

TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 10th March 2021 at 7.30pm by video conference link

Present:	Chairman	Cllr Lonie
		Cllr Renshaw
		Cllr P Todd
		Cllr Davison
		Cllr Larder
		Cllr Kilby
		Cllr Cawthorne

Clerk – M Hoad taking minutes.

Three members of the public dialled into the conference call. Several resident's comments had been received by email prior to meeting and it was agreed to address these under the relevant agenda items below or correspondence during the full meeting. An attending resident raised concern over the increase of litter around the village and incoming roads. Trevor Cawthorne advised he had also seen the litter problem and was organising a 'Spring Clean' litter pick. There being no further comments from attending residents the Chairman opened the meeting for business.

01175 Apologies for absence – Apologies had been received from, Cllr Andrews (ELDC) and PCSO Wass, **it was resolved** to accept reason for absence.

01176 New Co-opted Member – Cllr Cawthorne, officially signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the other Council members for the meeting.

01177 Declarations of Interest – there were no Declarations of Interest provided by Councillors.

01178 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th February 2021 had been circulated & **it was resolved** to accept them as correct. A hard copy of the minutes had been provided to the Chairman for signature.

01179 Financial Matters

- a. Accounts to be paid/authorised – Clerks February Salary & Expenses; Eurooffice Emergency Inks £21.04 (authorisation only)– **it was resolved** to authorise all payments.
- b. Accounts as at end of February 2021 – Bank Reconciliation as at end of February 2021 had been circulated for review and was accepted as correct, to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

01180 Planning Matters: - Council had received the following application for review and comment:

S/177/00301/21 HIGH FARM, BLUESTONE HEATH ROAD, TETFORD LN9 6QR – Planning Permission – Erection of a detached house, on the site of existing stores which are to be demolished. Following debate, **it was resolved** to support this application and the clerk was asked to confirm this with ELDC planning department.

01181 Recreation Ground Update – Cllr Davison advised the playground was still open and being used and was regularly being cleaned and monitored. The Clerk advised she had received a copy quotation from Amazon for the provision of two removable bollards, which had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. **It was resolved** that 2 bollards should be installed at the rear of the village car park to prevent unauthorised access onto the recreational ground. The recreation ground landlord should be contacted with a view to securing the gated entrance to the field and to advise the pedestrian entrance next to the gate had been cleared of overgrown shrubbery. A self-closing gate was suggested for the cleared pedestrian entrance, also to be discussed with the landlord. – The Clerk to contact the Recreation Ground Committee who have the lease arrangement for the field and overall responsibility for maintenance regarding these proposals.

01182 Grass Cutting / Gritting – The Clerk advised that no additional supply of grit could be obtained from highways to replenish stocks currently held behind the village hall. The Winter Self-Help scheme would only be available when particularly harsh winters were forecasted. The grass cutting contract would start from April 2021 and the local contract remains with Tudor Ground Services. A request had been received by email from a resident to ensure LCC grass cutting of verges didn't take place too early and remove spring flowers. **It was resolved** to request that LCC cutting of Little London be pushed back to July, other flowering areas were mostly either protected verges or undertaken by local farmers. The provision of a separate PC owned grit/salt bin to store supplies in the village hall car park will be added to the next agenda.

01183 Neighbourhood Projects and Community Engagement –

- a. **Telephone Box** – Emailed suggestion for use of the telephone box had been received from residents. It was resolved that Cllr Lonie and Cllr Larder would draft a communication to go to residents to look at encouraging local support and funding for this project.
- b. **Community Engagement** – It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting normally scheduled for May might have to be held remotely and therefore the option for undertaking Councillor Surgeries again later in the year was discussed.
- c. **Volunteer Group** – Tetford litter pick to be arranged in April.
- d. **Village Directory** – A suggestion had been received from a resident regarding the provision of a village directory. Following discussion, **it was resolved** that this would not be feasible to undertake under GDPR regulations.
- e. **Village Magazine** – A resident requested the creation/publication of a village magazine to be free for every household for community and Parish Information. It was noted by Parish Councillors that although they would like such a village magazine there was no one at present to create one. The continued publication of Tennyson Chronicle was currently under threat due to the editor moving. It was agreed that should anyone in the village wish to establish a local magazine then the Parish Council could consider how to support such a venture. At present the community communications would have to remain as the Parish Web site, Facebook page, Quarterly Parish newsletter and Parish noticeboards.
- f. **Community Buy Out** – The Parish Council was asked to consider whether they could take advantage of the proposed new Community Funds to help buy-out / run local facilities – in particular a local pub. The new Community Grants, to be available in June, are on a matched funding basis and would require residents to raise at least half of the funds needed for any project. A public body such as the Parish Council cannot bid for these Grants, it would require the creation of a separate community Trust. Also, Tetford & Salmonby Parish Council currently do not meet the criteria for eligibility to run or bid for a service for which it does not have powers to do so under the Local Government Act 1972. The Council is working towards this level of eligibility to have greater flexibility in the future but currently can not act in this capacity. Should any group within the community wish to establish themselves with a view to

undertaking a community buy-out of any sort then the Parish Council would be happy to advise and support where possible their bid for a Community Grant.

