# Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held in St Margaret`s Church, Paston on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Nicholas Bardswell (Chairman), Maggie Brett, Jessel Manricks, Denise McKeough, Dee Holroyd (Clerk). Cllr Ed Maxfield, Ashlee Cotter, resident, John Lawton, resident and Knapton Parish Councillor.

## Apologies for Absence: Pip Clabon, Clive Stockton.

## Co-option of new member of the Parish Council Ashlee Cotter was unanimously co-opted and signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## Declarations of Interest NB item 8

## Cllrs Ed Maxwell had circulated his report. He confirmed that the available road maintenance fund would include village gates. The positions and number of gates needed to be identified. Two pairs of gates, one east of St Margaret`s church and one on the Mundesley side of the Paston Windmill would be required, with `please drive carefully` signs. DM confirmed that Bacton Gas had donated £2,000. The cost of each pair of gates was £2,000 to £2,500. Application to EM fund to be completed by November.

## Minutes of the Meetings held on 5th May: The Annual Parish Council Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed BT, seconded DM. The Annual Village Meeting Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed BT seconded JM.

## Matters Arising:

### Community Speed Watch. Paston had six volunteers awaiting training. John Lawton of Knapton PC asked whether the Knapton volunteers could join forces for training. This was agreed. JL would follow up with the Police.

b) Fallen footpath sign. MB had arranged for a sign to be made and erected, and was congratulated in obtaining a very modest price.

c) Norfolk Sustainable Funding: DM confirmed £950 had been received.

Playground checks and rota. NB would draw up a suitable chart which could be filled in on line by those doing the weekly inspection of the zip-wire. It was agreed that, while inspecting the zip-wire, a walk round the playground to take note of any problems, would also be carried out.

## Parish Councillors` Reports:

JM circulated a map of village roads by the playground and south of Chapel Road. These showed where speed restriction signs were either faded or needed installing. He had reported to Highways. Members agreed that from the pond Pond Road and Bears Road should be one way

DM reported that the plant stand which she and MB had created, had so far raised £797 for the Community Fund. They were congratulated by the PC. Extra planting had also been carried out in the playground. The bed in front of the wall in Pond Road would be replanted.

DM reported a broken mirror at the end of Pond Road. Community Fund money could pay for a replacement, about £40.

NB recorded that the Jubilee event had been a great success with about fifty people at any one time attending. DM commented it had been very hard work, but worth it.

## Churchyard Maintenance: Last year the PC had donated £500. For this year NB to provide an account of recent and intended expenditure on the churchyard , (bench, secure shed, repairs to wall and to lynch gate) A large sum had been raised in grants for the re-ordering inside the church but that could not be spent on the churchyard. However the two individual donors

## could be invited to agree to any left over money being spent on the churchyard. MB suggested that NB obtained a firm quote for mowing. Wild flower area was planned.

## 9. Village Flagpole There were two flagpoles, one by the pond one by the playground which it was felt were important to the village. Flags to be flown, the union flag as at present, a Paston armorial flag and the St Georges flag. Various versions of the Paston flag were looked at on phones, the griffon found favour - DH to source and get quotes. Agreed caution about any flag allied to any particular group in society. BT expressed a wish to fly a gay pride flag on the day of the Norwich march but had to leave without putting the case for it.

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## 10 Finance: The clerk had circulated a cash sheet and bank reconciliation showing a current credit balance of £11,249. Expenditure since the May meeting had been:

Annual Report 35.00

Insurance 337.01

Playground notices 91.00

Clerk/office/Jubilee 326.06

Jubilee 108.66

Jubilee 74.39

NNDC – bin empty 297.90

Clerk/office 280.00

Gordon Brett half year mow 385.00

Knapton Village Hall hire 27.00

Bank charges (3 months) 18.00

## 11 Any Other Busines:

### DH asked whether the village wanted a Textile Bin, currently on offer from NNDC. It was agreed there was no suitable site.

### Trees for the village. Jubilee trees were on offer from NCC. It was agreed an application should go in.

## 12 Date of next Meeting: Thursday 1st September.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 pm