

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held online on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.45 pm

1141/20 **Present** : Jon Workman (Chair),  
Parish Councillors: Phil Britton, David Anderson and Gemma Taylor,  
Parish Clerk : Mrs. Lois Webb,  
Members of the Public : Stephen Dean, Ross Edgar, George Aylett, Kerry Hockham, James Everitt, Bridget Everitt, Kevin de Trafford, Jacqueline de Trafford, Bob French, Nigel Ashby, Elizabeth Ashby, Helen Britton, C.Cllr/ D.Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, and 3 more villagers.

1142/20 **Opening of Meeting** : The Chairman welcomed everyone to our meeting, and explained how the meeting would proceed online.

1143/20 **Apologies**: Martin Brebner, Ibis Channell, Cllr Kelham Cooke, Chris Granville White.

1144/20 **Election of Chair**: Jon Workman was proposed by Helen Britton, seconded by David Anderson

1145/20 **Election of Vice Chair**: Phil Britton was proposed by Jon Workman, seconded by Gemma Taylor.

1146/20 **Election of Responsible Financial Officer**: David Anderson was proposed by Jon Workman, seconded by Gemma Taylor

1147/20 **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**: none to declare

1148/20 **Election of Clerk**: Upon her retirement from the role, Lois Webb was thanked by the Chair on behalf of all the villagers. She has worked tirelessly over many years as Clerk and shown great generosity of spirit, bringing together the Greatford community. Jon explained that a presentation would be made to Lois following the meeting. To replace Lois, Helen Britton was proposed by Lois, seconded by Jon.

1149/20 **Approval of Minutes from APCM 21.5.19** Approved.

1150/20 **Approval of Minutes GPC Meeting 14.1.20** Approved.

1151/20 **Matters arising from GPC Meeting 14.1.20** None.

1152/20 **Responsible Financial Officer** David Anderson presented the Parish Council Accounts for 2019/20 as set out in Section 1 of the Annual Audit Returns for the year ended 31st March 2020.

1153/20 **Responsible Financial Officer** David Anderson presented the Parish Council Accounts for 2019/20 as set out in Section 2 of the Annual Audit Returns for the year ended 31st March 2020.

1154/20 **Finances** David raised the issue of presenting cheques to the Village Hall Committee to pay for hire for GPC meetings and which have not been cashed on two occasions. There was none from the VHC present to respond. Jon thanked David for all his work as the RFO.

1155/20 **Flood Wardens Report** In Chris's absence, the report was presented by Ross Edgar.

**Overview**

*Following the flooding in Yorkshire and other northern areas in the winter, and periods of heavy rain in the East Midlands in Feb during Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis, the weather has been particularly dry resulting in some low river levels and insufficient rain for farmers.*

**Watercourse around Greatford Gardens**

*During May, farmer George Bremner's team did some excellent riparian clearing for our benefit along the field edge of the small watercourse around Greatford Gardens. This included cutting the grass on the edge of the field and (where it could be reached) cutting the bank on the field side of the watercourse.*

*In addition, a digger was used to clear out the bottom of the watercourse, except close to trees and bushes where the cutter/digger cannot reach beyond the obstruction. These sections can only be cleared by hand or with a small digger along the bottom of the water course when it is dry, as had been done during house re-building in 2017 and by Ashton Estates in 2013.*

**Fallen Tree Removal**

*Thanks were due to the gardeners at the Steadings who had dragged away a large fallen tree which had been resting across the river upstream of Greatford for some months.*

1156/20 **Planning** No significant planning applications to discuss.

1157/20 **Anglian Water water pipe works** Phil Britton communicated the brief information about proposed works in connection with a water pipe between Gratham and Peterborough. Due to Covid-19 lockdown, the project is on hold. Phil will keep abreast of these works.

1158/20 **Fibre Broadband Opportunity** Quantum Air Fibre Access 2 Fibre have proposed bringing FTTP to the village. Phil Britton has been in communication with them and suggests that a meeting is arranged with villagers in order for them to pose their questions. Clerk to support arranging the meeting as soon as possible.

1159/20 **Enhancement of the Playing Field** There have initial explorations and ideas about enhancing the area, including rejuvenating the planting along the boundary between the PF and the adjacent paddock, adding play equipment and seating. It was agreed that a sub committee should be formed of interested villagers and experts with knowledge and experience would meet to discuss further. This will include David Anderson and Gemma Taylor from the PC. Gemma will draw up a questionnaire to put to the villagers to hear ideas of what they would wish for in order to enhance the area.

1160/20 **Highway Matters** There was a general discussion about the increased traffic of heavy vehicles. There is no weight limit through the village whereas other counties have limits in place. The heavy vehicles often travel at excess speeds and at unsocial hours, and have been cutting the corner of the T-junction which is felt to be potentially dangerous. It was felt that intermediate speed signs would make no difference. It was proposed that the Clerk approaches the Head of Lincs. Highways to meet villagers to explain the rules and regulations.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS :**

1161/20 Jason Halsey raised that there is a shrub obstructing the road adjacent to the sluice bridge. The Clerk will find the responsible owner and request that it is cut back. Bob French is also aware.

1162/20 Ibis Channell requested that the height of the wall at Manor Farm is checked to be compliant with the plans. The plans show 'existing wall' and Jon explained that it would need to be under 2 metres in order to be compliant. Attendees felt that the wall was under that height.

1163/20 Ross Dykes is renovating a property in the village and wanted to point out that the sign for his home is only temporary. He has offered a children's slide for the enhanced playing field and he is looking forward to becoming part of the community.

There being no other matters, the Meeting closed at 8:45 pm

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is not set and it was felt that it should take place once the Government's lockdown directives are lifted.

Signed (Chair) Jon Workman .....

Signed (Clerk) Lois Webb .....

Date :