



## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 28 November 2019 at 1930

2019/14

**Those Present:** Richard Cole, Polly Hanson-Smith, Jonathan Smith (Chairman) Kirsty Vaughan-Jones, & Steve Vickers.  
Keith Leesmith (Clerk)

**1) Apologies** Marie Strong (NCC), Michael Martin (HfW)

**2) Declarations of Interest** None

**3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2019** - Approved and signed

### **4) Reports**

#### **a) Norfolk County Council**

Marie Strong was unable to attend, as this (relocated) meeting clashed with one for another Parish. She had, however, provided Councillors with some notes the previous week.

#### **c) Parish Clerk**

KL had spoken to NNDC regarding a government scheme to provide grants for “pocket parks”. This could award up to £15k for new children’s playgrounds. If this was not enough, the Big Society Fund was still available. NNDC would be prepared to “sponsor” us as a recipient of a government grant. The closing date was 31 December. KL would complete an application form.

A light had been destroyed in Chapel Yard, when a large bough had broken off a tree and fell on the light during a storm. This is not covered by our maintenance agreement and our contractors had quoted £220 to replace it. KL had asked them to go ahead.

### **5) Planning Matters**

None

### **6) To discuss the latest position on affordable housing site**

Michael Martin was unable to attend but had spoken to KL before the meeting. Planning permission had now been granted but there was a delay on the groundworks, which they had hoped to start in November. This will go ahead as soon as possible.

The quotation for the fence for the footpath had been passed to Homes for Wells. As well as the cost of the fencing, there may be some scrub clearance to be undertaken on the west side of the path.

**7) To discuss budget for 2020/2021 and approve the precept**

KL had prepared a budget for the coming financial year. The precept had been £5000 in every year since 2007 but it was felt that we needed to increase it this year because of the proposed new children's playground. It was agreed that we precept for £6000, and the necessary form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**8) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement**

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors.

The following amounts had been paid since the last meeting:

a)	Street lights – October	27.56
b)	Street lights - November	28.48
c)	Grounds maintenance – October	50.00
d)	Parish Clerk – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter salary and expenses	490.09
e)	HMRC – PAYE on the above	116.80
f)	NNDC – uncontested election cost	34.20

**9) Minor Matters**

Following a repair of the light opposite SV's house, SV had spoken to the engineer, who had said that he could provide a new timer which would switch off the light between approximately midnight and 5.00am. This would replace the normal "dusk to dawn sensor". SV had said that he was prepared to pay for the alteration himself.

**10) Date of next meeting**

Confirmed as Thursday 16 January 2020 at 1930

One Councillor could not attend this meeting, but since the others could, it was agreed that we go ahead.

**The meeting closed at 2007**