

THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Shelfanger

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

5 minutes speaking time allowed.

Mrs Pam Ross spoke as a member of the public & announced that she had contacted Anglia Water to report unusual water bubbling up along Common Road, between High London Lane and the Smith's property. Parish Council will await a positive outcome.

PRESENT: Mr S Groom (Chair) Mrs M Paines (Vice) Mrs M Hurst, Mr P Chambers ,
Mr M Paines, Mrs P Ross and County Councillor Mr Barry Duffin
Lois Easter (Clerk)

Members of the public in attendance - Harry and Pauline Peacock

Welcome by the Chairman S.G.

Apologies: District Councillor Mr J Easter Mrs Pat Webster

No declarations of interest on anything on the Agenda

Barry Duffin COUNTY COUNCILLOR's REPORT

BD stated there has been a 2.99% increase in funding Adult Social Care.

And that there are still free trees available to apply for. LE to inform Tree Warden Trevor Moore

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

James Easter's reported updates on the following topics:

Bressingham/Shelfanger AD plant, flooding and QE11's Jubilee.

READING AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES September 2021

Proposed by **MP** & seconded by **PR** that they were a true record and duly signed by **the Chair SG.**

MATTERS ARISING: None

FLOODING

SG referred to Lord Dannatt's flood report and **LE** read out the email reply that the PC had received from Lord Dannatt. **SG** asks the Clerk to chase up what Lord Dannatt is proposing to do and if he has had a result from the Chief Executive and/or the Chief Planner at SNC about flooding prevention.

SG contacted the Chair of Burston and Shimpling to obtain information about how that Parish Council managed to get ditches and waterways cleared. **SG** was told that an independent report was paid for by the residents at a cost of £1300. Shelfanger PC will consider a similar approach.

Mrs Paines added that farmers, Diocese and riparian owners must take responsibility for flood prevention.

SG agreed that Shelfanger should try to do something and investigate enforcement measures.

PR, **PC** and **MH** had already submitted their views to **LE** on how to respond to Lord Dannatt.

LE and **SG** to deal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wash Lane:

LE has reported the water over the road at Wash Lane, emphasising hazardous conditions during icy weather.

Rectory Road:

LE reported that she had contacted Highways re clearance of the drains in Rectory Road & explained that Highways do respond to reports but are known to prioritise work.

Also that the blocked ditch in Rectory Road that belongs to the Diocese but sublet to the deceased Mr Gardiner. Highways has been given the Diocese contact details so they can make their own enquiries to get ditch cleared

The road surface at the Shelfanger junction was scared by a passing truck & although LE reported this, Highways state it is not a priority.

PLANNING APPLICATION:

2021/2788 Deal Farm Anaerobic Digester Plant and Shelfanger Lagoon

Latest issues with this development & the whereabouts of the lagoon in Shelfanger was discussed.

PR asked if the maize is to be specifically grown for the Digester? If not it is not a waste product.

LE to create a flier for Councillors to deliver to 160 houses in Shelfanger reminding residents to send in their comments to the Planning Department before 25th January 2022.

SG stated that the Environment Service has already visited the site following reports of silage leaking into the surrounding water courses.

WEBSITE:

Paul Chambers has now taken over the website Domain. Joe will still assist if asked.

Queen's Jubilee & Beacon:

SG stated that plans for the June bank holiday weekend event should be organised in good time.

The decision to move the Beacon to the Village Hall field should be made by the VH committee perhaps installing a new post rather than moving the existing one from the allotment site.

Village sign:

Mr Paines has expertly attached the 2020 Pandemic helpers plaque to the base of the village sign.

Mrs Paines stated that the village sign artwork is in need of repair.

LE to contact sign painter Steve Eggleton.

FINANCE

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that the Community Account = £3401.06

Business Account = £ 6090.12

Total = £ 9491.18

Total includes £470.54 Boyland Common funds

Clerks Expenses:

£2.49p Batteries

£6.98p Computer paper (Christmas Newsletter)

Total : £9.47p

Payment proposed by PR & 2nd by Mrs Paines

Paul Chambers claimed £11.05p for website domain costs. Cheque signed by Mrs Paines and countersigned by Pam Ross.

The Precept claim form for 2022/2023 was signed by SG & remains at £4590.

LE announced that she would like to terminate her role as RFO at the end of this financial year and will make enquiries about finding a new Accountant and Auditor.

BOYLAND COMMON Report read by Mrs P Ross and is filed, and displayed on Parish Notice board. **SG** thanked her for her contribution.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT: No report or accounts received

AOB:

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m. Signed.....Date

