

Minutes of the Bintree Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. in The Baptist Church, Foulsham

Councillors Present:- Cllr R Tooke, Cllr G Holmes, Cllr C Bone, Cllr C Langford and Cllr J Hoskins

Other Members Present: - Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

**1. To consider accepting apologies for absence**

Cllr Tooke welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies received for absence.

**2. To receive declarations of interest and consideration of any requests for dispensations**

None were received.

**3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January**

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Hoskins proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Langford and carried.

**4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of January (not on the agenda)**

There were no matters arising.

**Public Participation Period** - No Public were present.

**5. To discuss any correspondence received**

A donation request had been received from Dereham Cancer Care. Cllr Holmes proposed a donation of £25.00 be sent, seconded by Cllr Bone and carried.

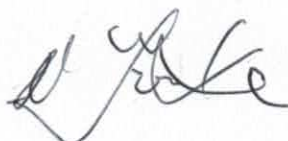
An email had been received from Jordan Ward regarding the speed limit of 30 m.p.h. and the fact that drivers do not reduce their speed following from the 60 m.p.h. limit. He wanted to know if the Parish Council had any resources to remind drivers of the speed limit. The Parish Council discussed the email and comments were made that the Parish Council had, in the past, tried to engage with Norfolk County Council regarding solving this problem but to no avail. The Parish Council agreed with the comments made by the resident and the Councillors will be taking the matter further and will try to involve the District Councillor and County Councillor with this problem. Many children now live in the village and the help of the District Councillor and County Councillor is necessary.

Renewal of NALC Subscription. As this cost is over £100.00 the Parish Council decided that for this year they would not renew the subscription but subscribe to another similar organisation, where the subscription cost was below £100.00. They would decide next year whether they want to continue with this organisation or revert back to NALC.

**6. To authorise any necessary Financial Payments if possible**

The Clerk was now able to carry out Internet Banking. Cllr Tooke proposed the following financial transactions be authorised, seconded by Cllr Hoskins.

Norfolk Parish Training & Support – subs £60.00



Wix.com (website) £216.00 and £26.91

Dereham Cancer Care £25.00 G, Hubbard expenses Nov. – March £94.24

G. Hubbard net salary Nov. – March £839.69 HMRC tax Nov. – March £209.80

The Parish Council had no questions regarding the financial update that had been circulated.

**7. To discuss any Planning Issues, if necessary**

There were no planning issues to discuss.

**8. To receive an update on the defibrillator project – training**

No training session has been arranged yet. One person had requested the use of the defibrillator. Cllr Langford had checked the pads were still in place as someone had touched the defibrillator. He had left a message, asking that he be contacted regarding the training but it needs to be pursued.

B.T. need to reconnect the fuse. It was taken out when someone in the village thought there was a problem. Cllr Tooke thought that information should go on the website and the notice board and residents need to be aware that the defibrillator is sited inside the telephone box. Also, that the instructions regarding its use are on the defibrillator. There is a big sign that could be placed inside the telephone box. The defibrillator is checked monthly and Cllr Langford has a back-up plan if he is unable to check it. The telephone box will be painted eventually.

**9. To discuss Highways Matters**

**a. To receive feedback on research into the possibility of introducing a public footpath along the path of the old road alongside the A1067 between Bintree and Twyford**

There is a grant available from Norfolk County Council but it would only cover a small percentage of the cost. This idea will, therefore, have to be shelved for the time being. Residents are still able to go through it, but they do so at their own risk.

**b. To gather any current concerns with highways around the village**

Regarding pot holes, some have been dealt with, but there are still one or two around the village that are still waiting to be dealt with.

**c. To discuss Road Sweeping solution for The Street**

Cllr Bone will send an email to Breckland Council's Environmental Team, asking them to inform the Parish Council when they are coming to carry out sweeping work. He will try to find out what their frequency schedule is.

**d. Drainage issue on The Street**

All the drains were pumped out apart from 3 drains. Cllr Bone will chase up what is happening on this matter. He will monitor the problem with a broken ditch that may be the responsibility of a land owner.





**10. To discuss Bintree Village Green**

The area is within the wood. Mr Garrod wishes to continue renting the land. Historically, several years ago it was used for pigeon shooting, which caused some upset. It is now rented by Mr Garrod and he wishes to stop people arriving to carry out pigeon shooting. He will be sent an agreement for a one-year lease. It is a village green and the Public are allowed access to the land when he is not using it.

**11. Village Events – to discuss the success of the Coffee Morning**

The Coffee Morning event was a success and those present had an enjoyable social time. There will be another one taking place in June but the date has not been arranged yet. The date will be advertised. The Armed Forces Day might be celebrated in the Pub.

**12. To discuss the grass cutting quotes received**

Three quotes had been received.

Norse Eastern Ltd. Option A £5,111.10 Option B £4,652.92

LDW Frosdick Contracting £5,600.00

Leeroy's Services £3,900.00

The Parish Council decided to offer the contract to Leeroy's Services.

**13. To discuss any ideas regarding how to recruit some more Parish Councillors**

Cllr Boner had approached a resident but they did not wish to join the Parish Council. Cllr Tooke had heard that someone might be interested in joining, so she will approach her.

**14. To receive an update on the Clerk's contract of employment**

The Clerk received the signed Contract of Employment.

**15. To receive items for the next agenda**

To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman

To adopt the end of year accounts

**16. To agree date and time of next Parish Council meeting (the Annual Parish Council Meeting)**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. in St. Swithuns Church, Bintree. This will be followed at 8.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Cllr Tooke declared the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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Chairman

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