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MINUTES OF DOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on the 20th February 2019 in the Ripper Hall 7pm

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Public Session. No members of the public present

3. Present: - Mr Wroth, Mr Cooke, Mr Gillett, Mr Able, Mrs Hack, Mrs Edge, Mr Crompton, Mr Meek, Mr Todd, Borough Councillor A Morrison (left at 7.30) and the Parish Clerk Mr J Ward.

Apologies. Mrs S Playford.

Not in Attendance, Mr R Playford

4. Declaration of interests on agenda items. None

5. Minutes. The minutes of the 17th January General Meeting 2019 were proposed, seconded and carried by the council.

6. Matters arising

6.1 Children's Charity. The clerk has now received the payment and a signed contract. This was witnessed by the chair and a copy will be sent back to the charity.

6.2 Police re Parking Regulations. The local officer has offered to meet with a councillor to discuss the matter. The clerk informed the meeting that the hatching yellow lines were to be extended from the school towards the B1454 to avoid parking in this area. A councillor suggested that they could be extended a little way the other end as this would prevent problems at the narrow part of the road if cars are parked on both sides of the road.

6.3 Footpaths. Two councillors had met with a Highways Representative to walk the paths in an area of the village and look at their condition. The councillors reported several issues that had been identified.

- Gravel moves onto the path outside some properties. They were told there should be a 2-metre band of tarmac or a similar material before the pavement to stop gravel coming onto the path. Councillors will deliver letters to the houses where this is an issue asking them to sweep their gravel back from the path.
- The wall in the pond near the Ripper Hall was inspected and the highways representative told the councillors that this was a private pond and the owner's responsibility to put right.
- Anglia Water had carried out repairs in Well Street and these had sunk causing a trip hazard. The clerk will contact Anglia Water to get this rectified.

- A resident had asked if he could remove a hedge. He has been told he could remove the hedge and if he takes the hedge out before the footpaths are repaired highways will do the repairs near his property.
- The pavement at the end of Pound Lane was inspected. It was agreed that no work should be done here as this would be improved when the new development on Pound Lane is started as they have to construct a new path. It was suggested by Highways that the Parish Council ask the developer to install a street light on the corner. The Parish Council must make sure that this is put in place by the developer when plans come in.
- It was noted that there are several cases of properties with hedges overhanging footpaths. The clerk was asked to put an article into the Docking Exchange.
- Residents will notice that Highways have marked several areas in the village on the footpaths for future repair and re-surfacing.

The councillors were thanked for meeting the Highways Representative and carrying out the condition survey of the footpaths.

6.4 Defibrillator. The clerk reported that this had all been paid for and we are now waiting for it to be installed. The company had suggested the 20th March but the hall committee said this was a market day and not suitable. A Monday morning has been suggested as this is a quiet day. The chair had received a folder of information and signs for the unit and he will retain this until the unit is in place.

7. Correspondence.

7.1 Borough Council re land Stanhoe Road. Going to appeal.

7.2 Borough Council Rural Workshops garage withdrawn. Concern that this had already been started with a new roof going on at the moment. The clerk will contact the planning officer.

7.3 Pennies from Heaven Festival 27th/28th April Docking Church. The council will not be doing an umbrella. Members of the council are helping other village organisations with this project.

7.4 NALC timing of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to take the advice of NALC and hold the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The clerk will update the dates sheet and pass on to the website.

7.5 Carers Matter email, contact noted.

7.6 Email from resident re the condition of the pond wall. This had been dealt with by an earlier item 6.3. The resident will get a reply from Highways.

7.7 Email re Parish Map. The parish did not want a map.

7.8 Warranty offer for the laptop. The parish agreed not to take an extended warranty.

7.9 Tree preservation order on tree at Limograin. Content noted.

8. Agenda Items for Council decision.

8.1 Date of Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed the Annual Parish meeting this year will be held in May due to the Parish Elections with the Annual Parish Council meeting being held in June. The clerk will update the dates sheet and pass to the web manager to update the website.

9. Financial Matters.

9.1 Accounts approved for this month.

Name	Business	net	VAT	Gross	Non-Reclaimable VAT
K and M	Street Lights	£ 21.81	£ 4.36	£ 26.17	None
Eon DD	Electricity	£ 48.25	£ 2.41	£ 50.66	None
CGM	Grass cutting	£ 81.40	£16.28	£ 97.68	None
CGM	Verge cutting	£ 82.00	£16.40	£ 98.40	None
Website Manager	Annual fee	£60.00	£ 0.00	£ 60.00	None
M Todd	Grass Maint	£235.00	£ 0.00	£ 235.00	None

Proposed, seconded and carried by the council

9.2 Financial Statement. The clerk presented the statements for February. There were no questions. The council has received income from the County Council of £1580 for verge work. This had been paid into the charity account but this will be transferred tonight by cheque.

10. Planning Matters 19/00232/F Bernaleen demolition of bungalow and the construction of three houses. The council refused this plan based on their position from the past. The following points will be passed to the Borough Planners.

- The number of properties is over development of a small site, a point made in the past when 3 were reduced to 2 and approved by the Borough Planners.
- The development will overshadow a small cottage and deprive it of light.
- The height of the properties has increased from previous plans.
- Large increase of cars onto Station Road which is already a very busy road.
- The Parish Council consider 1 for 1 development would be suitable for this site but had agreed to 2 when they had considered previous plans.
- The Parish Council will encourage the Borough Councillor to call the plans in.

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The clerk asked the Borough Councillor if any further action had been taken re development at Harewood, Fakenham Road. He said he would ask the question of the planning officers.

Approved Plans by the Borough Council – 18/02055/RM The Close approved 11/1/19, 17/01709/F Glamping Site Approved 25/1/19, 18/01714/F Garage Rural Workshops withdrawn, 1802272/F Beck Cottage approved 31/1/19 and 18/00545/NAM_1 refused 30/1/19

11. Any other business (for information only) and to consider any item for next general meeting.

- Dog fouling on the Fakenham Road. A councillor said that this had got worse and asked if an item could go in the Docking Exchange. The clerk will add an article.
- The new clerk has now received the election papers for nominations for Parish Councillors. It was agreed that these papers would be completed at the next meeting and would then be taken to King's Lynn. The new clerk will hold copies of the papers if other residents require them. The clerk had a sheet of advice on how to complete the forms which he gave the new clerk.
- Tree roots are lifting the path at The Close. This is a Freebridge matter and the clerk will contact them.
- A poster was approved to go up in the village informing residents of a village charity that can offer financial support to residents.
- Pot holes on the B1153 reported. The clerk will report to Highways.
- There are drains blocked at the bottom of Mill Lane near the fish and chip shop and another in Woodgate Way by the dog bin.
- The chair thanked Mr Todd and Mr Howard for repairing the bench on the village green.

Close 8.23 pm

Date of the next meeting 21st March 2019