# Minutes of a Meeting of an Annual Paston Parish meeting held in

**St Margaret`s Church, Paston**

# Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Nicholas Bardswell (Chair), Boo Tumber (Vice-Chair), Maggie Brett, Pip Clabon, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk), Cllr Clive Stockton, NNDC,

Dr Robert Knee (Paston Heritage Society), one member of the public.

## Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ed Maxfield NCC, Chris Emberson, John Taylor, MoD Police.

## Chairman`s Report: the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was good to see people face to face after the past year. The Chairman`s yearly report had been circulated prior to the meeting (see attachment to the Minutes)

## Reports from:

MoD Police: were not present

NCC – Cllr Ed Maxfield: was not present

Paston Parish Church Council

NB reported that funding was now in place to pay for the church re ordering to facilitate events and work should start in the autumn. Our application for a grant for restoration of the wall paintings had been re-submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund, meeting new tighter criteria.. It was hoped there would be a decision by end of July

Paston Heritage Society: NB introduced Dr Robert Knee of Paston Heritage Society to the meeting. Dr Knee told the meeting that Paston Heritage Society’s main current project was `Paston footprints” Information would be found on website “this is Paston” with information about the Paston family and all text of all the letters in original language and modern translation. They were also setting out heritage trails -walking and cycling routes between places with which the family had associations - Paston,

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Gresham, Baconsthorpe, Binham, Oxnead and Bromholm Locally there would be a trail from Paston to Edingthorpe and Bacton passing by the church. It was hoped to launch the walks on 24th July. Audio listening would be available on the walk and there would be a shorter walk for families, perhaps finishing at the Paston playground.

Experimental plans were in place at NCC to promote all year round tourism, and to publicise the walks which hopefully this would increase footfall into the church and so increase funding.

A memorial stone to Clement Paston was to be erected in the church.

Finally, Paston Heritage Society would probably be wound up this year, due to lack of volunteers, but an informal group would continue their work. There may be some funding left over, which could go to Paston Church.

NB thanked Dr Knee, who left the meeting.

Cllr Clive Stockton reported that the NNDC first AGM in two years would be held on Wednesday 26th May in the chapel at Greshams School, Holt. He would be standing down as chairman. And for personal reasons he would not stand for a cabinet position, but would continue to shadow the coastal portfolio

Edingthorpe flooding was still a problem but was being monitored by NNDC and NCC.

Norfolk Wildlife would receive a cheque for £8,000 from NNDC at the AGM.

## The meeting closed at 7.25pm

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**Parish Council chairman’s report 2020 - 21.**

A review of things with which the Parish council has been involved since the Spring of 2020.

**Coronavirus** has affected everyone’s lives. A silver lining is that it seems to have enhanced the sense of community that has been growing in Paston in recent years, with everyone looking after those who needed help And what great posters appeared done by Paston’s children.

**Highways** An electronic speed warning sign has been put up at various points in the village, paid for by the gas terminal companies. It tells vehicle drivers if they are exceeding 40m p h the speed limit Surprisingly few speeding vehicles have been clocked, But we think that through the village the limit should be 30 m p h and we’ve been pressing the County Council

**Planning applications** have been commented on. There has not been anything too controversial this year.

**Coastal protection – “sand-scaping”.** Nearly two years on from the deposit of sand on the beach it seems to be working, although not everyone is convinced. The beach always moves to wards Yarmouth. Even though the new sand is “downstream” from Mundesley the beach alongside us is noticeably higher and covering the breakwaters. A sand cliff has formed and has caused concerns that people may fall off it, or walk along the beach and get trapped by the rising tide. We raised this with the District Coiuncil who are considering what warning notices should be put up

F**ootpaths – Yarmouth Way and Sandy Loke** – the County Council have at long last made an order for registration on the definitive map as a public right of way. We are now in the period during which the order is provisional subject to objections

**Playground**  One could say the children’s playground is being a victim of its own success. The Paston community subcommittee having raised an astonishing amount of money and installed brand new state of the art equipment our playground is probably the best in the area. Families are coming to it from quite far afield, which is good, but, which is less good, we have been having problems with litter, and with dogs, who are meant to be banned from the playground

**The Paston in bloom** flower initiative with daffodils now established three years on around the pond and down Bears Road, and along the wall inext to the pont s a mass of wall flowers.

 **The Pond**, has been cleared by Pip Clabon and his team, and now really looks like a traditional village pond. It has more wildlife than ever, ducks, geese, herons and moorhens.