

SOMERTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JULY 2021 AT THE STAITHE
HORSEY ROAD, SOMERTON AT 7.00 P.M.

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| Present: | R Starling (Chair) | R Walters (Vice Chair after election) |
| | B Barker | J Clift |
| | D Crane | I Wright |
| | T Jones | G Lack (clerk) |

The Chairman welcomed 6 residents to the meeting as well as Cllr James Bensly who is now Borough and County Councillor. Apologies had been received from Cllr Galer. The Chairman paid tribute to Shirley Weymouth who died on the 28th May. Shirley was previously both Borough Councillor and Mayor of Great Yarmouth. The Chairman thanked the Staithe Trustees for use of the staithe for the meeting as it had not proved possible to open the village hall.

1. Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Clift proposed Cllr Walters. This was seconded by Cllr Crane and agreed by all Councillors.
2. To consider apologies for absence. None
3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Crane declared an interest in Item 13 The Pyghtle, Sandy Lane - Complaint to Parish Council on 20th May 2021
4. **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.
5. Report from Borough Councillors/County Councillor – if present. Cllr Bensley gave thanks to Cllr Hanton who had previously been county councillor representing East Flegg. Cllr Bensly advised the meeting of the following:
 - Starting from the west of the county, resurfacing would commence on rural roads and highways.
 - Winter gritting routes would be considered
 - The Parish Council was asked to consider roadside maintenance and verge cutting at its next meeting.
 - All road safety issues would be considered at the Parish Council meeting in September.

Residents Discussion

- A request that Staithe Road be swept along its whole length and not just starting at the farm;

- Concern was expressed that there was no footpath along Collis Lane and asked if there could be a concessionary route which didn't go through Coronation Lane. It was noted that a new route from Coronation Lane to Mill Lane was already on the agenda.
- All seat benches had been refurbished and minor repairs carried out where necessary.

reopening of the meeting:-

6. Report from the PCSO – if present. A motorcyclist had been reported to the police for using the Sandy Lane to Damgate footpath
7. To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 4th May 2021 (Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council) and 8th June 2021 (Special Planning). Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Cliff and agreed by all members of the council and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman
8. To report matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda, for information only
 - a. A sign had been put up in Low Road advising it was a restricted byway.
9. Accounts
 - a. To review year-to-date position.

| | Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Grass Cutting | 1,025.00 | 94.5 | 930.5 |
| Village Hall Hire | 100 | - | 100 |
| Insurance | 300 | 349.36 | -49.36 |
| Clerk Salary | 1,000.00 | 247.8 | 752.2 |
| Clerk Expenses | 250 | - | 250 |
| Bus Shelter | 250 | - | 250 |
| Admin | 82 | 169.03 | -87.03 |
| Church | 760 | - | 760 |
| Total | 3,767.00 | 860.69 | 2,906.31 |
| Opening Balance | | 6,878.27 | |
| Add: receipts | | 2,071.00 | |
| Less: payments (inc VAT) | | -860.69 | |
| Movement on community account | | -745 | |
| Closing Balance | | | 7,343.58 |
| Balance per Bank Statement as at 28.05.21 | | | 7343.58 |

- b. To agree payments in accordance with the budget. It was proposed by Cllr Barker that the following cheques be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Crane and agreed by all councillors.

| Payee | Cheque No | Description | Amount |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|---------|
| | | | £ |
| D Hobbs | 831 | Seat Benches | 745 |
| G Lack | 832 | clerk salary | 168.6 |
| HMRC | 833 | clerk salary | 29.8 |
| R Bird | 834 | grass | 378 |
| Somerton Staithe | 835 | Wayleave | 11.92 |
| | | | 1333.32 |

- c. Invitation for quotes to sand and varnish notice board. It was agreed that this should go out to tender.
- d. Reimbursement to Somerton Staithe of Wayleave money (see cheques for approval). Noted
- e. Payment to D Hobbs for bench refurbishment. Agreed to pay ahead of the meeting by email approval (see cheques for approval). Noted

10. Planning Applications and Decisions

- a. Application: BA/2021/0196/TPOA. Site Location: The Grange, Cottage Road, Somerton, Proposal: T1-4: Sycamore - fell. T5-7: Lime - height reduction to 10m and reduction of crown spread to 8m. T8: Sycamore - coppice. T9-11: Poplar - fell. T12-15: Sycamore - coppice. No objection
- b. 06/21/0534/F. Extra new bedroom and living area, remodelling of front window and additional windows to the side elevation. The White House, Manor Farm Road. No objection.
- c. Decision: 06/21/0140/F. Demolition of garden room; erection of ground and first floor extension with feature landing window/gable over. Hall Farm Cottage Hall Farm Horsey Road West Somerton. **Approved**

11. Footpath No.9 (Winterton Holmes Road) - Hazardous tree branch - To request landowner to remove branch - I.Wright. It was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Walters that the landowner should be contacted again to remove this branch as it was dangerous. This was agreed by all councillors present.

