

Wacton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held via Zoom

At 7pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

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

3 members of the public were present.

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 approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2021 via Zoom.

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

Proposed. Peter Jacques. Seconded. Ian Mortimer.

4. To consider matters arising from the last minutes (for information only).

None reported.

Item 10 was moved up the agenda at the request of The Chairman.

10. To discuss the issues with flooding at Victoria Cottages.

Standing orders were suspended to allow parishioners to speak on this issue.

The Chairman gave a summary on the issues regarding the recent flooding at Victoria Cottages and detailed the proposal that Councillors would need to vote on.

Two Parishioners gave detailed reports on the flooding and ideas on what could and should be done in the future to stop further flooding recurring. It was agreed after much discussion to vote on the proposal detailed by the Chairman.

PROPOSAL

Wacton Parish Council will support all measures that are agreed with all parties to ensure the flooding issue is dealt with.

All Councillors voted and agreed with the proposal.

It was also agreed that The Clerk would contact County Councillor Alison Thomas to inform her of the proposal and ask for her assistance.

Standing orders re-instated

5. To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Councillor Alison Thomas did not attend the meeting and had not send a report.

6. To receive a report from the District Councillor.

Barry Duffin reported that the Long Stratton Help Hub was still working to assist parishioners and that it was only a phone call away.

Barry also reported that South Norfolk District Council have 21 people trained by The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital to assist with administering the Covid-19 Vaccines.

Barry also commented that although many grants had been given out to help companies that had suffered financially due to the pandemic, other grants were still available. He urged affected companies to contact him for details via The Clerk.

7. To receive the Footpath Wardens report.

The Footpath Warden did not have a report for the meeting.

8. To receive a report from the Tree Warden.

Peter Jacques commented that he had nothing to report for the meeting.

9. To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee.

Peter Jacques commented that he had nothing to report for the meeting.

11. To consider Planning applications.

Planning applications received by The Parish Council.

2020/0034	No Comment
2020/0035	No Comment
2020/0080	No Comment

12. Correspondence.

All correspondence had been logged and sent to Councillors via the delegated authority scheme.

13. Authorisation of Cheques.

Payment of Clerks monthly salary and expenses	£470.81
Payment to Norfolk Pension Service	
For Clerks pension	£153.76
Payment to Calvin Goreham for Clerks mobile phone	£159.00
Payment to PKF Littlejohn for audit charge	£48.00
Payment to Peter Jacques for generator service	£85.00
Payment to Garden Landscape Services	£795.00
Plusnet broadband service D/D	£28.20

Proposed: Peter Jacques. Seconded: Ian Mortimer.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was in good financial health and produced an up-to-date financial report.

14. Report of ongoing matters.

- **Woodland Project**

Peter Jacques reported that Garden Landscape Services had completed the work on the pond and in the Woodland Project. He asked the Clerk to forward his thanks for an excellent job done.

- **Children's multi-play equipment.**

The Clerk had forwarded two quotes to all Councillors to review. It was agreed that further action would be put on hold until the Covid-19 pandemic was in abeyance. Barry Duffin asked The Chairman to forward details of all the costs to him so he could look at possible funding for the project via the Saffron Housing Trust. The Clerk reported that at present all grants he could find were only Covid-19 related.

- **County Broadband and Installation of Boxes**

Calvin Goreham reported that he had been told by County Broadband that they were currently running 3-4 months behind schedule and he would update the Council once he had more information. The Clerk reported that he had cancelled the Plusnet contract for the parish office as requested by the council.

- **Good Neighbour Scheme**

Piers Blaikie had forwarded a draft document to all Councillors via email and a discussion ensued on the makeup of the scheme. It was agreed that although it was not practical to pursue the scheme at the present time, the Clerk would contact our County Councillor to find out how best to obtain a comprehensive and up to date list from Norfolk County Council showing all the 24hr contact details for the various agencies which might need to be contacted in the event of emergency. The Clerk would then forward the details to Piers Blaikie to review how best to make the list available for users.

15. To receive details of Parish speed watch group.

The group were currently not operating due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Paul Muston asked that The Clerk contact the coordinator of the scheme for updates before each meeting.

16. To discuss the need for new Parish Councillors.

Paul Muston had produced a flyer for this but needed the clerks new phone number to finalise the poster. Once he had this, he will undertake to hand deliver the leaflets to all houses in Wacton. One of the parishioners on the zoom meeting will be sent information on becoming a Councillor.

17. Matters raised by Councillors and members of the public (for information only)

Ian Mortimer asked if the Long Stratton Leisure Centre could be used as a local vaccination Centre as local people were having to travel many miles to get vaccinated and it was felt this would be a good option. Barry Duffin replied he did not know why but would ask the question as other Centre's were coming on stream soon.

18. Items for next Agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting 3rd March 2021 at 7pm.