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

**Thursday 6th January 2022 at 7.00pm**

Present: Nick Bardswell (Chairman), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chairman) Maggie Brett, Pip Clabon, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ed Maxfield.

2. Declarations of Interest: NB: Item 9.

3. Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton: were not present. EM had sent his report.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th November: were agreed. Proposed BT, second DM.

5. Matters Arising:

a) Possible parking opposite playground: nothing could be done until ownership of the properties was established. NB said that this could be done so long as everything was registered at the Land Registry and their fees depending on the number of bits of land would probably be about £25-30. All agreed that NB should go ahead with this.

b) Seagulls Field possible installation solar panels: this was a Bacton issue. Nothing had been heard from Bacton PC.

d) Paston newsletter: no progress. BT would put anything relevant which was sent to her, on Facebook.

e) Stall for selling flowers: MB had a contact who would make this. DM asked for donations of any spare timbers. NB had these and PC would store them.

f) Fallen footpath sign: PC would look to see whether the existing sign could be replaced.

g) County Broadband: DH had been in touch. They intended to do a presentation to Paston PC later in the year.

6. Parish Councillors’ Reports:

JM: the drain near their home had been cleared and the grid raised.

BT: the speed camera has been moved. BT`s laptop was unable to download data. DM offered to try it on her laptop. JM remarked on the extra volume of traffic, some doing high speeds, since the closure of The Street, Knapton.

PC had nothing to report.

NB: had nothing to report.

DM: was putting in an application for £950 from the North Norfolk Sustainablity Fund. It was hoped this would pay for topsoil etc for the beds which she and MB had created and from which flowers grown would be sold to raise funds for the village. DH to email Cllr Clive Stockton to ask for his support.

DM suggested that Paston should mark the Platinum Jubilee in June this year with an event. NB suggested a sub-committee could be formed for this purpose.

MB had received complaints from three residents concerning the unfinished building on the corner of Chapel Road and Mundesley Road B1159, an eyesore within the village. The building had remained in its present unfinished state for some time. It was thought the building was bigger than that on the approved plans, in which case the owner would need to apply for retrospective planning permission. There was also concern about the garage on the property, its height and proximity to other houses and that the volume limits had been exceeded for sheds and other outbuildings which could be put up without planning consent. NB would contact the owner to ask what his intentions are concerning these buildings. Subject to anything he said the PC would raise the matter with the Council.

MB reported a very high row of conifers opposite the pond, at the rear of Dutch Cottages which she though should be removed. She wasn’t sure if they were in the Dutch Cottage garden or the patch of waste ground alongside her home belonging to PC. If it was the house owners they might well not be able to afford the cost of removing them. PC would take a look.

MB next raised a concern about the management of the Alms House Charity now that C E, who was one of the trustees, was no longer living in Paston. She suggested the PC check with the two remaining Paston resident trustees whether they needed any help from the PC, such asthat given on occasions in the past.

7. Finance: The clerk reported a current credit balance of £10,320 with no outstanding accounts to be paid. VAT rebate of £2,043 had been received.

8. Paston Community Group funding application: had been covered under Item 6.

9. Planning: Application PF/21/2463 – Holiday Village: NB left the meeting while this was discussed. A holding response had been lodged following the November meeting, pending fuller investigation and consideration. After discussion the PC agreed they objected to the proposed application, principally on the grounds that it was new build in an area of outstanding natural beauty, and that it would impinge on views from surrounding public accessible areas.

10 Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd March in Knapton Village Hall.