

Present: Cllrs R. Drinkel, J. West, P. Hibberd, R. Beech and R Burton
Apologies: Cllrs G. Lovatt and M Bark (due to being unable to access Zoom App.)
and I Jones (reason given and approved).
Other apologies: Cllr. P. Rickett (ELDC)
Clerk: Mrs P Plumridge.

All Councillors confirmed they were alone.

58.20 – Apologies

As above.

59.20 – Members of Public

The meeting has been advertised and the meeting id and password put on the Agenda on the web site and no members of the public expressed an interest in joining in.

60.20 – Clerk to receive declarations of pecuniary interest on any Agenda item in accordance with Localism Act and the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

None

61.20 – Report from County and District Councillors

None present although Cllr Rickett has spoken to Chair.

62.20 – Previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and would be signed at a later date.

63.20 – Matters Arising

Bench - This has not yet been moved but it will be.

Anglian Water – Fencing not been done yet, Clerk to follow up

Street Lights, Fen Lane – One of the Councillors was in Fen Lane a couple of nights ago and he reported that all the lights are now working between the main road and the school. However, street light no 55 on the main road, opposite Gillimans is off.

Speed sign – this will be in Grainthorpe for May and June, Cllr Drinkel will sort it out.

Sponsored Walk – Mr Mark Freemantle has completed his 1000 mile walk for Alzheimer's Society, so far he has raised £1700 but it is still coming in. He has now returned to shorter dog walks in the village!

64.20 – Financial

A financial statement has been forwarded to all Councillors, there were no questions and it was approved.

Clerk obtained new litter picker and hi-vis jacket for volunteer due to her current one being broken – approved by Chair.

Cllr West has two new ones at her house next time one needs replacing.

Six cheques

623 – P. Plumridge – Wages

624 – AG Smith & Co Ltd – PAYE & admin fee

625 – NSPCC – ref Audit Fee - £25.00

626 – Contractor – Annual mower services - £190.01

627 – Clerks expenses for year - £26.22

628 – R. Drinkel – Fuel and mower expenses - £119.15

Proposed Cllr Hibberd, seconded Cllr Burton.

65.20 – Parish Matters

Village signs – This was discussed again and various ideas put forward, one being an oak pole with an oak frame on top and then some sort of metal work inserted into frame. We would need a Blacksmith. Cllr Drinkel to look into this further and rest of Councillors to continue to think about it. I was agreed we would need two signs for the main road. It was also discussed the possibility of some signage about the village in the Playing Field car park as there are more and more ramblers and walkers. It was thought maybe CC could help, Clerk to enquire.

Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine – This has been sorted and will be forwarded for circulation amongst Councillors.

Mowers – The mowers have been serviced and it is thought this will probably be the last year and it will need replacing for next year, it has been indicated a Cllr grant may be available to help towards the cost.

Web site – has been updated by Cllr Burton with info for ramblers and walkers Clerk is extremely grateful for help given by Cllr Burton who is keeping the village part of the web site up to date and leaving her to do the council business part.

Hedgerow in Fen Lane – this has still not been cut back, it is now encroaching badly. Will be reported to ‘fix my street’.

66.20 – Planning

N/062/00205/21 – West View House – supported by Parish Council.

67.20 – AOB

Recycling bins were discussed, but having previously had them in the village it was decided that, unfortunately they were not viable.

A lot of dog fouling is still taking place in village, Clerk to contact Dog Warden and ask for signs to be put on lamp-posts.

It was reported that quite a number of vans were broken into on High Street and security cameras were discussed, an offer has been made to fit them free if we purchase them, however it was agreed that, for now, we would not go down that route, as it is also a matter of privacy as well, when cameras are on a main thoroughfare. It might be a good idea to have it on Playing Field though.

The eyesore in Mill Lane was discussed and it was thought to be attracting rats and vermin, Chair to follow up.

Grass cutting contract – not to be followed up this year as various parishioners seem to have taken it upon themselves to maintain public areas, we will monitor it and see how it goes. A suggestion has been made for flowers and pots in the village but it would need a volunteer to look after them regularly throughout the summer, though PC would help with purchase of them. A notice will be put on notice board.

The Eleemosynary Charity own a strip of land near Ludney and have recently planted 10 new apple, plum and pear trees and it will be used as a community orchard.

It was agreed to fix the dates for the meetings going forward and they will be every 2 months on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. A list will be put in notice board.

68.20 – Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th May, 2021 at 7.30.

This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting, it will be decided as soon as possible whether we can have a face to face meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting on the same date or at a later date.

69.20 - No further business meeting closed at 8.46pm

