THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of Tharston and Hapton Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.00pm

Mr Alan Arber (clerk)

In Attendance: Mr Nick Potter Mr Victor Blake Mr David Gunton Mrs Jenna Goodall Browne Mr Tim Ward Mr Graham Bleach

Public Participation– County and District Council reports can also be received during this time. (10 minutes maximum).

Alison Thomas gave the following report.

Alison reported that she had been affected by the recent flooding and was only contactable via her Work email. Alison also reported that the major agencies had met on the flooding issues and anyone that has experienced flooding is welcome to email her as she will be collating all the emails on this. Also, Alison recommended that anyone who has had serious issues should email <u>water.management@norfolk.gov.uk</u> for assistance. Alison also reported that an extra £100,000 had been set aside to assist parishioners who had suffered. Finally, Alison urged all parishioners to not be going out unless absolutely necessary as the COVID-19 issue was very prevalent in our area.

Barry reported that the early help hub in Long Stratton was working extra hours to help everyone in these trying times around Covid. They were experiencing many issues with the main one now being the supply of food to parishioners that needed it. Barry also commented that the flooding had subsided but urged to keep an eye out for issues that are unreported at present.

Finally, Barry also commented around the COVID-19 issues that he felt people were fed up with lockdowns but urged them all to stay at home and follow the guidance from government.

1. Apologies

No apologies received.

 Minutes – To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th December 2020 via Zoom. Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Nick Potter Seconded David Gunton

3. Declarations of interests

None Declared

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4. Planning

• Planning Application 2020/2380 was discussed and the Parish Council makes No comment.

5. Finance –

- To approving the following invoices for payment:
- To approve Payment to Parish Clerk Alan Arber for December salary and expenses £614.97
- To approve payment to Norfolk pension Fund for Clerks Pension £206.57
- To approve payment to Gary Bentley for Village maintenance £180.00
- To approve payment to Wacton PC for shared software costs £49.50
- To approve payment to GLS for work on Hapton Project £7902.00
- Clerk also produced a Financial report and that showed the council to be in good financial health.
- To agree the proposed budget for 2021-2022
- To approve precept figure of £23,625.00 Proposed Victor Blake Seconded Nick Potter
- 6. Highways to receive any updates regarding highways and footpaths.
 - Highway issues

Three parishioners had contacted the clerk on issues around flooding in Tharston and these had all been reported to highways.

Chairman Nick Potter asked the Clerk to contact Highways and thank them for all their hard work around our parish the last few months and the clerk also commented that we have a good working relationship with Highways.

- To discuss the Proposed Long Stratton new development David Gunton commented that there was nothing to report.
- 7. To receive an update on the following current issues and to consider any necessary actions:
 - Tree warden's Report No report
 - Footpath Issues Nothing reported.
 - Village maintenance

We have now received the grant payment from Norfolk County Council that was donated by Alison Thomas for the renovation of the old road signs that Gary Bentley is currently undertaking.

A question was asked on the changes to the verge cutting and the clerk commented he would email all councillors on this issue for their thoughts. Chairman Nick Potter commented that as long as it did not affect safety of drivers, he was okay with it. It was agreed after a discussion that some councillors were unhappy with the entrance to the new field as they felt it hindered disabled parishioners from accessing the field. The chairman agreed to speak to GLS on this.

It was agreed The Clerk would email the rights of way officer as nothing had been heard regarding the old gates on Hapton Meadow.

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8. To receive an update on the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

The email of our resolution on this has been sent to Long Stratton Town Council.

9. To receive and update on the Hapton land purchase

The Clerk reported that South Norfolk Council had agreed that the Parish Council could use the remaining CIL monies as long as we provided a good business plan on the project. It was agreed that The Clerk and David Gunton would put together a draft project plan for all councillors to see and then a special meeting would be held on the project and it was agreed it must not be rushed and done correctly. It was also agreed that Grants would be looked at when they become available.

10. To discuss Parish Projects

Newsletter

The Spring newsletter is currently being worked on and it would include a questionnaire for parishioners to reply to on the make up of the new field project. The Clerk will work with Councillor Tim ward on this.

- Sam Machine Still being moved around the parish by Vic but due to Covid we are unable to download.
- Phone box
 Potential sites to be looked at for the siting of the phone box in Tharston
 Meadows area
- Parish Councillors/Clerk training Clerk reported that he had written 13 of the 30 learning orders and has now received his log in details to start submitting his work.
- Village Hall Fundraising ideas No Comments on this
- The Vision No Comments on this
- New Community Area Funding ideas No comments on this
- WW2
 - No Comments on this
- Surveyors Land A detailed discussion took part on this issue and it was agreed The Chairman would speak with the Tenant to find out his thoughts on keeping the tenancy or handing it back to The Parish Council

11. To discuss Speeding in the Parish and the setting up of a Parish Speed watch group

The Speed watch group have all been cleared to participate but due to Covid the initial training was still to take place.

12. Public Participation (10 minutes) No Comments

13. To receive items for the next agenda.

Internet banking Surveyors land S106 Obligations in Tharston Meadows Meeting finished at 8.04pm Next meeting TBC