Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held by video link on

Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Nicholas Bardswell (Chairman), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chairman), Maggie Brett, Pip Clabon, Cris Emberson, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Cllrs Ed Maxfield NCC and Clive Stockton NNDC.

1 Apologies for Absence: None.

2 Declarations of Interest: None.

3 Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton:

EM highlighted items from his report which had been received earlier, attached.

CS was going to try to condense a vast amount of information on the Vattenfall Windfarm into an easy to read summary to circulate and would keep NB informed.

Some residents of Edingthorpe Green had since last winter been suffering flooding of their septic tanks from a blocked culvert and had at NB’s suggestion approached CS. He had spoken to Dave Pemberton at NNDC Environmental Health who had been trying to resolve the problem but was having problems finding a contractor both willing and able to do the work needed. CS would keep the PC informed.

Support for vulnerable people. PC invited to e mail CS for more information if required.

CS would remain Chairman of NNDC until May. NNDC employees were working from home on a rota system.

The next Council Meeting would be on 16th November on Zoom. Anyone wishing to join should contact CS.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September were agreed. Proposed BT, seconded JM.

5 Matters Arising:

The VAS machine was in place, but a bit too close to the 40mph sign. BT was asked to pass the PC’s thanks on to her husband, Peter, who had been hugely helpful in putting up the sign. The sign was heavy and it would be useful to have more brackets to go on the posts to which it will be moved. DH confirmed that there would be money available from the grant for this purpose. BT had taken a photo of the machine in place to send to the Gas Terminal, who had kindly provided funding.

Community Speed Watch: It was agreed that the data from the machine should be monitored between now and the January meeting to check whether speed watch was still required.

Fencing round pond had been repaired by Highways. Rotten posts had been renewed. The pond and surround was now looking extremely good.

Signs depicting children – had not progressed

Instalment of donation box in playground. The lowest estimate of £240 plus VAT had been received from a local supplier. NB wondered whether people might give by phone. It was thought cash at the time of a visit would be better, although as NB pointed out in the short term the cost of the box would need to be re couped. It was agreed that a box should be bought, paid for out of the ring fenced playground money kept by the council. Proposed JM, seconded BT, all agreed.

6 Parish Councillor`s Reports:

DM reported that the community greenhouse, kindly donated by JM, had been duly erected but unfortunately had blown down the following week in an exceptionally strong gale.

MB reported three available red `phone boxes had been found. One at Overstrand was available subject to Overstrand Parish Council decision. If Paston was successful in achieving one, the PC would have to enter a contract with BT not to use for telecommunications. Uplift would have to be by the PC.

MB passed on an offer from an adjoining resident to take down and repaint the model windmill on the top of the village sign. All agreed.

CE reported the newly insulated roof on the alms houses was complete and a new resident in place.

7 Finance:

Financial Report: DH reported a current credit balance of £16,658 which after taking off ear-marked amounts - the £1,000 Covid 19 funding £2,346 ring fenced for the playground and £4,000 for the vas machine, gave a true underlying balance of £9,312.

Budget: After one adjustment, a credit balance of £9,062 was forecast for November 2021. The Budget was accepted, proposed PC, seconded BT. All agreed. NB pointed out and thanked DH for her historically modest cost due to her not claiming all expenses she could.

8. Planning – nothing discussed (members to look at PF/20/1674 Hollow Tree Barn and give their views to DH)

9. Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th January 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.