

# BINTREE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of VIRTUAL MEETING of BINTREE PARISH COUNCIL

held on

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**Councillors Present:** C Langford (Chairman), G Frost (Vice Chair), J Jones, R Took, M Sargent

13/21 To receive apologies

Cllr Langford forwarded apologies from D Pitcher

14/21 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and considerations of any requests for dispensations

None received.

15/21 To receive the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Cllr Langford to sign the minutes at the next opportunity when covid regulations allow.

16/21 Public participation

No public present

17/21 To consider advertising for filling the vacant Clerk position

Cllr Langford reported that his enquiries with local contacts have not been successful.

Cllr Jones has drafted a job advert based on one from another parish council of similar size to Bintree. This will be circulated to councillors for further comment and then forwarded to the Norfolk Association of Local Councils for publishing on their website. Cllr Jones has also included some details about the vacancy on a draft of a planned village newsletter.

18/21 Finance

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| a. Income                                 |       |
| i. Cheque for Rent received from Garrod's | £50   |
| b. Expenditure items approved             |       |
| i. Grass cutting – Roger Neale            | £1618 |

19/21 To receive an update on the defibrillator project plan

Cllr Jones provided an update on progress with the defibrillator project. A project plan with estimated costings has been produced and will be circulated to councillors imminently. The draft was reviewed via a shared desktop during the meeting, particularly the estimated cost breakdown. Cllr Frost proposed the preliminary budget be approved to allow the project to progress before the next meeting, seconded by Cllr Langford, and carried.

## 20/21 Planning applications

None to consider.

## 21/21 Correspondence

Cllr Jones has received an update from Anglian Water on the foul sewer issues being encountered by properties on the side of the green. AW have surveyed the sewer, found the cause of a blockage, made some unsuccessful attempts to clear the blockage, and efforts are continuing to resolve the issue.

## 22/21 Highways matters

- Status update on previously reported items
  - The blocked drain on the corner of Church Road and The Street, reported on 06/02/21 on the Highways online reporting system, has not been updated beyond the initial confirmation that action is required, normally scheduled for repair within 6 weeks of reporting.
- Any new matters that need reporting
  - There are many potholes on roads around the village which require attention.

## 23/21 To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda

- Some anti-social behaviour has been reported on the Church car park, to be discussed further next time.
- Presentation to the Parish Council by Cllr Frost of a proposal for governance change to the Bintree and Twyford Village Hall and Playing Field Association.

## 24/21 Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The meeting closed at 7-10pm

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