**Minutes of a Meeting of Paston Parish Council held in**

**Knapton Village Hall on**

**Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.00pm**

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

1 **Apologies for Absence**: Ashlee Cotter, Pip Claybon, Ed Maxfield, Barrie Cresswell MOD liaison officer.

2 **Declarations of Interest**: MB – item 6

3 **Cllrs Ed Maxwell and Clive Stockton**: were not present. EM had sent a report which DH would circulate.

4 **Minutes** of the Meeting held on Monday 14th November:

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

5 **Matters Arising**:

Norfolk Sustainable Funding Application: had been completed.

Trees from NNDC. It was agreed that DH would ask for 500 mixed trees. Any which

were left over could be given to Paston residents at a coffee morning to be held in Paston church. NB would ask permission for the trees to be delivered to the church.

 Second sign by the pond: DH to ask AC to source.

 Purchase of flag: NB had circulated a proof of the flag. It was agreed he should ask for a second proof showing the word `Paston`. The PC could then make their choice.

6 **Parish Councillors` Reports**:

DM: raised remuneration for Gordon Brett, for mowing: All agreed that GB did a first class job. He lived in the village and could therefore choose to mow when the weather was appropriate. Costs had gone up. An increase from £770 to £850 was agreed. DH would contact GB to check with him that this was acceptable.

The monkey bars in the playground were in a poor state. It was agreed that these should be removed. GB to be asked to do this.

MB suggested Paston should put one or two Christmas trees in the village this year – next Christmas. All agreed.

7 **Planning** Application P/F22/1964 – Holiday Village: NB reported that the period for consultation had been extended until 28th February.

Application PF/22/2910 Rivermount, Hall Lane, Knapton, had been received on the day of the meeting. It was agreed that there were no neighbours affected and the development would be screened from the road. PC would put in a comment of no objection.

**8 Finance Report**: The clerk reported a current credit balance of £12,375. One grant of £500 due from the gas site and should arrive soon. This would make a grant of £2,000 toward the cost of the gates (about £4,000). EM had agreed to meet this from the funding he had available. DH to contact EM. DH asked whether the PC would be happy to use Andy Weston, internal auditor, again. All agreed and DH would ask AW.

**9 Any Other Business**: none

**10**: **Date and place of next Meeting**: Thursday 9th March, 2023 in Knapton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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