

Minutes of the meeting held on  
 Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.30pm at Hall for All

	<p>Present:          Clare Morton (Chair), Peter Ross (PR), Ruth Goodall (RG), Paul Cowley (PC), Justin Cohu (JC), Robert Banks (RB),</p> <p>Apologies received:          Barrie Keen (BK)</p> <p>Other attendance:          Helen Pearson (Clerk), Peter Bulman (District Councillor), members of the public</p>
1	<p><b>To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight and to update declaration of interest forms.</b></p> <p>None raised but all Councillors, as parishioners, would be impacted by the proposed western link road.</p>
2	<p><b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2020.</b>          There was an amendment to item 8.1 from '..for JC to approach Mr J Hurst about improving the verge on the other of the playing field' to '..for JC to approach Mr J Hurst about improving the verge on the other side of Marl Hill'. Once amended, the minutes were signed as an accurate record.</p> <p><b>To sign the minutes of meetings held on 10 February and 11 May 2020.</b></p> <p>The minutes of 10 February and 11 May were signed as an accurate record.</p>
3	<p><b>To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda</b></p> <p><b>Operation London Bridge</b> - PR confirmed the required items for Operation London Bridge have been purchased on behalf of the Parish Council. He also confirmed All Saints Church will host the Book of Condolence when the time arises.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> – PR confirmed that Lady Ann has given permission for improvements to be made but required that her existing legal obligations to cable runs up Marl Hill be respected as should any obligations.</p> <p><b>Covid 19 Financial Assistance Fund</b> – PR confirmed that All Saints Church will continue its financial aid support in conjunction with WLPC. The Council agreed for the fund to remain open and to review it again at November's council meeting. PR will inform All Saints Church of the Council's decision. <b>Action: PR</b></p>
4	<p><b>To ratify the Council's new insurer Came and Company</b></p>

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	<p>The Council ratified the decision to change its insurer to Came and Company as its insurance policy meets the Council's requirements.</p>
5	<p><b>To discuss / action Planning for the Future – consultation on proposals for reform of the planning system in England</b></p> <p>PR highlighted the key aspects of the Planning for the Future consultation and CPRE's response to the consultation. Following discussion, it was agreed that WLPC will generically oppose against the White Paper as the proposal will remove local democratic planning processes and control. All agreed to delegate CM and PR to submit a response on behalf of WLPC to the consultation, which closes on 29 October. <b>Action: CM &amp; PR</b></p> <p>In addition to the Council's submission, all present were encouraged to submit their own personal response for the consultation.</p> <p>PB advised WLPC parishioners against completing the online consultation questionnaire but to submit a personal response.</p>
6	<p><b>To discuss / action Equinor Dudgeon and Sheringham Extension Projects</b></p> <p>PC shared his response to the consultation and reported that the project is currently at the scoping stage which does not provide in depth specific details such as location of cables. He reported that he has also engaged with the project's Liaison Officer. Currently, the project is awaiting final submissions. It was noted that Weston Longville will be the only parish affected by two cabling projects, the other being the Hornsea project.</p> <p>PC reported that the Hornsea project has been further delayed due to the pandemic and it will be towards the end of September before further information will be received. Currently, there are no clear timeline available but there is a strong likelihood that the project will proceed as it has Government backing.</p> <p>From discussion, a shared key concern was that there will be a lot of disturbances to a large amount of land within the parish which will last several years.</p> <p>It was agreed helpful to speak to other councillors who are lobbying against the Equinor Dudgeon and Sheringham Extension project for their support.</p>
7	<p><b>To receive update on water for allotments</b></p> <p>PC reported on his meeting with parishioner T Finch and it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotment holders would like to have access to new water supply on the allotment</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual cost for the water usage would be met only by the allotment holders who would have access to a locked supply.</li> <li>• If the Parish Council would pay for the connection up to and including the meter, all other costs would be met by the allotment holders wishing to have a new supply.</li> <li>• This new supply would be located at the centre of the allotments close to the current compost bins if this acceptable to WLPC.</li> <li>• Estimated charge for this part of the work would be in the region of £250 but at no cost to the council.</li> <li>• T Finch has agreed that the supply can pass under his land.</li> </ul> <p>From discussion, it was agreed for PC to get an updated price from Anglian Water for the water connection and for WLPC to apply to the Wind Turbine fund for a grant to cover the cost of Anglian Water connection, purchase and installation of pipes, six lockable valves, six water meters and drawing up a legal document. It is estimated that the total cost for this will be around £3k.</p> <p>It was agreed that if funding cannot be obtained from the Wind Turbine fund, then it will be paid for by the Solar Fund. <b>Action: PC</b></p>
8	<p><b>To discuss / action wind turbine noise</b></p> <p>PR shared that several parishioners have noticed there has been an increase in noise level from the wind turbines, which may be due to blade erosions. It was agreed for CM to raise this with Environmental Health but in the meantime, it will be useful for residents to keep a noise diary to be shared with Environmental Health when required. <b>Action: CM</b></p>
9  9.1 & 9.2	<p><b>To discuss highways issues</b></p> <p><b>To discuss the bend on B1535 Rectory Road and junction to Lyng (ref G Copeman)</b></p> <p><b>To discuss complaint to police re: signage following incident at Weston Green Road</b></p> <p>CM shared an update provided by BK, who had a meeting with Ben Rayner, NCC Highways. It was reported that the following safety measures will be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cutting the hedges and tree line back on both the approaches to improve visibility at the corner.</li> <li>• Fitting of large improved chevrons on both approaches.</li> <li>• Slow signs painted on the road on both approaches.</li> <li>• Yellow rectangular signs with appropriate indication and warning.</li> </ul>