12. Horsey Road / Common Road junction - Danger to pedestrians on bend - To request further road signs warning of danger - B.Barker. This proposal was not supported by the Council as it was felt that there were already too many road signs in the village. It would, however, be considered at the next meeting as part of the agenda item dealing with road safety.
13. The Pyghtle, Sandy Lane - Complaint to Parish Council on 20th May 21 concerning;
 - a). Nursery business operating without planning permission. Update from Broads Authority.
 - b). Felling of trees on site without authorisation (Conservation area designation). Update from Broads Authority.
 - c). Planting of conifers on highway verge (east side of Sandy Lane) Update from County Council.

It was noted that the Broads Authority had given the business owner 3 months notice, expiring at the end of August 2021, to find alternative premises. With regard to removal of trees it was noted that these were mostly laurel and no further action would be taken. The trees planted on the verge had now been removed.

It was noted that a polytunnel had been erected but no response had yet been received from the Broads Authority with regard to planning.
14. Collis Lane - Litter & fly tipping at Telecommunications site - To request landowner to clear site of fly tipped rubbish etc and to fence off site to prevent further fly tipping. - R.Starling. It was noted that the site had been cleared recently during the litter pick but flytipping was always a problem. It was proposed by Cllr Wright that the landowner be asked to keep the area clear of rubbish and to consider erecting a fence to make parking more difficult. This was seconded by Cllr Crane and agreed by all Councillors present.
15. Access along wind turbine track (Coronation Lane to Mill Lane, Martham F.P. No.21) - Update from Ecotricity. Discussions continue with Ecotricity, owners of the large wind turbine, for a permissive path to give access by foot from Coronation Lane to Mill Farm (Martham Footpath No 2). The County Council would be contacted regarding establishing permissive footpath status. With regard to the health and safety concerns raised by Ecotricity, it was noted that the likelihood of someone being hit by ice falling on them was extremely low. There was no agreement for the Parish Council to fund the erection of a fence.
16. Flegg Community Land Trust - Sub Committee Update on Affordable Housing proposals - J.Cliff & R.Starling It was agreed that Cllrs Starling and Cliff would contact FCLT with a proposal to provide 2 affordable properties in the village for rental purposes, one 3 bedroom starter home and one 2 bedroom

bungalow. The properties would remain in the ownership of FCLT and need not be new builds but could be existing properties that needed refurbishment.

17. Matters dealt with since last meeting;
- a) 2 cases of fly tipping, Horsey Road.
 - b). SAM2 road sign changed location.
 - c). Footpath No.5 (The Street/Horsey Road) Broken fence posts & overhanging vegetation. It was noted that the landowner had now repaired the fence.
18. Reinstatement of path/verge to Bus Shelter alongside Primary House - R.Starling. It was noted that there had never been a path there but that Highways would be contacted to assess whether a footpath could be created as it was used frequently by school children.
19. Correspondence

| Date | Sender | Details | Action Taken/to be Taken |
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| 5.7 | Cllr Galer | Guided Heritage Walks resumes | Circulated |
| 5.7 | Cllr Bensly | Event notification form | Circulated |
| various | Cllr Bensly | NCC Updates | Circulated |
| 3.7 | Cllr Bensly | Pothole prevention work underday | Circulated |
| 3.7 | Cllr Bensly | Broadband coverage | Circulated |
| 30.6 | Cllr Bensly | Mobile library service | Circulated |
| 29.6 | Parish Partnership | Invitation for bids highways 2022/23 | Circulated |
| 28.6 | UTWG | Update | Circulated |
| 24.6 | Norfolk Constabulary | June newsletter | Circulated |
| 19.6 | GYBC | Community Champions programme | Circulated |
| 22.6 | Rachel Crisp | Improving Diversity conference | Circulated |
| 14.6 | NCC | Queen's Platinum Jubilee beacons | Circulated |
| 10.6 | Cllr Bensly | New number to report flooding | Circulated |
| 9.6 | Rivers Trust | Invitation to workshop | Circulated |
| various | NALC | Bulletins | Circulated |
| 9.6 | Norfolk Coast Partnership | newsletter | Circulated |
| 3.6 | Cllr Bensly | New Deputy Lieutenant announced | Circulated |
| 28.5 | Cllr Bensly | A47 Acle Straight petition | Circulated |
| 28.5 | Cllr Bensly | Litter now accepted at Recycling Centre | Circulated |

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| 28.5 | Water for Tomorrow | Information about event | Circulated |
| 26.5 | NCC | Call for foster carers | Circulated |
| 25.5 | GYBC | Cllr Hacon to become Mayor | Circulated |
| 14.5 | NACC Wellbeing | Letter from Chairman Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance | Circulated |
| 12.5 | Norfolk Local Access Forum | Volunteer vacancies | Circulated |
| 11.5 | NCC | Local Government Boundary Commission | Circulated |
| 10.5 | BA | Update | Circulated |
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There have been many emails regarding Covid-19 which I have circulated but which I have not included on this list.

20. Items for next agenda
 - a. Road safety
 - b. Access along Coronation Lane
21. Date of next meeting 7th September 2021

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.07