SOMERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: R Starling (Chairman) T Jones

D Crane B Barker J Clift I Wright

G Lack (Clerk)

The Chairman also welcomed Borough Councillors J Bensly and N Galer, County Councillor R Hanton and T Harper and R Neve (Flegg CLT) and 1 resident

- 1. To consider apologies for absence. Apologies were received from R Walters
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None
- 3. To consider a motion to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public and the Borough/County Councillors the opportunity to inform the meeting: -

Public discussion – 15 minutes allowed.

- An email had been received on the same day as the meeting regarding St Mary's ruined church. A resident further informed of damage to the ruins, litter, abuse to householders, trespass and parking problems. It was noted that Winterton Parochial Church Council and Burnley Group Partnership intended to fence part of the wooded area and the north and south entrances to the church for Health & Safety reasons. This would be carried out before the Easter influx of visitors. It was further noted that a posts and rope fence had been erected on the public highway but it was not clear who had done this but in any case NCC Highways should have been informed. It was agreed that this matter would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting to be held on 4th May 2021 to allow consultation to take place with other parishioners.
- Report from Borough Councillors/County Councillor if present
 It was noted that Borough and County Councillors were keeping the Parish Council up-to-date with matters of interest.
 - Cllr Bensly noted that there were pictures on line of the new Marina Centre; there were further Covid grants available.
 - Cllr Galer noted that Hemsby had been in discussion about coastal defences during the last week.
 - Cllr Hanton noted that the 3rd river crossing was up and running and Lord Danner had been appointed to head up the flooding alliance.

Reopening of the meeting:-

- 5. Report from the PCSO if present. None present but reports and newsletters had been circulated.
- 6. To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 5th January, 2nd February and 18th February 2021. Cllr Clift proposed that the minutes be

- approved and this was seconded by Cllr Jones and unanimously agreed by all Councilors present.
- 7. To report matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda, for information only.
 - a. Item 13. Church Lane damage to verge and hedge. It was noted that the hedge had been cut and the mud cleared on the road opposite the war memorial and thanks were given to Sean Shepherd for volunteering to do this work.

8. Accounts

a. To review year-to-date position. The clerk noted that this had already been circulated.

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	£	£	£
Grass Cutting	1,025.00	839.50	185.50
Village Hall Hire	100.00	-	100.00
Insurance	300.00	340.64	- 40.64
Clerk Salary	1,000.00	1,239.00	- 239.00
Clerk Expenses	250.00	-	250.00
Bus Shelter	250.00	- 250.00	500.00
Admin	82.00	139.03	- 57.03
Church	760.00	760.00	-
Total	3,767.00	3,068.17	698.83
Opening Balance		6,220.11	
Add: receipts		4,142.34	
Less: payments (inc VAT)		- 2,571.31	
Movement on community account		- 618.48	
Closing Balance			7,172.66

b. To agree payments in accordance with the budget. This had already been circulated. Cllr Jones proposed that the payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Clift and unanimously agreed by all councillors present.

Payee	Cheque No	Amount
G Lack	821	198.40
HMRC	822	49.40
G Lack expenses ink cartridges and stamps	823	46.61
		294.41

- c. The Chairman noted that the Borough Council had been contacted to clarify why there were 6 less properties contributing to Council Tax payments in the next financial year which would result in an increase in tax for all other properties. An update would be given at the next meeting.
- 9. Spring Litter Pick To agree dates. It was agreed that this would take place on the 13th and 14th March. The normal caveats about Health & Safety apply.
- 10. Provision of Traffic Direction Sign at Junction with Cottage/Horsey Road R Starling. After discussion it was decided that there was no support for additional road signage as it was felt there were already enough signs in place.
- 11. (a) Coronation Lane/Mill Lane. Permissive path/access update. The Council was awaiting further news on a proposed link between Coronation Lane and Mill Lane. This would be permissive access by foot only and would depend on landowner approval.
 - (b) Low Road Repairs to track (Rights of Way Somerton 12/Winterton 7. Improvements were still awaited although it was noted that the worse stretch concerned the section of track in Winterton.
- 12. Flegg Community Land Trust Somerton 2019/20 survey results. To agree next steps. It was agreed that a sub-committee of 2 councillors would represent the Parish Council at Community Land Trust meetings and report back to the Parish Council to consider and approve possible future actions. It was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Wright that Cllrs Clift and Starling would form the sub-committee and this agreed by all councillors present.
- 13. Upper Thurne Working Group next meeting by zoom Friday 19th March at 10.00am. Cllr Starling would attend and had already raised one item with the Broads Authority about their weed cutting regime.
- 14. Matters Dealt with since Last Meeting
 - a. SAM2 sign moved from Horsey to Winterton Road. Will be moved to the Martham Road shortly.
 - b. Mud and hedge cuttings cleared at War Memorial. Already discussed.
- 15. Cleaning out roadside grips Update R Starling. It was noted that nothing had happened so far. It was agreed to send a letter to the County Council to

- progress this and also that the catch pits needed to be cleaned out properly. Proposed by Cllr Clift, seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously agreed by all councillors present.
- 16. Property enquiry at Somerton Parish Staithe. The council agreed not to comment on this enquiry since many of the questions pertained to issues which should be dealt with by search procedures. However, it was agreed to forward the email to The Staithe and Boat Dyke Charity Trustees who administer this area for comment on anything pertaining to the staithe in relation to the water side of the staithe only.

17. Correspondence

Date	Sender	Details	Action Taken/to be Taken
27.2.21	Norfolk Police	Community Update	Circulated
26.2.21	UTWG	Next meeting 19.3.21 10.00 a.m.	Circulated
22.2.21	GYBC	Vacancy for Board member	Circulated
19.2.21	Norfolk Police	Newsletters various	Circulated
18.2.21	Gary May	Rural Flegg Villages newsletters	Circulated
18.2.21	Gary May	Op Randall Rural Crime newsletters	Circulated
11.2.21	UTWG	Info re BFI virtual exhibition	Circulated
11.2.21	ВА	Upgrade to Public Access System in March	Circulated
11.2.21	John Packman BA	BFI - virtual village hall events	Circulated
11.2.21	Secretary Flegg CLT	Invitation to meeting 16.2.21	Circulated
12.1.21	BA Administrative Officer	Vacancies for volunteers on BA Access Forum	Circulated
6.1.21	Highways	Highway Inspection Parish Visit Circulated commencing 1.2.21	

There have been many emails regarding Covid-19 which I have circulated but which I have not included on this list.

- 18. Items for next agenda
 - a. St Mary's ruined church
 - b. Antisocial behaviour on Horsey Road
- Date of next meetings Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Tuesday 4th May 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.27.