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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PASTON PARISH COUNCIL held on**

 **Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm in St Margaret`s Church, Paston.**

**Present:** Nicholas Bardswell (Chairman), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chairman), Chris Emberson, Maggie Brett, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Cllr Clive Stockton (NNDC).

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1. **Apologies for Absence:** Pip Clabon.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Nicholas Bardswell (Item 6).
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September** were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed DM, seconded JM.
4. **Matters Arising:**
5. funding for the VAS machine had been applied for and £1000 of the promised £4000 received. BT would research suitable machines and costs for a decision at the January meeting.
6. Community Speed Watch. DM had submitted names of people willing to do it and would find out who to approach on behalf of the PC.
7. The website was up and running. BT asked whether the number of hits received could be ascertained. It was believed so. CE asked whether there was a way of uploading photos. NB would put any photos e mailed to him on the website.

**Cllr Clive Stockton:**

1. Hehad attended the recent Bacton Gas Liaison meeting (NB also present). Another complaint about a high pitched whine at night had been received. Shell had had problems with their compressor. Bacton PC had looked into this.
2. (ii) there were concerns over the position of the proposed cable entry at Bacton from the wind farm to be installed by Equinor (item 8). CS had received letters from MPs trying to get clarification from Equinor. There would be a full Council meeting on Wednesday 20th November at which he would raise the matter for discussion. CS would ensure information would be sent out on a regular basis. Until firm plans were known, there was little to be done. BT pointed out that carbon emission free energy sources were essential and it had to happen but disruption from the associated works inland kept to a minimum. CS said an offshore ring main (“ORM”) could obviate the need for multiple cables by using just one connecting cable. JM asked if there would be benefit to the local communities. There would be, but at a cost. NB suggested PC members write to their MP, once elected. CE asked if entry could be sited within the Bacton Gas site, but this was understood not to be possible due to the proximity of high voltage cables and gas pipes. CS would keep the PC informed.
3. **Financial Report, Precept for 2019/20:** the clerk reported a current credit balance of £12,195. An interim budget was circulated, showing a anticipated credit balance in November 2020 of £4,680. Though this was further reduced from previous years it was felt the mini budget was erring on the pessimistic side and that following a big increase for current year the Precept should remain at the present figure of £6,464. The Precept Application form was signed by the chairman and the clerk. Proposed BT, seconded DM. Cheques were signed for £245 (website) £238 (clerk and office) and £162 (mowing).

**6 Planning Applications:** There were two applications by the Holiday Village.

NB, who had declared an interest, left the meeting.

The application under ref PF/19/0195 was to demolish the former block 4 and replace by four lodges. CE pointed out that these were close to the cliff top and asked about their movablitiy and regulations that applied – if they were moved back the lodges would be too close together.

The application causing concern was that under ref 19/PF/1411 for the demolition of the former main buildings – dining room ball room kitchen and offices and replacement by 18 lodges. The 18 proposed lodges would impinge on green space which had formerly been used for recreation, and would be built up to the edge of the road, which is a public right of way and regularly used by walkers. Extra lodges would result in an increase in traffic. DM asked whether there might be further applications to build on the site. The PC all agreed to object to the application on the grounds: (i) Too many proposed lodges, to be built too close to the road. Loss of green recreation area. (ii) Increase of traffic using the road, which is a public right of way, regularly used by walkers. Proposed BT, seconded MB. All agreed. DH to write to NNDC.

 Cllr CS said he would try to get the application called in by NNDC.

 NB re-joined the meeting at 8.00pm.

1. **Highways:** Two potholes had occurred since the last meeting and had been reported by DH. The gully at the entrance to Pond Road was blocked again resulting in a large pool of water on the road( DH to report). Chapel Road needs to be resurfaced. (DH to report).
2. **Digging of 115 km of trenches across Norfolk:** had been covered in Cllr CS`s report.

**8 Parish Councillors reports:**

1. CE reported that a grant of £25,000 from the Almshouses Association had been agreed for re-roofing of the almshouses. New trusses would be needed and matching tiles would have to be sourced.
2. DM had sourced a notice board suitable to be put on Paston Green. Cost about £ 450. It was agreed the PC would fund this. Proposed MB, seconded DM. DM to get firm quote.
3. MB pointed out that the fence around the pond needed replacing.

NB to contact Pip Clabon, owner.

1. BT asked about obtaining a red `phone box. CE said that if one could be found, he would lift and deliver.
2. DM suggested asking for Big Society funding for a polytunnel to grow flowers for the village. This would be sited on land alongside DM’s home in Pond Road. Cost about £1,400.
3. DM reported that in the playground the anti pigeon spikes were now in place above the swings and the falcon on the zip wire was proving effective. She asked about the playground inspection. DH to enquire. DM reported the new gate was not closing correctly. CE would repair it.
4. DM reported large lorries taking a short cut through Paston Green. It was believed these were from Saxon Motors of Stalham. They should not be on a quiet lane. DH to report to Highways.
5. MB would bring a flask of hot water to enable coffee and tea making at subsequent meetings.

Gas Terminal 2020 calendars were given out.

**9 Correspondence received:** had been circulated.

**10 Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 2nd January. Because the church was so cold, a request was made that the next meeting be held in Knapton Village Hall which would be warm and had coffee making facilities. All agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.