

# **Wacton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held via Zoom**

**At 7pm on Wednesday 4th November 2020**

**Present: - Chair: Calvin Goreham. Councillors, Paul Muston, Piers Blaikie, Ian Mortimer, Peter Jacques, County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Barry Duffin.**

**No members of the public were present**

**The clerk informed everyone in attendance that the meeting was being recorded**

## **Public Participation.**

No public participation at the meeting

### **1. To consider apologies for absence.**

No Apologies were received.

### **2. To receive any disclosures of Interest.**

None Received

### **3. To discuss keeping the delegated authority with the Clerk and Chairman.**

The Clerk asked if the council wished to carry on with the delegated authority to allow urgent decisions to be made via email. It was agreed to keep the delegated authority till March 2021.

Proposed Ian Mortimer.                      Seconded Paul Muston.

### **4. To approve the minutes from the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via zoom.**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Paul Muston.                      Seconded Ian Mortimer.

### **5. To consider matters arising from the last minutes (for information only).**

None reported

### **6. To receive a report from the County Councillor.**

Alison commented that it was great to see everyone again and apologised that the footpath issues had not been dealt with in a more urgent way and also assured the

Parish Council that she will undertake to look into this as soon as possible with the agencies concerned.

Alison also commented that the Long Stratton Bypass was moving forward and that she had attended various meetings with agencies on this. Alison also commented that we may have seen lots of work around Long Stratton on this regarding archeological works in areas.

Finally, Alison commented that the figures for children in our area that needed some help had dropped below 1000 for the first time and she was incredibly pleased that this.

**7. To receive a report from the District Councillor.**

The District Councillors report is attached to these minutes as appendix 1

**8. To receive the footpath wardens report.**

The footpath wardens detailed, and long report is attached to these minutes as appendix 2

**9. To receive a report from the Tree Warden.**

The fallen tree branch that occurred during the recent storm had been removed by the East of England Tree Surgeons.

**10. To receive a report from the Village Hall committee.**

Calvin reported that the damage caused to the Village Hall by the grass cutting contractors was being repaired by the contractor and that they will complete the final repairs this weekend.

Peter reported that he had been unable to do the necessary work to the stream outside the village hall and he would undertake to do it in 2021.

**11. To consider Planning application.**

All planning applications had been dealt with via the delegated authority scheme using email and the objections placed on the planning applications by The Clerk.

**12. Correspondence.**

Again, all the correspondence had been logged and sent to Councillors via the delegated authority scheme.

**13. Authorization of Cheques.**

Payment of Clerks monthly salary and Expenses	£447.33
Payment to Clerk for Zoom Contract	£143.88
Payment to Country Grounds maintenance for Grass Cutting	£356.20



Public Participation

No items discussed

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Next Parish Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December.