

Minutes of the Shelfanger PARISH COUNCIL meeting

on Monday 20th January 2020, in the SHELFANGER village hall Club room

PRESENT: The Chair, Deputy Chair- Stephen Groom, Councillors: Mr M. Paines, Mr P. Chambers, Mrs Marilyn Hurst, Mrs Pat Webster, Mrs Pam Ross

District Cll. James Easter & County Cll. Bev Spratt

Members of the public: Keith Day, Alan Bowman, Don Bowman, Geoff Allen, Peter Lough, The Clerk Mrs L. EASTER

Apologies: None

There were no declarations of interest re items on the Agenda.

10 minute Public speaking time:

Keith Day acted as spokesperson for Don & Alan Bowman

Keith Day asked Cll Spratt if he could organise a meeting with the Bowman brothers, Cally from NCC Highways and the Parish Council in the village hall to sort out the current Cross Keys site deadlock.

Don Bowman stated he and his brothers owned the disputed land.

MH stated that one cannot sell a highway and the matter is between Highways & Bowman's Solicitors to sort out.

Cll Spratt stated the situation with the sale of the Cross Keys site was a difficult one so a meeting was a possible way forward.

Cll Spratt asked the Clerk to provide him with Cally's email address in order set up the proposed meeting.

The Chair thanked the Bowman brothers for attending.

County Councillors Report:

Cll Spratt gave a NCC budget update, and the Greater Norwich local plan which proposes to build 40,000 houses in the next 5 years. More details can be found on the GNLP website.

A 3rd river crossing development will go ahead.

Children's services are in a good place for now. Tivetshall School had been saved.

He stated the cleaning of the Shelfanger 'gripps' would be carried out in a day or so.

Cll Spratt left the meeting at 8 pm.

District councillor's report:

Under the proposed GNLP, Cll Easter explained that 97 Norfolk villages would be put into clusters. Within each cluster 15 affordable houses would be built to encourage first time buyers with each Parish allocating land for 3 new houses pa. The chair pointed out there is no infrastructure to support new house developments in Shelfanger. SG & PC took up Cll Easter's invitation to accompany him to a GNLP meeting at the Council offices.

Approval of the minutes of the general meeting held on 20th November 2019.

Proposed by MH and seconded by P Chambers. Signed by the Chair as a true and accurate account.

Matters arising:

A site team from Saffron Homes will attend to the broken fence alongside No.1 Common Road on 24th/25th/26th February 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In answer to a written request from the Chair of Shelfanger village hall asking for the PC to contribute £54 pa towards the purchase of replacement defibrillator pads, the PC stated they would need more information from the Village hall committee about the defibrillator as a whole. Proposed by SG seconded by PW. Therefore will be an Agenda item in March.

Ditches and footpaths:

The Clerk received information about the footpath in Winfarthing Road, eastern side towards the allotments, being reduced due to an overgrown hedgerow. (The clerk's report sent online to NCC Highways ENQ900156603)

The clerk received a reply from highways that they could not find the problem of an uneven and hazardous footpath (No.5) ENQ 900156259

ENQ 900156262 –Heywood Rd/Rectory Rd bridge damage being investigated by Highways.

Message received from Norwich Diocese re Church Walk footpath. Footpath maintenance deemed to be the responsibility of the Parish council. Further message to be sent by the Clerk to clarify who would take responsibility for any pedestrian accidents.

Following an enquiry from Muriel Gray re a permissive footpath on David Lond's land, the Clerk has directed her to DEFRA and the Green Infrastructure Dept. at County Hall Norwich. The PC was unable to find any relevant archive information for her.

Fingerposts: Pam Ross to let PC know where most needed.

PM asked the Clerk to send a letter to William Cole in Winfarthing requesting reinstatement of footpath on his land in Shelfanger. Clerk will deal.

Finance:

C/A = £4134.15

Business A/C = £3087.09

November Church clock maintenance paid £283.20

The Clerk presented the Budget proposal for 2020. M H proposed 2% Precept increase Mick Paines seconded.

£50 NARS donation proposed by P R seconded by P chambers.

Clerk's expenses £104, Christmas newsletter printing and computer inks.

Village Hall:

James Easter (VH Chair) informed the PC that a dishwasher has been purchased for the kitchen. Events have been successful and further events planned.

Complaint received from local resident regarding the VH security light, music noise and footballers' language. JE met with Chris Beach NCC Community Protection Officer who dealt with the complainant.

BOYLAND COMMON:

Friends of Boyland Common Report:

Lynn and Ivan to pollard willows

Orchid count to be carried out by Stella Taylor at the appropriate time and a survey to delineate area to be scythed.

Arrangements to be made for three local farmers to take the hay when cut.

AOB:

Filming &/or recording policy submitted & filed.

March Agenda to include discussion about the PC website, currently managed by P Chambers and/or Joe. (Ventura Cottage)

Meeting ended at 9.02 pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th March 2020. The meeting closed at 9.02 p m.

Signed by the Chair

Dated