

THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 6th September, 2021 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Shelfanger

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

None allowed on this occasion

PRESENT: Mr S Groom (Chair) Mrs M Paines (Vice) Mrs M Hurst, Mrs Pat Webster, Mr M Paines and Mrs P Ross

District Councillor Mr J Easter Lois Easter (Clerk)

Members of the public: Mr Keith Weeks & Mr Trevor Morgan

Apologies: County Councillor Mr Barry Duffin & P Chambers

Welcome by the Chairman S.G.

No declarations of interest on anything on the Agenda

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

James Easter reported the latest developments of the Deal Farm AD plant in Bressingham and that he intends to organise a meeting with Shelfanger, Bressingham & Fersfield and Winfarthing Parish councils to discuss the detrimental effects of this site. There have also been a number of breaches of the original application 2015/0595 and the increase of traffic, both in and out of the plant, now and when it is operational, will also impact on surrounding villages. Being a dangerous methane gas producer and creating a potent end product.

Mr Keith Weeks was in attendance as he wanted to listen to the Deal Farm AD plant development about which he also is concerned. He was invited to talk and he suggested that Shelfanger and Bressingham Parish councils should have a joint meeting to discuss this further.

Mr M Paines stated that he was aware that an abundance of Maize is being planted to feed the digester from Larling to Harling and beyond.

The Chair requested that all surrounding villages be made aware of the problem. JE to Action SG considers that the plant should be shut down

JE also reported that South Norfolk is to receive eight Afghan refugee families, three houses will be provided by Saffron homes and the remainder by private landlords.

FLOODING – James Easter reported that nothing has happened since the last PC meeting and no action to put things right has occurred. The new committee headed by Lord Dannatt has submitted another report to Norfolk County Council, this can be viewed on the County website under *Meetings* – cabinet papers 13-09-21 item 12, page 122, this will be debated, and proposals put in place. There is nothing new in this report and it does not address issues in our area, once again it seems the money is going to the towns, rural communities being left out. There does not seem to be any pressure being brought to bear on the utilities i.e. The Environment, to get on and put things right. There is another report being put forward through SNC which can be viewed in their website this is also up for discussion at their Cabinet meeting on 13-09-21 page 34.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Duffin's report gave an update on the

Long Stratton By-pass and NCC's free tree pack project.

READING AND SIGNING OF THE MINUTES January 2020

As these had already been checked before going on the website they were signed and proposal by Mr M Paines and seconded by Mrs M Paines

MATTERS ARISING:

None

Data Protection Policy update:

Proposed by Mrs M Paines, 2nd by Mr M Paines

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk read out those planning applications still pending consideration by NCC planning department . The Parish Councillors had no objections to the plans submitted for the Malvern Lodge extension.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that on behalf of the PC, she had responded to the consultation regarding any proposed building in Shelfanger.

The Clerk had received reports from local hauliers that their wing mirrors had been broken off by the overgrown hedgerows between Wash Lane and Lodge Lane, but in spite of reporting this to Highways, no remedial work has been done.

The Diocese has informed their contractor to return to clear the Rectory Road ditch after they left tree cutting debris there.

The Clerk wrote to Highways about the shoddy way High London Lane Potholes were filled in.

DEFRA funded Tree Pack Scheme:

A free tree pack containing a maximum of ten suitable trees can be applied for but further discussion to be carried out as to the most appropriate site for them.

Motion was created to appoint a Shelfanger Tree Warden and Trevor Morgan was proposed by Mr M Paines and 2nd by Mrs M Hurst. Mr Morgan and Mrs Ross intend to work collaboratively.

FINANCE

The Responsible Financial Officer reported that the Community Account = £2889.00

Business Account = £6089.82p

Total = £8978.82p

Total includes £470.54 Boyland Common funds

Clerks Expenses: £58.40p Proposed by Mrs M Hurst & 2nd by Mrs P Ross

BOYLAND COMMON Report read by Mrs P Ross and is filed.

VILLAGE HALL

No report or accounts received

Mr Keith Weeks (former district Councillor) was invited to speak and he reminded the Parish Councillors and those present that the Village Hall belongs to the village and the Parish Council is the ultimate custodian and trustee of it.

Mrs M Paines thanked Mr Weeks for his contribution.

AOB

Refurbishment of PC noticeboard and village pump is to be carried out.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Signed _____ Dated _____