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# Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held in St Margaret`s Church, Paston on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Nicholas Bardswell (Chair), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chair), Maggie Brett, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk)

## Apologies for Absence: Pip Clabon due to getting in harvest. NB would contact Cris Emberson to ask what his plans were for returning to the UK and to Parish Council meetings.

## Declarations of Interest: None.

## Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton: were not present. EM had sent his report which had been circulated.

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed MB, seconded DM.

## Matters Arising:

**Playground security:** NB had researched security cameras and it was agreed that he purchase a suitable camera, about £60, plus batteries and sim card. JM offered to recharge the batteries. The camera would be situated in a suitable tree and a warning notice put up.

MB had purchased two collapsible posts and would get cement for installation.

Possible projects for NCC funding: MB suggested grading and putting down a suitable surface to make car parking spaces available on the access road to the houses off Bears Road. Currently this was grass with overhanging branches which needed to be cleared.

**Resurfacing of Bears Road**: highways had been asked to do this.

**Mowing of churchyard: the** church had no large mower available. Some parts had been mown. Community Payback who had in the past done the mowing appeared no longer to be operating. JM and DM would forward details of persons who might undertake this work. NB would pass them on to Philip Burton the churchwarden.

**Cutting back of overgrown verges in village,** possibly by Flagship: some had been cut back. DH to contact Highways about other areas in the village needing attention notably at the top of Chapel Road**.**

**Unity Trust Bank**: account was now up and running.

**Paston newsletter:** to be discussed at the November meeting.

## Parish Councillor`s Reports:

BT: information from the Sam 2 machine is being downloaded.

JM: Blocked drain at the junction of Bears and Chapel Roads had been reported to Highways.

MB asked whether the sensor could be reversed to catch vehicles approaching from the opposite direction and then moved to the other end of the village.

DM and MB : Playground – they were waiting for a survey by Sovereign Play for installing a gazebo, they had recently failed to turn up to an appointment and seemed to have lost interest. Action Play do a similar gazebo and DM was trying, with no luck so far, to contact them. Car parking informally on the verge opposite the council houses but possibly on the grassy area and the end of the close.

They would like to create wildflower areas on the verges outside the playground and at the top of Chapel Road. NB offered to donate bulbs and seeds.

For daffodils small, tete a tete or similar were preferred.

MB and DM asked whether an informal, unofficial path from the village to the church could be established. This it was thought could be done by the landowner (PC - not present to comment) leaving a couple of feet unplanted along the hedge.

MB reported that the footpath sign at the Paston end of the path to Mundesley had been removed. PC was probably aware but NB would check with him

DM reported two barking dogs and loud music from a Bears Road resident disturbing neighbours. DM to contact NNDC to see if they could do anything

NB would look into the recording of hits on the website to see how many people actually looked at it.

NB reported that the restoration of the wall paintings in the church by conservator Tom Organ was now under way. A water supply to the church was in hand. Plans to instal wash-room and kitchen and remove the rear pews and move the font are not progressing due to lack of response from the appointed architect and builder, but the water supply could be installed anyway . Funding and all necessary approvals are in place.

Worship in the Trunch Group of churches including Paston is proposed in future be organised by a central group council. Once formalised (which might take some time) each individual church PCC would become a church management committee looking after maintenance and day to day running of each church. This in Paston would include events. NB hoped some PPC members would “come on board” DM and MB indicated willingness.

The next meeting to be held in Knapton Village Hall. DH to book.

## Finance:

#### The clerk reported a current credit balance of £12,000, including just over £2,000 playground money.

## Planning:

## Heath Farm – alterations and addition of garage – no objections

## Stow Hill Farm raised roof level - approved

## Green Farm hedge removal - refused

## Yarmouth Way/Sandy Loke: Objections to registration had been withdrawn and the path would now be registered. Though in theory the County Council would become responsible NB would go on cutting back undergrowth and low overhanging branches to keep the path passable on foot

## Date of next Meeting: Thursday 4th November at Knapton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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