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

Held on Thursday 9th March at 7.00 pm in Knapton Village H1all

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

**1** **Apologies for Absence**: Ed Maxfield (NCC)

**2** **Declarations of Interest**: MB item 7

**3** **Ed Maxfield** (NCC): had sent his report: The County Deal consultation and the County Council budget: the main headline from the council budget is that NCCs share of our bills will rise by 4.99% and that they have avoided real headline grabbing cuts to services. There are some changes to the mobile library service which were emailed previously and to the recycling centre opening times, to be confirmed.

**4** **Barrie Cresswell** (MOD police) reported that there had been thefts of catalytic converters for their content of precious metals, from cars. He advised parking cars close to a fence and keeping an eye out for anyone apparently `working` on a parked car. The presence of MOD patrols in the area was a deterrent.

**5** **Minutes** of the Meeting held on Thursday 5th Janaury: were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed BT, seconded MB.

**6** **Matters Arising**:

The vandalised flag poles were discussed. It was agreed that a new security camera would be purchased for the playground area, cost of a Garde Pro about £70. The existing camera could be used to cover the pond area.

**7** **Parish Councillor`s Reports:**

DM reported that the trees had been delivered and that she and AC had had a very successful day distributing them, receiving £105 in donations. There were some left, mostly oaks. The trees supplied were of good quality, as were the guards. DM and MB would recommence plant sales when the weather warmed.

BT reported that leaflets, with information for local visitors, had been put in the church.

NB reported that the Holiday Village planning application, to which the PPC had objected, had been refused

**8** **Mowing quote** Confirmation of acceptance of of Gordon Brett`s quote for current year (£850, an increase of £70 on 2022).

**9** **Coronation**: plans and costings: A Paston celebration would likely be a re- run of the jubilee celebration last year which had been a success but had been a lot of work, which nobody was keen to take on once more. Knapton were organising celebrations which Paston could join.

**10** **Purchase of camera** for flag pole area: see item 6. A laminated sign would need to go up if a camera was placed covering the pond area.

**11** **Finance**: the clerk reported a current credit balance of £12,000. This included grant money of £2,000 for the purchase of one pair of gates for the village. Ed Maxfield had agreed to fund the second pair out of his road safety allowance. DH to ask him to go ahead with the purchase and siting of two pairs of gates in the agreed positions.

**12** N**omination papers** for May 4th election: completed forms were given to DH who would take these to NNDC on 22nd March.

**13** **Any Other Business**:

DM asked PC whether he would be happy for a duck platform to be placed in the centre of his pond, paid for from funding raised by DM for the village. PC agreed, the PPC approved, and a suitable platform was discussed.

NB announced that come July he would have been chairman of Paston PC for six years and he believed it would be good for the Council if someone else took it on.

14 **Date of next Meeting**: Thursday 25th May at Paston Church.

**The Meeting closed** at 8.05pm