

ASLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES – 4th March 2022

Venue: St Michael's Church, Aslacton

Commencement: 7.30

Clerk: Jill Webb, Plantation House, Plantation Road

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Present:	Geoff Gamble (Chairman); Cheryl Shulver (Vice-Chairman); Charlotte Bennett; Keith Broomhall; Janine Jarrett; Christine Kinge; Louise Thurgar and eight attendees
Apologies for Absence	There were no apologies for absence
Clerk's Retirement	The Clerk announced that she had now completed 40 years in post and would retire at the end of the month. By retiring at the end of the financial year it would need only one set of figures to be audited. She would complete this year's figures, have by the Internal Auditor and present to the Council on 6 th May for approval before sending for them to the External Auditor. She would like to continue with sorting out the footpaths for the foreseeable future.
Minutes:	The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved
Matters Arising from the Minutes	The Council had spoken to the Owner and General Manager and been assured that the caravans on site belonged to the builders and would be removed in due course. There would be no attempt to enforce the removal. The chairman said that this would need monitoring
Western Farm	
Dog bins	Two litter bins and two dog bins had been installed and would be emptied by the Local Council; adding to that, the Countryside Act had been amended to allow dog waste to be disposed of in normal litter bins due to the fact that so many people were visiting the country as a result of Covid restrictions on travelling abroad.
Village Newsletter	The first edition had been delivered and the comments received on the doorstep had been favourable though there had been criticism that Great Moulton had not thought to invite Aslacton to join in the original project. There had been some problems with delivery to Steeple Lane but that would be rectified before the next issue. An on-line edition could be found on Facebook
Proposed sale of Broadland and South Norfolk council premises and re-location to Broadland Business Park	The Chairman had spoken to Stephen Ridley and Barry Duffin but they had assured him that this would not happen. The Clerk had recently been to a Meeting and spoken to Members and they had been sure that they would move to Horizon House; this was also the belief of staff at South Norfolk House. Charlotte Bennett was under the impression that Horizon House had been sold. Apparently Members of Broadland Council proposed the move and this was being driven by the present Leader of South Norfolk Council
Hire of Church	A Cheque was signed for £40 for four bookings of the Church at £10.00.

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<p>Clerk's Fee and Clerk's Expenses</p>	<p>The details of the claim having been circulated with the Minutes A cheque was signed for £582.65 being</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 336 1441 555"> <tr> <td>Clerk's Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broadband (40%)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">309.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ink Cartridges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Replacement Hard Drive</td> <td style="text-align: right;">109.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dictaphone</td> <td style="text-align: right;">39.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">582.65</td> </tr> </table>	Clerk's Fee	75.00	Broadband (40%)	309.14	Ink Cartridges	48.54	Replacement Hard Drive	109.98	Dictaphone	39.99	Total	582.65
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<p>Village Sign</p> <p>Road Signs</p> <p>Maintenance of Stiles and Bridges</p> <p>Queens Jubilee Gifts</p>	<p>Clerk said that the green triangle could be used whether it belonged to the Manor House or the Parish Council as the owner of the Manor House would welcome the addition to stop parking on the area. The Chairman said it might be part paid for by Aslacton Charities though that had not yet been discussed at a Meeting but there was a large sum coming from CIL money which could be used. The Clerk had looked at the possibilities and they were metal; wood, which would require regular repainting, or fibre glass which would require less maintenance but a good one would start at £5000. The suggestion was made that perhaps a competition should be held. The quote the Clerk had received was for the Church, the Mill, Suffolk Punches, cattle, pigs, sheep, poultry and water fowl.</p> <p>The Clerk had asked to be put on the list for sign cleaning when the Rangers next visited the Parish. The Chairman thought that if the visit was too far in the distance the Members might arrange this themselves; several names were mentioned. The Clerk would establish when the next visit was likely.</p> <p>The Clerk said that there was no cost involved for the Parish when stiles and bridges needed repair as they were the responsibility of the landowner. She had contacted Highways at County Hall over FP8 and FP11 as the posts seem to have either been broken or possibly rotted at the base. These were on land that could not be said to be owned by the adjacent landowner. She was also aware of FP7 being blocked by a fallen tree. Two Members stated that the footbridge on FP10 was unsafe and the Clerk would contact the landowner.</p> <p>Queen's Jubilee gifts to the schoolchildren of Aslacton were discussed and it was decided to pursue the idea of a postcard pack depicting photographs taken during the Queen's reign. These were designed to be educational and could be used within the school. The cost was quoted at £324 and it was agreed that both Tibenham and Great Moulton Parish Councils should be asked to contribute as Aslacton School takes pupils from both these parishes</p>												