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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held online on Monday 7th September 2020 at 7.00 pm.
(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair), Paul Strowlger, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Brown — clerk.

There were two members of the public present: Keith Jarvis, Sam Perks.

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Welcome & Apologies - apologies from Peter Larcombe, Gayle Welsh.

2. Declaration of Interest - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. Judith Hobbs declared an interest in Blacksmiths Loke although this project is now completed and there are no further decisions to be made.

3. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 3rd August 2020 were proposed and seconded.

4. Flooding on Back Lane – Keith Jarvis gave an explanation of the situation on Back Lane and a conversation took place regarding this. It was agreed that maintenance work is needed on the drains and ditches. ESC highways will be contacted regarding the drains and a working party will be formed to address the ditches. There are also some large potholes that need attention and these will also be reported to highways via the ESC website.

5. Updates –

- **Neighbourhood Planning Update** – A meeting of the neighbourhood planning committee took place last week and any final work is in hand. The grant for neighbourhood planning consultancy has been approved.
- **Progress with Blacksmiths Loke** – This work has now been completed. Members of The Parish Council, County Councillors, Sam Perks (building contractor), and residents met on site prior to the Parish Council meeting. All agreed that a very good job had been done and that the road surface is much improved. This will also benefit walkers who use the road as part of the footpath route. There was some flooding following excessively heavy rainfall and ESC highways will be contacted to request clearance of the drains. Thanks were expressed to Sam Perks for the excellent work, to the District and County Councillors for the grants, to local residents for their financial contributions, and to Miles Thomas for his enthusiasm and hard work in making it happen.
- **Speed Camera Whereabouts** – It has not yet been possible to trace the whereabouts of the speed camera. Further enquiries will be made at the next Northern Parishes meeting.
- **Litter Pick and Mardle Clean Up** – The litter Pick is scheduled for 26th September – weather permitting – and the Parish Council have been approved for a grant of £250 to purchase equipment as it is not possible to use the equipment provided by Norse at this time (due to Covid-19 guidelines). Miles will create a poster for distribution.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

There has been some fly tipping in the village. This can be reported on the ESC website. The mardle has been cleared by residents of the village and thanks were expressed for the excellent job achieved. The village sign is coming loose. This has been noted for maintenance.

- **Choice of Insurance Provider** – 3 quotes have been obtained. These were from Zurich, Came and Co, and Community Action Suffolk. All Councillors voted to accept the quote from Community Action Suffolk as theirs was the most competitively priced and they are also specialists in insurance for Parish Councils.

6. Correspondence – There was one item of correspondence: An email from ESC regarding a consultation on coastal adaption. Councillors will send their own responses to this.

7. Accounts

Review of Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations to end of August 2020 –

The income, expenditure and bank reconciliations to the end of August 2020 were reviewed and accepted.

The following payments were authorised:

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| Clerks salary to end of September 2020 | |
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| HMRC | £101 |
| Payroll services | £ 75 |
| SALC payment (paid in August) | |
| Insurance Payment (as agreed at item 5) | |
| Purchase of Litter picking Equipment | |

8. Future meetings for 2020/21 – The following dates were proposed subject to availability of Village Hall: 2nd November 2020, 4th January 2021, 1st March 2021, 10th May 2021 (also AGM), 5th July 2021, 6th September 2021, 1st November 2021.

9. Councillors Forum – The following items will be included in the agenda for the next meeting:

- Allotments review
- Benches on Green plus memorial bench
- Bus Provision
- Parking on The Street

10. Non- Public Review of Clerks Salary – The clerk left the room whilst a salary review took place. The chair provided the following minute:

The council reviewed the Clerks Salary. at Level 5. The council decided the raise the clerks pay to level 5 backdated to April 2020. This was passed unanimously as the council recognised the significant contribution the present clerk has made to council business in the last year Ladywell Pay services will be informed as to have this increase implemented for October's pay. (minuted by Miles Thomas- chair)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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