

GAZELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Gazeley Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 in Gazeley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Kevin Grimwood (Chair) (KG), Cllr Ray Francis (RF), Cllr Pat Spillane (PS), Cllr Robert Connolly (RC) and Cllr Judy Moatt (JM).

In attendance Lynne Francis, Parish Clerk, District Councillor Roger Dicker and 3 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Kevin Grimwood who welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated the exit routes from the building in case of an emergency.

21.10.1	Public Forum No issues were raised by members of the public.
21.10.2	Civic Pride Awards 2021 The Chairman announced that two residents had been nominated to receive a Civic Pride Award this year. The first was Charlene Vandenbroucke for all her help on the parish council over many years, her fundraising support for various village organisations, for Macmillan Cancer Care and for the refurbishment of the children's playground last year. Charlene was a highly valued member of the community and will be much missed. The parish council was able to present her with her award before she returned home to France. The second award was for Sarah Lockwood, who was first on the scene when a motorist accidentally drove into the pond on Moulton Road. She rescued him from the water, called the emergency services and stayed with him until help arrived. Sarah was present at the meeting to receive the thanks of the parish council and to receive her award certificate. It has been agreed that in future, Civic Pride Award certificates will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting which is held in May of each year.
21.10.3	Reports from External Bodies West Suffolk District Councillor Roger Dicker had sent the following written report before the meeting and was also present. <i>Most main committee meetings are now being conducted at West Suffolk House Conference chamber. Covid safe precautions are being implemented where masks are being worn when moving around and Councillors are sitting a minimum 1 m apart.</i> <i>The new £39 million Mildenhall Hub was officially opened on Friday 17th September. All stakeholders were invited where a tour of all the new facilities were on show. (library, leisure centre, council offices, police and NHS all in one building and next to the new school)</i> <i>After health and safety issues, the twice weekly Newmarket market is being temporarily moved back to the market square whilst a new permanent home is sort. It seems after a H & S audit the current stalls and barriers cause a risk to highway safety on days of high</i>

	<p>winds and rain.</p> <p>The West Suffolk Business Awards are taking place at the St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 15th October. West Suffolk Council has administered £120 million in help to West Suffolk Businesses during the pandemic.</p> <p>The latest consultation being carried out and ending on Monday 4th October is part of the independent review regarding Licensed vehicles in the district. This particular survey is about Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles and the current local provision. All businesses and WAV users are being consulted.</p> <p>The taxi trade is currently at odds with WSC on new rules the council want to implement and enforce on. Last month taxi drivers demonstrated to West Suffolk House, handing a signed petition to officers stating their disagreement.</p> <p>The new Local Plan is continuing along the process. We expect to hear more early next year.</p> <p>I still have locality budget funding available for any local organisation that need help restarting or just continuing since the lockdowns.</p> <p>There was no report from the County Council this month.</p>
21.10.4	<p>To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Wesley Heaton and Cllr Paul Beard.</p>
21.10.5	<p>To receive declarations of interest, pecuniary and non-pecuniary, in matters on the agenda.</p> <p>None declared.</p>
21.10.6	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting of GPC held on Tuesday 14th September 2021</p> <p>The minutes were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.</p>
21.10.7	<p>Clerk's Report on outstanding issues and any correspondence to be brought to the attention of the parish council.</p> <p>Blacksmith's Forge – The clerk has been advised that the status of the building is still classified as dangerous and therefore the security fencing must remain around the bus shelter.</p> <p>Suffolk Highways are not prepared to take action to remedy the current absence of a bus stop and shelter.</p> <p>It was reported that the low wall on the green had been clipped by grass-cutters again. This could be as a result of the limited space available due to the temporary fencing on the green.</p> <p>Correspondence – A letter had been received from churchwarden Simon Gash with regard to his appeal for funding to deal with unforeseen expense in connection with tree works and the repair of the churchyard wall. The letter and the clerk's reply had been forwarded to councillors.</p>
21.10.8	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Authorisation of outstanding payments. The clerk presented the monthly finance report, which is attached to the minutes, and the cheques were signed by JM and PS. ii. To accept the quotation from Elan City and approve the payment for a new solar-powered radar device. <p>The parish council authorised the acceptance of the quotation for 2 solar panels and one device to be moved between the two.</p>
21.10.9	Highway Matters

	There was nothing further to report on the situation with the road in front of the forge and the bus stop.
21.10.10	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>RF noted that Robert Wybrow has now installed the new bench on the green at Tithe Close.</p> <p>JM asked if any progress had been made on cutting the hedge and dealing with the path in front of Highwood Court. The clerk confirmed that she had reported both to Newtide Homes and to West Suffolk Council and that she would apply for a licence to site another bench on the grass there which will be funded by the coffee morning team.</p> <p>PS asked whether anyone had a comment to make about a new Facebook page for the parish council as he had been absent from the previous meeting. All had agreed that it would be a good idea. He confirmed that he and Rev.Chris Childs had taken over the production of the previous Events Committee Newsletter and had met with the rest of the committee to decide whether to continue with it in its present form. It was suggested that it could be given a new title and that it could include news from the parish council and the church and would carry advertising for local businesses to assist with the costs of production. Everyone had been keen to organise an event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. The team has £1000 in the bank at present and they are in the process of opening a new account as the old account had to be closed when Charlene left.</p> <p>A meeting is being arranged for Sunday 14th November to discuss the event and further meetings will be held in the Chequers.</p>
21.10.11	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting of Gazeley Parish Council.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 9th November 2021 in the village hall.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>
	<p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Chairman</p>

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS**OCTOBER****2021**

Payments	Amount	Cheque No.	Receipts	Balance
	£			
L. Francis BACS/WSC Election	102.48	1223		
	£			
L. Francis, stationery	56.70	1224		
	£			
S.P. Landscapes, pond	252.00	1225		
	£			
S.P. Landscapes September	111.00	1226		
	£			
SALC payroll service	54.00	1227		

Receipts

			£	
Interest			0.15	

	£		£	
Totals	576.18		0.15	

Balance of Accounts

	£	
Treasurer's Account 1	6,660.99	
	£	
Treasurer's Account 2	80.43	
	£	
Instant Access Account	17,859.90	

	£	
Total Balance of Accounts	24,601.32	
at 27.9.21		

12.10.21

