Wacton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Wacton Village Hall on Friday 20th March 2020

Present: - Chair: Calvin Goreham. Councillors, Peter Jacques. Piers Blaikie. Ian Mortimer.

Due to Covid-19 and Government advice on Social distancing no members of the public were in attendance. The meeting was very brief and had been called to agree appropriate emergency delegation to allow the Councils essential business such as decisions on maintenance/payments of invoices to continue if during the Pandemic situation the Council are unable to meet or are required to cancel public meetings.

1. To consider apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Paul Muston. All agreed to accept.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2020:

The minutes were agreed with one small alteration as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Proposed. Peter Jacques Seconded. Ian Mortimer

3. Coronavirus - To agree a resolution to delegate to the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Parish Council to agree for decisions/Payments to be agreed via email during the period of restricted activity due to the Coronavirus.

The following Emergency Delegation Scheme was agreed.

The Parish Councillors agreed to delegate the Parish Council decisions to the Clerk along with guidance from The Chairman, Vice Chairman and all Councillors during the period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic. Such delegation is to enable the Council to fulfill its responsibilities to its residents and to undertake any essential maintenance, payment for invoices/wages and to ensure public safety always. All decisions will be made by either telephone or electronic means for the near future. The delegated authority will be ceased by a decision of the Council at a meeting when it is considered no longer necessary.

Proposed Peter Jacques Seconded Ian Mortimer

4. Authorization of Cheques:

• Cheques were authorized as follows:

Parish Clerk Salary and Expenses for March tbc

Payment to Playground Inspection

Company for annual inspection of Play Area £81.00

Payment to Norfolk Parish Training

and Support for annual subscription £175.10

The council agreed to appoint Anne Barnes as Internal auditor for 2019-2020

The Parish Council was in good financial health.

Proposed. Peter Jacques Seconded. Ian Mortimer

Next Parish Council Meeting to be confirmed

Meeting ended 7.10 pm.