# Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held in Knapton Village Hall,

# on Thursday 11th November at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Nicholas Bardswell (Chair), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chair), Maggie Brett, Pip Clabon, Cris Emberson, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Cllr ED Maxfield NCC.

## Apologies for Absence: Clive Stockton

## Declarations of Interest: Nick Bardswell, Item 8, Planning.

## Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton: EM`s report had been circulated.

EM reported that NCC funding made available to him for road safety was now accessible for schemes previously outside the Council criteria. This could be open to bids over the next twelve months. New criteria might be evidence of need, public support and value for money. Members commented that a 30mph speed limit on the B1159 through Paston was needed.

## NCC was looking at putting in electricity charging points for cars with funding from Government or County Councillor`s allowance. There are no obvious locations in Paston

 There was discussion as to whether the grass verges opposite the raised level houses in Bear`s Road, some in private ownership and some owned by Flagship, could be used for car parking for the playground. Owners asked were willing but written permission fwould be needed and hedge cutting, removal of topsoil and gravelling put in place. EM would try to discover which houses were Flagship properties.

 EM reported a proposal that the field called Seagulls Field between the gas terminal and Castaways holiday park be used for solar panels in connection with hydrogen production. Two neighbouring businesses had been approached him expressing concern as this field had been left as a safety area. The chairman thanked EM, who left the meeting at 7.20pm.

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 7thOctober were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed BT, seconded MB.

## Matters Arising:

### Playground update, gazebo, security camera. The security camera was in place and as sign put up to say it was there, to comply with legal rerquirements. NB would download its photographs and report.

### The new gazebo was installed ,painted and given a back, deeper seating. The suppliers had donated and erected two swings and repaired the monkey bars, all included in the price. An A4 sign warning of low head room would go up.

 MB asked PC whether he would be able to cut the hedge when his machinery was available.

 An A3 sign banning dogs on the playing field would go up shortly.

##  c) The wall painting conservation team had just finished work. The paintings were now all looking sharper and in particular more had been revealed of the very rare if not unique large angel and shields above the chancel arch (discovered in 2013). The cost a little under £40,000 had been funded by grants, mainly from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Contractors are starting work on 15th November to remove the rear pews, demolish the breeze block vestry, put in loos, heating and a small kitchen, all to enable church to be used for events concerts lectures and exhibitions. Work was due to be completed by mid-March and the total cost would be just under £200,000 funding for which the PCC had in place from the former village hall sale proceeds, grants from charities and some very generous personal donations.

As to the churchyard Norfolk Wildlife Trust was to advise on how to make it more wildlife friendly and introduce wild flowers

Cutting back verges. DH had asked Highways to do this.

### Paston Newsletter and Website. It was agreed that the website should feature the flower planting throughout the village with photos hopefully including the newly planted bulbs when they came up in the spring. NB suggested more use was made of Facebook, but someone would need to learn how to put material on it which nobody currently does. NB reported that during the 3 weeks that stats had been collected the website had had 104 visits from 28 visitors.

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### A path from the village to St Margaret`s church was not a practical proposition.

### Noise nuisance in the village had abated, though not gone away..

## Parish Councillor`s Reports:

###  MB and DM had cleared land beside them (with permission of the owner), created raised beds and planted bulbs. Flowers would be sold to make money for the village. DH to enquire about a suitable stall. Everyone thanked them for their hard work. NB had donated 1,000 bulbs and these were being planted round the village.

JM reported that the drain at the junction of Chapel and Bear`s Road was due to be cleaned on 16th November.

MB asked whether she could put some stain on the village notice board at the top of Chapel Road. All agreed and thanked MB.

BT asked where the speed awareness sign should be moved to. It was agreed it would go beside the church. BT would arrange for the information gathered by the machine to be downloaded.

NB confirmed that the Footpath Order had been made for Sandy Loke and Yarmouth Way. Ian Witham, local rep of the Open Spaces Society had asked the council to ensure that NCC complied with the statutory rule requiring notices to say where the newly registered paths led - Knapton Road and the cliff top..

Concern was expressed that some people instead of using the Paston to Mundesley foorpath (alongside the road) were putting themselves in danger by walking along the road. A sign indicating the start of the footpath had fallen down. It was agreed this was an NCC responsibility.

The Clerk reported that Knapton PC had received a presentation from County Broadband, who brought full fibre broadband to villages. CB to be asked to do a presentation to Paston PC in the new year.

A guide on “Operation London Bridge” was left with NB. This set out suggestions for marking the Queen’s death when it came and what councils might do to prepare. DH would source a book of condolence ready to place in the church.

## Finance and Budget for 2021-22

#### A draft budget had was circulated and accepted. Proposed PC, seconded DM. This showed a predicted credit balance for April 2022 of just over £10,000.

 A Precept increase of £200 (about the rate of inflation) was agreed. Proposed BT, seconded MB.

## Planning: PF/21/2463: ` Cease the use of the area for site maintenance and storage and station 6 holiday lodges with decking and associated works.` It was agreed (NB abstaining) there were reasons why permission should not be given and that PPC should put in an objection in general terms pending the planning dept completing their consultations and investigations.

## Date of next Meeting: Thursday 6th January 2022 at Knapton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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