

# GISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of telephone discussion held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

In compliance with the current Social Distancing guidelines it was not possible to convene the public meeting planned for today. In order to address urgent items, Councillors were asked to telephone the Chair to discuss the issues raised, and advise their decisions. There had been no requests, from the public, to attend the meeting that had been arranged.

Parish Councillors: Mrs M Boon, Mr R Dexter, Mr M Lanham and Miss R. Moffatt all contacted the Chair, Mr P. Gillott, as arranged

### 1. Apologies for absence.

Councillors Mr B Collen and Mr I Gilbert were unable to contribute, but their apologies were approved

### 2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest relevant to items on the agenda.

No interests declared.

### 3. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020:

The Minutes of that meeting were circulated, and approved. They have been signed by the Chair and Clerk as a true record of the proceedings.

### 4. Planning:

Members were updated on Planning decisions notified by east Suffolk Council since April 2020.

**Application DC/20/2440/FUL** – Building for Storage of Wood and Equipment in Association with the Woodland at Home Covert was ‘Awaiting Decision’ and has subsequently received Conditional Approval.

**APP/068/2019** – The Proposed Fishing Lake at Dam Lane – Enforcement Action is still being pursued, in conjunction with legal advice regarding the buildings and fencing. An Extension of Time has been granted until 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### 5. CIL Receipts:

The current balance of receipts is £4,441.97 which has to be spent on ‘Community Projects’ by end 2024. Discussions have recently raised the possibility of providing a commemorative bench in the Parish. Various locations have been suggested. The Clerk was asked to obtain details and costs. The Clerk to submit the Annual Return for CIL expenditure 2019 -2020.

### 6 Bloodmore Community Centre:

Correspondence has been received from East Suffolk Council advising that the current Trustees of the Centre have given Notice of their Resignation with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

ESC is anxious that the Centre remains open as a Community facility and have asked whether the Parish Council would take over the building.

Whilst Members agree that this facility is a valuable asset to the Community, it is also agreed that the current Membership would be unable to effectively undertake the management and financial responsibility required.

However, members agreed to support the project, individually, and ESC have been informed.

The Parish Council have also indicated they will support its continued use, where possible.

Signed.....Chairman .....Clerk Date.....

**7. Pakefield Poor Land Charity:**

Councillor Miss R Moffatt represents the Parish Council on that Charity, and circulated the Minutes of their AGM from September 2019. This year’s AGM, planned for 24<sup>th</sup> September, suffered like ours, and many other Organisations, but they are optimistic that the New Year will see some return to ‘normality’ and their ability to hold meetings once more.

**8. Finance:**

**8.01 Clerk Salary:**

The National Association of Local Councils has recently published details of the National Salary Award, issued by The National Joint Council for Local Government Services, to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

The Clerk is currently on pay scale 7, for which the increase is 2.75%.

Payment of the Award was unanimously approved, with a majority instructing this be backdated to April 2020.

**8.02 Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to date:**

Councillors were advised of the current bank balances of the Community and Savings accounts

**9. Future Meetings:**

Whilst the development of a vaccine for Covid 19 has produced some optimism for the future, the increase in positive cases is also causing concern. Opportunities to hold public meetings will still be dependent upon compliance with Government Guidelines, Advice and Instruction.

However, provisional dates have been set – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> May (to include an AGM) and, assuming compliance is possible, will all be held in The Hut at 7.30pm.