

ASLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – Parish Council Meeting 23rd February 2023

Venue: St Michael’s Church, Aslacton

Commencement: 7.30 p.m.

Clerk: Peter Robinson, The Old Rectory, Aslacton

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Present:	Geoff Gamble (Chairman); Cheryl Shulver (CS) (Vice-Chairman), Janine Jarrett (JJ), Louise Thurgar (LT), and 23 members of the public
1. Apologies for Absence	Keith Broomhall (KB), Charlotte Bennett (CB)
2. Proposed Development on Church Road (VCHAP)	<p>The Chairman explained that the current consultation on the scheme was not the final planning application for the development but was a final consultation on the Plan before SNC submitted it to a Planning Inspector under a Regulation 19 application, this setting the framework for future development. He explained that the consultation was only to consider issues concerning legality or soundness although it was not quite clear what constituted ‘soundness’.</p> <p>Questions were raised by the parishioners on whether the proposal has taken account of the Coopers Close development, why the number of houses had risen from 25 to 33, whether there had been any government statement to say that there was no current need to consider the cluster system, the poor sewage system in the village, the difficulty in meeting the electricity supply necessary, the closeness of the estate road to the nearby road junctions, the effect of the nutrient neutrality considerations and the safety of children on the narrow road sections of Church Road, These were discussed as far as possible and the Chairman said that the Parish Council would investigate the options and raise any objections before the end of the consultation on 8th March .</p>
3. Minutes of the Meeting of 6th January 2023	The minutes of the meeting of 6 th January were approved by the Members.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 6th January 2023	<p>Before the agenda items were discussed, the Chairman informed the Members that the hearing for the Western Farm planning appeal had been set for 8th March at 10.00 am at the SNC offices in Norwich. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman intended to attend.</p> <p>The following agenda items were then discussed.</p>
4a. Village Sign	JJ had spoken to the art teacher at the school, who was very supportive of the idea. JJ had sent an invitation e-mail and was awaiting a reply. The intention was for the schoolchildren to provide design ideas which could be displayed in the Church over the Coronation weekend for comment and for the selection of individual design elements which could be incorporated into the final sign.
4b. Defibrillator Project	It was reported that the school had asked Norfolk County Council, the owners of the school buildings, for permission for the defibrillator to be placed on the school wall. This was further delaying the project.
4c. 20mph speed limit Sign past the school	The Chairman confirmed Barry Duffin had sent formal confirmation that an agreed £2,500 would be made available for the project.
4d. Hedgecutting on Bunwell Road	The Clerk reported that he had heard from KB that he had spoken to the owner of the offending hedge on Bunwell Road and that the owner had

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	confirmed that he would be arranging for it to be cut in the near future.						
5. Clerk's Report	In order that actions which had been taken since the last meeting were reported to the Members, the Clerk reported on the following matters:						
5a. Oakfield House, Pottergate Street	The Clerk confirmed that the rear extension had been passed by SNC as being permitted development.						
5b. Payments made and invoices received	<p>The Clerk reported outgoings of: nil</p> <p>The Clerk reported that invoices had been received for:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">ICO Registration 2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guttering to repair the eco-toilet</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 21.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks fee for 2022/23</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£114.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payment was proposed by JJ, seconded by GG and unanimously agreed by the Members</p>	ICO Registration 2023	£ 35.00	Guttering to repair the eco-toilet	£ 21.64	Clerks fee for 2022/23	£114.00
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5c. Receipts	<p>The Clerk reported receipts of:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Great Moulton share of Jubilee postcards</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£108.00</td> </tr> </table>	Great Moulton share of Jubilee postcards	£108.00				
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5d. Barclays Bank problems	The Clerk reported that Barclays Bank required him to be a signatory on the account in order to receive full account information although the Clerk considered that this would put him in a difficult position legally. He asked whether the Members would consider the Clerk being a signatory to the account in order that Barclays would talk to him about the account, but that he would not be empowered by the Parish Council to sign cheques. This was proposed by LT, seconded by JJ and unanimously approved.						
5e Footpath report	A Footpath Wardens report had been received prior to the meeting and it was generally agreed that the new steps from Wash Lane to footpath 11 would be a much needed improvement once a handrail had been fitted.						
6. May Elections	<p>JJ confirmed that a flyer page was to be included in the next village newsletter in order to solicit new blood but that the idea of a 'meet & greet' did not receive any support.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that South Norfolk Council had informed him that the polling station for the election (if needed) would be at Coronation Hall as the school had informed them that it was no longer appropriate for use as a polling station . . .</p>						
7. The Coronation of King Charles III	<p>JJ reported that the school was not wishing to take forward the idea of a children's picnic during the Coronation long weekend and she put forward the idea of a medallion for each child at the school or within the village. The cost of these was £2.95 each. GG proposed that 120 be bought and distributed. This was seconded by LT and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had been approached by the Chairman of Great Moulton Parish Council to jointly hold a village celebration at the Coronation Hall. Detail was not yet available but LT agreed to act as the Aslacton representative and would report to the Members as the idea progressed.</p>						
Further Business	LT reported that a Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex Pylons Action Group[had been formed and that they were taking forward their objections to the plans.						
a) GREEN Pylons							
b) Compost bin in churchyard	JJ reported that visitors to the churchyard were expressing concern as to the condition of the composting bin used for disposal of graveside flowers and asked whether a brown bin would be a better substitute. The Clerk said that he had noted the condition of the compost bin and said that he would take the matter up with the new churchwarden						
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25						