**Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council**

**held on Thursday 11th July at 7.00 in**

**St Margaret`s Church, Paston.**

**Present:** Nick Bardswell (Chairman), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chair), Margaret Brett, Cris Emberson, Jessel Manrick, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** none.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** none.
3. **Appointment of Parish Clerk:** Dee Holroyd was appointed. Proposed BT seconded MB. All agreed.
4. ***Cllr Ed Maxfield (NCC), Cllr Clive Stockton (NNDC):*** *(i) Cllr CS told the meeting he was Chairman and on the Sandscaping Committee of NNDC. (ii) A new, bigger digger would commence work on this on Friday 19th. CS would contact NNDC to ask for Sandscaping leaflets for distribution. A caravan at Walcott would be a temporary information office for the project*.(iii) MB reported worn village signs. This is a Highways matter. (iv) MB suggested that if Pond Lane was made one way there could be access for possible building on the vacant land off Bears Road.

*Cllr EM had sent his report. He added (i) A full Council Meeting was due. Immediately before the meeting, payments to disabled people, agreed in the February budget, would be discussed. (ii) On 15th July there would be a Cabinet Meeting. The completion of the NDR would be on the Agenda (iii) 2,500 new houses were planned for North Walsham, most buyers would be retired or working in Norwich. Also planned was a northern bypass and new school. Questions were raised about the number of doctors, train services, surface water drainage. (iv) three SEN schools were planned for Norfolk enabling excluded children to remain in their school grounds. Cllr EM left the meeting.*

1. **Minutes of the Meetings held on Thursday 9th May:** were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed DM, seconded MB. All agreed.
2. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
3. **Planning:** No planning applications had been received. There had been an objection at Paston Green to a possible application to convert a barn, but no formal application had yet been received. NB said there would be an application by the Mundesley Holiday Village to demolish the main building room and build two storey lodges, but no application had yet been submitted
4. **Co-option of new Parish Council member:** Philip Clabon had agreed to rejoin the PC. His co-option was agreed.
5. **Finance:** (i) Authorise Payments: none were due.

(ii) Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer: DH was appointed. Proposed CE, seconded JM.

(iii) Appointment of Internal Auditor: Martin Campbell to be invited. Action DH.

(iv) New signatory to bank account: Boo Tumber agreed to become one. Proposed JM, second CE. All agreed.

1. **Website:** Nick Bardswell confirmed that Wayne Beauchamp would do this as per his March quote. This was accepted by the PC. Proposed CE, seconded DM. All agreed. DM would edit the new website.
2. **Sir William Paston Charity:** re-appointment/appointment of Trustees: : The Council re-appointed Jonathan Care for a further 4 year term. Proposed BT, seconded MB.
3. **Playground report:** MB and DM reported that (i) the playground was being well used. (ii) Funding had been applied for from Sandscaping Community Fund to buy a pavillion. Two possible styles were shown to the meeting. Cost about £6,000 plus installation. (iii) New litter bins were

needed. (iv)The poppy seeds have come up well. Other planting was in place. Daffodils would be planted in the autumn. Action MB, DM.

**13 Councillor`s Reports: (i)** MB asked about the Commemorative Bench. DH to request the same bench as Knapton Parish Council. (ii) MB asked about replacing missing 40 mph signs (see item 4 above) and about the “slow – children” type signs we wanted by the cross roads where the school bus stops and the children cross, and by the playground. DH would ask County Council Highways dept. DH also to ask Knapton PC whether they would share with Paston a reactive sign to slow traffic (as originally proposed with Swafield). DM suggested a Community Speed watch. Six volunteers were in place. BT would write to Bacton Gas Site re traffic speeding away from the site at the end of their working day. Action: DH, BT.

MD reported good support for the coming yard sale.

MB would like to see a red phone box in the village, possibly to house a defibrillator. A possible box had been sited. If acquired, CE could uplift.

1. **Any Other Business:** There was no other business.
2. **Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 5th September.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.