



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 21 January 2021 at 1930

2021/01

Because of Coronavirus this was a “Zoom” meeting

Those Present: Polly Hanson-Smith, Jon Smith (Chairman), Kirsty Vaughan-Jones, Steve Vickers
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Marie Strong (NCC), Richard Kershaw (NNDC) David Fennell (Homes for
Wells)

1) Apologies None

2) Declarations of Interest None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19 November 2020 - Approved and signed

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

Marie Strong had circulated a report which is appended to these minutes and appears on the website.

b) North Norfolk District Council

Richard Kershaw said that Coronavirus appeared to be lessening in all areas of Norfolk except Norwich. The temporary mortuary at Scottow, had however, had to be opened. The Oxford vaccine is now being distributed for use in vaccinations, some of which will be at local GP practices. It appears that the census, planned for 21 March will still go ahead, although people will be able to complete the form online. The new planning system is now operating at NNDC. There are some “teething problems” which are gradually being ironed out.

c) Parish Clerk

Keith Leesmith had circulated a report which is appended to these minutes and appears on the website.

5) Planning – any matters to hand

There were no planning matters for discussion.

6) To discuss outstanding matters regarding the affordable housing site

David Fennell had circulated a report which is appended to these minutes and appears on the website. The scheme has been fully approved by Flagship and it is intended that the land will be purchased by Homes for Wells and transferred to Flagship by the end of March. It is hoped that a start will be made in late spring/early summer, and that the houses will be completed by the winter.

7) To discuss Grounds Maintenance Contract

The current contractor had quoted a price for the next three years which was only £5 extra per grass cut on top of the £50 which it has been since the Spring of 2018. The cost of cutting the hedge on the green (annual) would continue to be £180, which includes the removal of waste. There was a condition to the quotation that he continued to work for a resident in Wells, as he tended to do the two jobs consecutively. However, if he lost the contract in Wells, he would continue to work for us until the end of the current season. On this basis it was resolved that we continue with him.

8) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors.

The following accounts had been paid since the last meeting:

Unity Trust Bank	quarterly bank charges	18.00
E-on	December electricity for street lights	27.56
Grounds Maintenance	annual hedge cutting	180.00
E-on	January electricity for street lights	28.48
Parish Clerk	4 th quarter salary & expenses	501.80
HMRC	4 th quarter PAYE on above	119.80

9) Minor Matters

A streetlight required attention near the bridge in Binham Road – KL would advise engineers.

This same light had been reported after the November meeting and it was not sure whether it had been forgotten or whether it had failed again. We seemed to have more problems with this particular light than all the others together. KL would mention this.

It was agreed that the Zoom meeting had been a success and that we continue like this until it was possible for normal meetings to resume.

10) Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as 18 March 2021 at 1930

The meeting closed at 1959