# Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held in

# St Margaret`s Church, Paston on

# Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.00pm

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

1 Apologies for Absence: none

2 Declarations of Interest: none

3 Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton: were not present

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th September:

were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed MB, seconded AC.

5 Matters Arising:

PC Barrie Cresswell had met with a member of the PC and had agreed to drive past the playground on a regular to deter troublemakers. There had been an incident of motorbikes being ridden on the playground.

EM had confirmed £2,000 grant toward cost of village gates

Community Speed Watch training. To be postponed until data collected from the speed machine had been analysed.

Dead tree in Bear`s Road – PC had failed to find it, but would look again.

Alteration of `path` sign by the pond: this had been done but a second sign was needed. AC would try to source one.

NNDC rubbish collection: it was not known if NNDC had added the playing field bins to their round. DH to contact them.

Paston bespoke flag: NB had received a quote for £82 including VAT. NB would ask for a quote for the artwork, which had to be in a particular format.

6 Parish Councillor`s Reports:

DM reported plant sales of £1,224 in just nine months. Costs would have to be taken off.

Moles were a problem on the playing field. It was difficult to find a safe solution. The position to be monitored.

JM was still trying to get the faded 20mph signs in Chapel Road replaced and was in touch with Highways.

7 Planning Application P/F22/1964 – Holiday Village: All agreed that PPC would write to Planning confirming that the objections to the previous application still stand and that the proposed development is of a green open space in an AOB, so against national and NNDC policy. Planning permission would be needed for any permanent use, including the current storage of materials if the current application was refused. A car park would be a tidier alternative than the previous proposals but might still impact on wildlife. It was also believed there was asbestos buried on the site which should be cleared if consent was granted.

The Parish Council had recorded comments of `no objection` to applications at Heath Farm Cottage and Stow Mill Cottage, Paston.

8 Community Transport: this was a scheme, which, for a £10 annual membership fee, offered a subsidised transport service in the area. DH would send details to NB for the website.

9 Trees from NNDC: it was agreed that Paston could accommodate a number of trees. Hornbeam, Oak, Hazel, Birch and Hawthorn were suitable trees. DH to contact NNDC with a view to obtain trees for delivery after November 2023.

10 Finance Report, Budget Approval, Precept setting: A draft budget had been circulated showing an anticipated credit balance in November 2023 of £11,183, £2,000 below the current balance. The budget was accepted, proposed DM, seconded JM, all agreed. Inflation is currently 10% leading to a proposed increase in the Precept of £600. Proposed BT, seconded MB, all agreed.

11 Any Other Business: Gordon Brett had been doing the village mowing to a very high standard for many years. Increasing costs should be taken into consideration and his remuneration increased. GB would be contacted by a parish councillor to discuss this.

12: Date and place of next Meeting: Thursday 5th January 2023 7pm in Knapton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.10pm