church Lane**. The Vice-Chair took the chair for this item. It was noted that the neighbouring property owners had submitted evidence stating that none of them had had notification of the planning permission when searches had been carried out prior to purchasing properties. It was also noted that someone from the District Council had visited the site and taken photos.

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Signed:
Chair

Date:.....

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ii) PF/21/0308: Erection of shed, greenhouse and composting bays on agricultural land at **Land Adjacent Well Cottage Barn 110 The Street**. All councillors responded. No objection submitted 26 February. All councillors had no objection to this application.

iii) PF/21/0596: Conversion of part of stable block to form a one bedroom dwelling with associated private garden area at **Manton Grange 113 The Street**. Link circulated 15 March. It was agreed that there was no objection to this application.

b) Decisions made by North Norfolk District Council

i) PF/20/2461: Single storey rear extension at **56 The Street**. **APPROVED**.

7) Replica dedication stones for Methodist Chapel

a) Four replica plaques and one explanatory plaque are ready for mounting and fixing to the railings adjacent to the Methodist Chapel at the Village Hall. Work in progress

8) Maintenance

a) Notice board on Fulmodeston Road. It was agreed that Mary Walsh should investigate the possibility of getting Perspex front cut to fit the notice board. A new backing board would be needed and possibly also a canopy to protect the board from the weather.

9) Allotments

a) It was decided to have a site meeting after the 12 April (restrictions allowing six people to meet). Time and date to be arranged.

10) Financial Business

a) Account balances on bank statements as at 26 February 2021

Business Bonus	£6,555.00
Business Premium	£114.44
Current account	£7,713.16

b) Receipts: donations towards defibrillator £45 (total of £645 in the fund);

c) Regular payments since previous statement

Date	Payee	DD or SO	Details	Amount
1 Feb 2021	ICO	DD	Annual fee	£35.00
10 Feb 2021	E.ON	DD	non-metered supply	£51.54
25 Feb 2021	salary and on costs	SO	salary and on costs	£704.10

d) The following payments were approved:

Payee	cheque number	amount
Joanna Otte (expenses incl. newsletter for March)	100911	£29.05
Came and Company (insurance premium)	100912	£1176.10
Norfolk Parish Training and Support (annual subs)	100913	£126.25

e) Employment

i) **Pensions Contributions:** The annual uplift for the employer's contribution to the pension scheme from by 0.5% was approved. The standing order instruction to the bank: monthly payment of employer's and employee's contribution to change from £81.57 to £83.00 from April 2021 would be signed

ii) **Local Government Pay Claim:** It was noted that the national employers body have said that they will be unable to respond to the unions' pay claim until after the May elections - so once again there will be a delay before an agreement is achieved, again resulting in a time lag in pay scales being increased. Unions representing local government workers have submitted a pay claim for an overall 10% pay increase.

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11) Covid-19 Hardship Grant

- a) Total grants made £470 leaving £530 for further grants.
- b) It was noted that one application form had been sent out.

12) Pocket Parks Plus - wildflower and picnic area on the Recreation Ground

- a) Planting of **wildflower beds (and tree)**. CGM to sow wildflower seeds in the Spring when the ground is dry enough.

13) Recreation Ground and Pavilion

- a) Recreation Ground and Playing Field
 - i) Regular check: no issues.
 - ii) It was noted that three guys on push bikes with a spade had dug out a strip of the playing field 3 metres long and six inches wide. The neighbouring property owner had kindly filled it in.
 - iii) Tidying up the car park and storage container
- b) **Pavilion** (Trevor Leeder would follow up with Pegg Electrical about doing the repairs.
- c) **Financial Business**
 - i) Receipts since previous statement (6 Feb): Covid-19 business support grant due to lockdown from NNDC £2,329.50.
 - ii) Regular payments since last statement (6 Feb): E.ON £18;
 - iii) Balances as at 5 March: current a/c £9,470.67 savings a/c £10,971.97
 - iv) The following payments were approved:

Payee	cheque number	amount
Acorn Pest and Country Services	101069	£108.00
Lisa Chapman (cleaning)	101070	£40.00

14) Review of Standing Orders

- a) Work in progress

15) Street lighting all in order.

16) Communication with the Community

- a) It was noted that someone has been knocking on doors in the village saying that they are from the Parish Council and that hedges should be cut back. One person was particularly distressed by the aggressive manner of this person. It was agreed to put an item in the newsletter explaining that requests from the Parish Council are not carried out in this way: the usual way is for the Clerk to write a letter.

17) Correspondence - circulated as usual via email

- a) Councillors were encouraged to ask the Clerk to upload to the website items of interest from circulated correspondence which might be of interest to residents.

18) Items for report or for the next agenda.

19) Next Meeting (and the Annual Parish Meeting) at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 April 2021 via Zoom. It was agreed to put back the Annual Parish Meeting to June (when it was hoped to be able to hold it in the Millennium Pavilion. The Clerk was asked to write to the usual groups asking them to prepare a short report of the previous year and their plans for the future.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm