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

**Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.00pm**

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

1 Apologies for Absence: None.

2 Declarations of Interest: NB on churchyard maintenance costs.

3 Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton:

 Cllr CS reported:

The NNDC budget had been set. There was no increase in Council Tax.

The sand cliff on the beach was a natural consequence of the sandscaping carried out in 2019. Though the hazards were obvious some signage was needed to warn of them. CS reported that our views had been taken on board by Rob Goodliffe and the NNDC coastal team, that the signage should warn of all hazards both obvious and less obvious and they were considering,. Signs would have to go at the Bacton and Mundesley ends of the cliff. BT suggested one next to the concrete slip way.

Cllr EM reported:

NCC budget would show a 4% increase in Council Tax.

Problems caused by the recent snow had been dealt with well as far as NCC were aware but EM asked for any comments.

The flooding at Edingthorpe Green was a complex continuing situation with which EM was keeping in touch

Was any NCC input was needed for item 5 the footpath at Yarmouth Way? – no.

NB referred to EM’s hedging initiative and mentioned that the hedging planted by PC some years ago was doing well.

In response to a question from MB EM said NCC were responsible for filling grit boxes.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th January: were agreed. Proposed PC seconded MB.

5 Matters Arising:

Footpath at Yarmouth Way and Sandy Lane. NCC have given notice of their intention to make an order for these tracks to be put onto the definitive map of public footpaths Letters had been sent but public notices to this effect would go up only once people shielding were able to leave home and could see them and the order would not be made till then.

6. Parish Councillor`s Reports:

JM asked about placing a grit bin on the junction of Chapel Road and Bears Road where he had seen cars in difficulty during the recent icy conditions. MB asked whether the PC could look into buying two grit bins to replace ones which used to be in the village. DH to obtain prices.

MB reported that she had got a quote for signs depicting life size children - £70 for one or £105 for two. Pictures had been circulated to the PC. It was agreed that MB should order two signs. She was thanked for the work she had put in.

BT reported that her husband had downloaded the information from the Sam sign between 13th November and 16th January. In that period:

33,900 vehicles had passed the sign

1,228 0f these were speeding - over 40mph

Average speed of those was 42mph

The worst time of the day for speeding was 6-7pm

She would circulate an e mail with all the statistics

BT asked EM whether the police did look into the information they received and whether this might encourage them to do speed checks. Probably not. We should ask NCC again for a 30 mph limit though the village (previously refused) in view of children on school journeys crossing the road at the village centre cross roads.

BT reported that the title of Paston Parish Council’s Facebook page had the word Coronovirus attached, which it was considered should be removed. NB suggested that as there was a Paston general interest and history page, which people clearly looked at, Parish Council material should be put on that. NB would ask Phil Randell in charge of it whether he would be happy with that..

CE reported that Norfolk Police had issued £66,000 fines to people breaking lockdown rules, especially by travelling to the coast from non local places.

DM and MB reported some people were bringing dogs onto the playground, not picking up after them and being abusive if challenged. The recently put up new “no dogs” signs were small so MB to source a larger sign. NB to find out about use of security cameras and what other councils were doing about dogs, litter and vandalism. MB would get a collapsible post with padlock to prevent unauthorised vehicles parking in front of the gate.

7 Finance: DH reported a current a/c balance of £4,300 which would would reduce to £3,300 by the end of the financial year, 31st March, making a total with £8,000 in the deposit account of about £11,000, £9,000 so after taking off about £2,000 the playground fund.. DH to circulate details to the PC.

8. Churchyard Maintenance: was not discussed.

9. Planning There were no current applications. As to recent decided applications;-

Hollow Tree Barn, Green Farm: approved on revised site with conditions – in particular as to planting, retention of hedge and materials.

1 Chapel Road:, approved.

Holiday Village: Work had started on the new stands for the holiday cabins, very slightly set back from original plans leaving space for a row of shrubs

10. Sand cliff at Bacton beach: had been covered under item 3.

11 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13th May (Thursday 6th May being local elections ).

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.