# Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held on

# Thursday 3rd March 2022 in Knapton Village Hall at 6.30 pm

**Present:** Nick Bardswell (Chairman), Maggie Brett, Pip Clabon, Chris Emberson, Jessel Mandrick, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Donna Dixon, County Broadband. John Lawton, Knapton PC.

## Apologies for Absence: Boo Tumber, Cllrs Ed Maxfield (NCC), Clive Stockton (NNDC)

## Declarations of Interest: CE, Item 5 (vi).

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

**Donna Dixon, County Broadband** DD explained she would not do a formal presentation. CB was funded by Aviva. Paston was one of the villages in Norfolk which had been selected for CB installation. This would go ahead if 25% of the village placed a pre-order for the service. Fast fibre connection would be free. Free rental for up to one year to allow existing contracts to expire. Basic charges fixed for two years would be £28 month. Land line connection for unlimited calls £6 month. Existing telephone numbers could be retained at £3 month. Cost to CB covered by government grants and Aviva funding. CB would expect installation to take about 18 months to complete.

DD left the clerk with a leaflet to circulate. DD asked whether Paston PC would be willing to circulate a letter of support from the PC to Paston residents.

DD was thanked and left the meeting at 6.55pm.

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th January:

were agreed and signed by the Chairman.Proposed DM, seconded JM.

## Matters Arising:

1. Parking opposite playground. NB had identified the land owners NNDC and Flagship – see his e mail report. NB would contact NNDC first to ask their permission to use the land to park cars using the playground.
2. Fallen footpath sign. This had disappeared. MB would source a replacement.
3. County Broadband: JM had looked at reviews only 47% were positive. NB suggested looking at DD literature but the PC cannot be seen to endorse a private company. JL offered his assistance.
4. Norfolk Sustainable Funding: DM had applied. The installation of a Defibrillator was discussed, but no suitable location found.
5. Platinum Jubilee: Celebrations would be on Friday 3rd June. A sub-committee of DM, MB and NB would arrange the day.
6. Buildings at Poppy House, Chapel Road: As had been decided last meeting, following requests from residents, the PPC had asked for an inspection of the shed by the planning dept, who had ruled that it needed planning consent. C E said the PPC should not have taken action on a request by residents unless in writing and signed. He was asked to refer to any regulation or guidance supporting his view It was noted that he had on 15th January been informed of the Council’s decision by e mail and on 24th February had been e-mailed the minutes. As to the unfinished building no action could be taken. It had had planning permission and there was no requirement to complete it within any particular time
7. Large conifers. It was agreed that as it could not be established on whose land these were, no action could be taken and it was not really a matter for the PPC anyway..
8. Sir William Paston Charity. The Charity Commission Scheme provided that the PPC appointed trustees, for a four year term. C E’s term had expired. Johnathan Care and Nicky Emberson the continuing trustees had said they were coping and would continue for the time being . The PPC would appoint a third trustee (as specified by the Scheme) when asked to do so but in the meantime no action was needed.

## Parish Councillor`s Reports

MB asked how work on the church was progressing. NB confirmed that the kitchen and loos were in, the font had been moved and it was hoped work would be completed by the end of April.

DM reported that a stall had been made for the sale of flowers grown by DM and MB, to benefit the village.

## Financial Report: the clerk reported a current credit balance of £10.000. Spending to date had been about had been £14,000. This included £7,000 for the new Gazebo, which had been funded by grants.

## Funding Applications: CAB, Fresh Start. No decision reached.

## Funding for Defibrillator: discussed under 5 (iv).

## Flagpole for Village: DM had researched prices of a flagpole for the village £50-60. DM proposed and MB seconded the purchase of a flag. All agreed. DM to source.

##  Planning Applications: Holiday Village PF/21/2463: Following the intervention of Natural England nothing was progressing until the applicants had met with the planning officer at the end of March

PF/22/0181 PC had no objections.

## Next Meeting: Thursday 5th May (at Paston Church if then ready, otherwise Knapton Village Hall.