- 01184 Defibrillator** – Cllr Larder advised that the defibrillator had been checked and was emergency ready. There had been a call to EMAS requesting the defib code for use, where an incorrect code had been provided preventing access to the unit. Luckily, this was not in a life-threatening situation, but Cllr Larder had investigated this via LIVES and made sure that the correct code was logged for future use. The Clerk advised that both Cllr Larder and she also had the code if required.
- 01185 Edward Richardson Trust Report** – Cllr Renshaw advised that the Trust had received an application for reading resources for the primary school that was being considered.
- 01186 Highways and Footpaths** – Salmonby Bends – This matter is covered in the County Councillor report below. The Clerk advised that the road sweeper had been booked for the village as requested and was awaiting a suitably dry day to come out. A Counsellor advised they had witnessed dog fouling on South Road and **it was resolved** that the Clerk should write to the dog's owner bringing this matter to their attention. – Clerk to action. Continued vigilance would be taken over the problem of dog fouling in the village and the Clerk confirmed she would be writing to the school following their return, to request possible support in the awareness campaign.

The following areas were highlighted as of concern:

- a. Red van seen driving down the bridleway next to the old Cross Keys site – registration to be obtained if seen again and reported for action.
- b. Deep rutting in Green Lane following hedge clipping – Cllr Davison was asked to bring this to Aura Soma's attention and request if area can be rolled to re-instate the bridleway/footpath.
- c. Overgrown hedging on South Road encroaching on pavement – Cllr Larder agreed to speak to property owner regarding this.
- d. Hedge to be reinstated at back of former Cross keys site – Clerk asked to check with planning enforcement.
- e. In support of the village tree planting project, it was agreed to approach local farmers/landowners for agreement to planting a few trees along verge/hedgerows bordering fields. Clerk to draft communication in conjunction with Cllr Lonie & Cllr Larder.

- 01187 Community Speed Watch Programme** – Cllr Davison advised that the Community Speed Watch are not ready to go and it will be considered if it is safe enough to start this program after the easter break.
- 01188 District Councillors Report** – Cllr Andrews had sent his apologies to the meeting and there was no further update at this time. The Clerk advised she had emailed the District Councillor for a catch-up meeting.
- 01189 County Councillors Report** – Cllr Marfleet informed the meeting that he had been chasing LCC Highways department regarding the issue of Salmonby Bends. Previously £10m had been put aside by LCC for the repairs to Lincolnshire's minor road network. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic had resulted in central government having to 'raid' this budget in order to cover additional costs in the County. This had therefore left a large shortfall in the Highways budget and LCC were approaching central government for additional money. Cllr Marfleet is also pressing LCC Highways to adopt a verge policy for the County so that areas of erosion such as at Salmonby Bends could be identified and actioned. A review of the Highways reporting system (FixMyStreet) was

underway following complaints raised by Parish Councils that they were unable to check on the progress of any logged fault or identify possible time frames.

Following this Parish Council Meeting LCC Highways have confirmed (18/03/20) that a budget has been agreed for repairs to Salmonby Bends and works should begin around June of this year.

01190 PCSO Report – PCSO Wass had sent his apologies for the meeting and advised he would undertake a catch-up meeting with the Clerk. The Clerk had received concerns from residents in the Cul de sac off East Road of overnight parking in the turning circle of the road. It has been requested if some sort of no parking sign can be put up. **It was resolved** to ask the Clerk to discuss this matter with PCSO Wass.

01191 Clerks Report – There was no further report from the Clerk at this time.

01192 Correspondence – The Clerk advised the following correspondence had been received and circulated for comment:

- a. Email regarding community suggestions – Covered in agenda items above.
- b. LALC email regarding subscription renewal – agreed for authorisation at the April meeting.
- c. LALC email regarding ATS – agreed Clerk would draft report on training programme for consideration at the April meeting.
- d. Email regarding verges and tree planting – Covered in agenda items above.
- e. Email regarding Safer Together Scheme – agreed that Clerk should obtain further information and report to Council.
- f. Letter from LIVES regarding donation request – it was resolved to donate to local based organisations only for the forthcoming year.

01193 Councillors Reports – Cllr Kilby advised the meeting that he had received concerns from residents regarding the appearance of the pub, the additional ‘temporary’ buildings being erected at the rear and the increased level of animals being housed close to a ‘commercial’ kitchen and bordering a primary school. There was also renewed concern about the newly installed driveway which crosses the end of the school no stopping area. **It was resolved** to ask the Clerk to bring these concerns to LCC Highways, and ELDC environmental departments to look into.

01194 Items for the Next Agenda – As identified above.

01195 Next Planned Parish Meeting - Wednesday 14th April 2021, 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:34

Chairman

Date

Clerk

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