

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19 November 2020**

**Held Virtually via Zoom**

**Present:** David Goodman (Chair)      Mark Tudor      Kay Hipperson  
             Peter Markham                Philip Quinn      Nicola LeDain (Clerk)

**Others**      Cllr Adrian Dearnley (District Councillor) and Cllr David Bills (County Councillor)

**Present:**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received Phil Hardy (District Councillor).

**2. Interests**

There were no interests declared.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman; subject adding 'concern' after major at 8.1.

**4. To receive reports from County/District Councillors/Police and Public Questions**

- 4.1 County Cllr, David Bills reported that the plans for the Thickthorn roundabout had changed. He also explained technology that was being used to help identify where in the County to send gritters and to help farmers with moisture levels.
- 4.2 The District Councillor reported that the Gypsy site had been closed and was considered unsafe. The planning application at Harts Lane was refused on 23 September and the application at Hockering land had not been called in, but was approved with conditions on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Council's Environment Report – Recycling Initiatives – was being discussed at the first Environment Committee meeting.
- 4.3 The Police report was **NOTED**.

**5. Previously reported items**

**5.1 *Gypsies and Travellers Short Stay Site***

The short stay site had remained close. The Chairman was physically and verbally assaulted in helping to deal with the illegal encampment of the travellers on the Village Hall car park. It was reported the family concerned could be offered alternative accommodation or a plot on a permitted site, Sam Porter, developer of the site next to the Village Hall, would help by blocking the entrance of the Village Hall as they were no events taking place due to Covid-19.

**5.2 *Boundary Review***

There was no update due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**5.3 *Norwich Western Link project***

The next meeting was scheduled in December.

**5.4 *Hornsea Project***

This was minded to be approved by the Secretary of State allowing further information from the applicant. The deadline was now December.

**6. Highways**

- 6.1 The Council discussed at length the recent installation of the chicanes on Stocks Hill to help prevent speeding traffic through the Village. There was obvious disappointment with how the chicanes had been installed compared to the initial plans. Discussions were continuing with the Highway Engineer about the initiatives and it was hoped the conversation would continue into 2021 to help rectify and improve the measures.
- 6.2 Thanks were given to Adrian Dearnley, David Bills and Phil Hardy with their donations to the calming measures.
- 6.3 The Chairman had spoken to Mark Alison who owns the adjacent land that Hockering Lane Hedge was located on. The Chairman was waiting for a copy of the definitive map and would then pick up the issue again.

**7. Newly reported items**

- 7.1 Norfolk County Council were consulting on their budget and encouraged residents to respond.
- 7.2 There had been a voluntary offer of a refurbishment of the Village sign, which the Parish Council were very grateful to receive.

**8. Planning**

- 8.1 There were no new planning applications to consider.

**9. Finance**

- 9.1 The following payments were **AGREED** and the cheques signed:  
Nicola Ledain: October, November: £488.66 plus £20 expenses  
Poppy Wreath: £15
- 9.2 £250 had been received since the last meeting as the adopter payment from South Norfolk Council for the recycling centre.

**10. Comments from individual Council members (for information only)**

- 10.1 The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee were thinking of putting up a Christmas tree at the front of the Village Hall. Although at this stage it was unknown whether it would be done for this year or next.

**11. Items for next meeting**

Budget and precept setting

**12. The date for the next meeting was confirmed as follows;**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Finished at 9.15pm