

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 26 April, 2021 via Zoom.

- 04.21.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Nick Bird, John Sones, Andrew Woodgate, Andrew Morton, Fiona Watt, District Councillor L Jamieson, and the clerk was present.
- 04.21.01 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Robert Lindsay
- 04.21.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 04.21.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 March were signed following an amendment. The minutes should read Fiona Watt had sent her apologies. The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April were also amended to read Fiona Watt had declared an interest under planning – Shrublands Nursery, Whatfield Road. The minutes were then signed.
- 04.21.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** – Robert’s report had previously been circulated to councillors.
4.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: Leigh’s report had previously been circulated to councillors and reported on during the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 04.21.05 **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** Chairman reported that following the meeting with Suffolk County Council’s Highways and Legal Departments nothing further had been heard regarding the footpath on Whatfield Road. Robert Lindsay reported that he had sent an email chasing.
The chairman also reported that the vacancy arising following the resignation of Stan Coram had been displayed and following the expiry date would be in a position to co-opt.
He also said that part of the fence at the entrance of The Shrublands site had been removed. This now highlighted a further infringement on the visibility splay in that part of the frontage hedge is within the area. It was agreed that Babergh DC should be made aware of this problem.
- 04.21.06 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** During the recess Councillor Morton reported on the potholes and damage to foot bridges that he had reported on the Suffolk County Council’s website. He was happy to be the point of contact rather than have several entries for the same location. Some had already been repaired and others were in the pipeline. Chairman thanked him for doing this.
- 04.21.07 **FOOTPATH GARRARDS ROAD:** Leigh Jamieson had reported the condition of the footpath to Public Realm at Babergh DC. The path had become very rutted because vehicles had been parking on it during wet weather. It was agreed that there was a problem regarding parking along Garrards Road and that further discussions should be held with Babergh to see whether a solution could be found. Cllr Jamieson said he would take the matter up.

- 04.21.08 **LITTER PICKING:** Andrew Morton confirmed that he and Fiona Watt had advertised the litter pick for week beginning 8 May. He has asked that volunteers meet in order to receive safety guidance beforehand. He arranged for the litter pickers and high vis jackets to be collected.
- 04.21.09 **CORRESPONDENCE:** Notification from BDC that both County and Police Commissioner Elections are to be held on Thursday 6 May. Communication from SALC regarding the resumption of face to face meetings. Councillors expressed their concerns and would prefer to hold virtual meetings or at the Village Hall as there was more space for social distancing. Clerk to check availability. It was also felt that the council did not have the ability to have remote facilities whilst conducting a face-to-face meeting.
Clerk to respond to the Government’s call for evidence survey to support continuing to hold remote meetings.
BDC – communication regarding wild flower and hedge planting scheme for parish councils. Fiona Watt agreed to find out more about the scheme.
- 04.21.10 **FINANCE:** The following invoices were approved for payment, to be circulated to councillors before signing of cheques.

T Hitchcock	Grass cutting Apr 21	65.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
SALC	Membership fee	361.53	LGA 1972
SALC	Cllr Training	30.00	LGA 1972

The clerk confirmed receipt of £5,200 precept and £282 Parish Grant and a sum of £3,747.99 CIL payment from Babergh DC

- 04.21.11 **PLANNING: DC/21/00834:** Submission of details (Reserved Matters in part) following Outline Planning Permission DC/20/01824 dated 19/08/20. Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of up to 7 no. dwellings with garages. Phase 1 (Enabling Works) and Phase 2D (Plot 4) Only Land At, Hadleigh Road, Aldham. It was noted that the application referred to the land being located in Elmsett, but the address should be Aldham. Members resolved that they did not wish to restrict the grant of permission for this application, but did support Aldham PC’s view regarding flooding.
- 04.21.12 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 17 May Annual Parish Council Meeting, 14 June, 19 July, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December.

The meeting closed

Signed:-..... Dated:-.....
Chairman