

Gazeley Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Gazeley Parish Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Kevin Grimwood (Chair) (KG), Cllr Ray Francis (RF), Cllr Paul Beard (PB), and Cllr Wesley Heaton (WH).

In attendance Lynne Francis, Parish Clerk, and 4 members of the public.

21.4.1	<p>Welcome and Public Forum. The Chairman, Cllr Kevin Grimwood, opened the meeting and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Public Forum.</p> <p>No issues were raised in the Public Forum</p>
21.4.2	<p>Reports from External Bodies</p> <p>Neither the District Councillor nor the County Councillor was able to attend the meeting.</p>
21.4.3	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Judy Moatt and Cllr Pat Spillane.</p>
21.4.4	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest, pecuniary and non-pecuniary, on matters on the agenda. Cllr Kevin Grimwood declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda.</p>
21.4.5	<p>To approve the minutes of the virtual meeting of the parish council held on Tuesday 9th March 2021. The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and adopted by the Council.</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the virtual Extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March. The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and adopted by the Council.</p>
21.4.6	<p>Clerk's Report on outstanding issues and any correspondence to be brought to the notice of the parish council.</p> <p>The clerk reported that she had received the resignation of Cllr Charlene Vandenbroucke who had copied the letter to all councillors. She will now make arrangements to advertise the vacancy.</p> <p>The damaged wall on the village green will now be repaired in June as the contractor had sustained an injury and was unable to carry out the work last month.</p> <p>The government has announced that it will not be extending the provision for local councils to hold remote meetings beyond 7th May. The Annual Meeting of the council and the Annual Parish Council Meeting, which were both suspended last year, must be held in May however. The earliest date that the council can hold a public meeting would be 17th May under the Coronavirus Restrictions regulations.</p> <p>Correspondence The clerk had received various emails on the on-going situation with the forge which will be covered later in the agenda.</p>

21.4.7	<p>Finance</p> <p>i. Authorisation of outstanding payments. The clerk presented the list of outstanding accounts which were approved for payment and will be attached to the minutes.</p> <p>ii. Statement of the end of year financial position. The clerk confirmed that the balance of accounts at the end of March, after all cheques are cleared, is £15,688.</p>
21.4.8	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>To consider the following application: DC/21/0634/HH – Single storey garage/workshop following demolition of shed, 5 Highwood Road, Gazeley.</p> <p>The parish council raised no objections to the application.</p>
21.4.9	<p>Blacksmiths Forge</p> <p>The clerk had been in contact with the officer from West Suffolk Council who is coordinating the reports from all the departments involved in the deteriorating condition of the forge. Reports are expected from Building Control, Planning and Highways and the council's legal department is being consulted. The clerk hoped to receive an update within the next week.</p> <p>There has been some concern that the bus shelter has been surrounded by the emergency fencing and is therefore out of use. The clerk has received complaints that the fencing has increased the area in which the dogs are allowed to roam, risking damage to the grass. There have also been complaints that the dogs are left unattended in the building for long periods and are continuously barking. It was also reported that the waste bin outside the church was being used by the owner of the forge which had caused it to overflow. All these complaints have been forwarded to WSC.</p>
21.4.10	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Beard for his analysis of the data from the Speed Indication Device which he had forwarded to all members. He had reported that although there would be many ways of analysing the data, it did show that the road into the village from Kentford was where most people exceeded the speed limit the most.</p> <p>Cllr Grimwood noted the number of deep potholes that had appeared on Ashley Road and also Higham Road. The clerk advised members that any new potholes should be reported on the Suffolk Highways website.</p>
21.4.11	<p>To confirm the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Resolved. That the Annual Parish Meeting should be held in Gazeley Village Hall on Tuesday 25th May at 7.00pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council immediately afterwards.</p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th June, also in the village hall unless circumstances dictate otherwise.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.00pm.</p>

	<p>After the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed our new vicar, Rev. Chris Childs, who had been present at the meeting and asked if he would like to say anything.</p> <p>Rev Childs confirmed that he and his wife Wendy had moved to the village at the end of January and had officially taken up his post on 11th February. He was very keen to see the church as the hub of the village and open to all whether they attend church or not. He would like to encourage a wider use of the church for the whole community and looked forward to meeting everyone in person when the current social distancing measures are relaxed.</p>

PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**APRIL****2021**

Payments	Amount	Cheque No.	Receipts	Balance
	£			
Mrs L Francis Zoom sub.	14.39	1202		
	£			
SALC Subscription 2021-2022	342.94	1203		
	£			
S.P. Landscapes March	111.00	1204		
	£			
BHIB Insurance renewal	874.56	1205		

Receipts

	£
Interest	0.07
	£
West Suffolk Council	550.00
	£
West Suffolk Council	1,150.00

	£	£
Totals	1,342.89	1,700.07

Balance of Accounts

	£
Treasurer's Account 1	6,358.67
	£
Treasurer's Account 2	80.43
	£
Instant Access Account	11,389.98

	£
Total Balance of Accounts	17,829.08
At 31.3.21	

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