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	<p>The agreed work will be done as soon as it is possible although signage may take approximately 6-8 weeks.</p>
9.3	<p><b>To discuss response to the NWL Local Access Consultation</b> Discussion was held about WLPC's draft response to the consultation, including the possible impact for the parish in terms of traffic volume should Ringland Lane remain open. As such, there was overall agreement for the response to be modified to include closing of Ringland Lane to vehicular access. <b>Action: RG</b></p>
9.4	<p><b>To discuss the NDR Western Link (including road closure strategy)</b> This was discussed in conjunction with item 9.3 and it was agreed that if the Norwich Western Link does not proceed, WLPC will need to consider a Plan B. It was agreed that options should be considered further at November's meeting.</p>
9.5	<p><b>To discuss the A47 Dualling/A47 junction modification</b> Following the recent meeting with NCC Highways and Highways England, an update had been circulated and it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be an inclusion of an underpass at Mattishall Lane</li><li>• There will be no underpass at Lady Grove</li><li>• There will be closure of Berry's Lane</li><li>• The old A47 roundabout between Hockering and Norwich Road will remain open</li><li>• The Wood Lane junction roundabout proposals remain unchanged with no separation of the B1535 in terms of access from NWL or the new A47.</li></ul>
9.6	<p><b>To receive an update on traffic calming steps</b> CM shared a draft proposal on calming measures, and it was agreed sensible to have raised tables opposite The Parson Woodforde pub, at the chicane by All Saints Church and also at the first chicane on Honingham Road after the first gateway. It was agreed for CM to share this proposal in Wensum Diary for parishioners' views before putting it forward to NCC Highways. <b>Action: CM</b></p>
9.7	<p><b>To discuss traffic volume and speed</b> CM shared the data obtained (30 August – 14 September) from the camera's position on Field Road, on the edge of JC's hedge. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There were approximately 2400 vehicles recorded</li><li>• 85% of vehicles were travelling around 44.5mph or less.</li><li>• The peak time in the morning was between 10am-11am</li><li>• The peak time in the afternoon was 4pm-5pm</li></ul> <p>It was agreed to collect traffic data from Rectory Road and Morton Lane next. <b>Action: CM</b></p>

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9.8	<p><b>To discuss correspondence received about footpaths</b>          CM reported that a parishioner had been in touch with concerns about footpath accessibility around the parish. From discussion, it was noted that although NCC Highways are responsible for footpaths, landowners must reinstate the route after ploughing up the field.</p> <p>It was agreed helpful for parish councillors to establish a rapport with local landowners to encourage them to reinstate footpaths after ploughing. If no progress can be made, then it can be reported to NCC Highways.</p>
10	<p><b>To consider planning issues / applications</b></p>
10.1	<p><b>To consider planning applications</b></p> <p>None.</p>
10.2	<p><b>To consider planning applications received since distribution of the agenda</b></p> <p>None.</p>
10.3	<p><b>To ratify planning responses sent since the last meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Farm 20201450 and 20201489 – no objections</li> </ul>
10.4	<p><b>To consider other planning matters</b>          It was noted that there are some enforcement notices outstanding.</p>
11	<p><b>To receive outstanding correspondence and agree action/response</b></p>
11.1	<p><b>Broadland DC's Rough Sleeper Initiative survey (deadline 16 September) - to share any knowledge of any individuals sleeping rough for the night of 1 September and into the morning of 2 September.</b></p> <p>There were no known rough sleepers in the parish for the period requested so WLPC will submit a nil return. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
11.2	<p><b>Correspondence received since distribution of agenda</b></p> <p>The Streetscene Inspectors are due to visit the parish in October, but they will be focussing on the essential works such as potholes, regular incidences of standing</p>

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	water/flooding and mud on road. However, WLPC will use this opportunity to report the damaged Weston Hall Road road name sign for their consideration. <b>Action: Clerk</b>
12	<b>To review financial matters</b>
12.1	The accounts to date for 2020/21 were received.
12.2	The following payments were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Clerk salary and expenses – 664.89</li> <li>ii) Operation London Bridge – 65.96</li> <li>iii) Norse Grounds maintenance – 568.54</li> <li>iv) Came and Company for Council insurance – 353.76</li> <li>v) Wensum Diary – Parish Plan printing (ringfenced Parish Plan) - £297.60</li> <li>vi) Financial Assistance Fund (Solar Fund) £TBC</li> </ul>
12.3	To note income:  None were received
12.4	To note NALC have agreed a 2.75% increase to existing salary scales, backdated to 1 April 2020.  WLPC noted this agreed increase of 2.75%.
13	<b>To receive any other business (for information only)</b> New Year walk - it noted that A Thomas has offered to organise the New Year walk for parishioners, arrangements will be reviewed nearer the date due to the current pandemic.  Dark Lane – there are no new updates and WLPC will continue to monitor the situation.
14	<b>To receive items for the next agenda</b>  None received. Clerk will request for items nearer the date of the November meeting. <b>Action: Clerk</b>
15	<b>To confirm the date of future meetings:</b>  Monday 9 November  <u>2021</u> Monday 8 February Monday 10 May Monday 12 July Monday 13 September

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