

GAZELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Gazeley Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 in Gazeley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Kevin Grimwood (Chair) (KG), Cllr Paul Beard (PB), Cllr Ray Francis (RF), Cllr Robert Connelly (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.

21.06.1	Public Forum A village resident congratulated the parish council on the process that they were following with regard to the situation at the Blacksmiths' Forge. The next question is to decide the next steps available to resolve the situation. Thanks were extended to Will Wright at West Suffolk Council who is keeping us informed on a regular basis. The resident also noted that the speeding of cars through the village is a disgrace and is causing a lot of anxiety among local residents. In the last weeks animals have been killed on the road and something has to be done to address the situation. She was aware of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera project and was keen to join with others to do what is necessary in order to drive speeds down in the village.
21.06.2	Reports from External Bodies i. West Suffolk District Council. Cllr Dicker had nothing new to report having attended the last meeting of the parish council only two weeks earlier. He had forwarded an update on the preparations of the Local Plan for information which had been circulated to councillors. ii. Suffolk County Council. Cllr Noble was unable to attend the meeting but asked to be informed of anything to be brought to his notice.
21.06.3	To Welcome Mr Robert Connelly to Gazeley Parish Council, following the recent election, and to receive apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr Heaton and Cllr Spillane.
21.06.4	To receive (i) Cllr Connelly's Acceptance of Office declaration and (ii) his Register of Members' Interest and to receive members' declaration of interest, pecuniary and non-pecuniary, on matters on the agenda. Cllr Connelly completed his Acceptance of Office form and will forward his Register of Members' Interests after the meeting. There were no declarations of interest from members.
21.06.5	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 25th May 2021 The minutes were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, also held on Tuesday 25th May 2021. The minutes were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

21.06.6	<p>Clerk's Report on outstanding issues and any correspondence to be brought to the attention of the parish council.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that the planning application for a dwelling at 1 Mill Road had been referred to the Secretary of State on appeal. This was for the original application that had been registered on the site which had been refused by West Suffolk Council.</p> <p>The clerk reminded councillors that the next Parish & Town Forum will be held on 14th July 2021 via Microsoft Teams. She asked whether anyone would like to attend, as she hadn't had much response so far, and she agreed to forward the details again for information.</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>An email had been received from a resident of Needham Street whose cat had been killed by a speeding car recently. He had noted that there is general concern in the village about the speed of traffic through the village and wondered what steps could be taken. As Chair of Kentford Parish Council he had some experience in traffic calming measures and was happy to share his knowledge with GPC. He had forwarded information on the ANPR, referred to earlier and it was agreed that this would be looked into as part of our on-going traffic-calming discussions.</p>
21.06.7	<p>Finance</p> <p>Authorisation of outstanding payments. The clerk presented the monthly finance report, which is attached to these minutes, and the cheques were signed by Cllr Beard and Cllr Judy Moatt.</p>
21.06.8	<p>To consider the site and design of new benches for the village.</p> <p>Cllr Dicker had provided the funds to replace a bench on Tithe Close and the clerk wondered whether it would be best to choose a similar design to another bench on the green or to continue with the same design as other benches in the village. After some discussion it was agreed that for maintenance purposes it would be better to have a similar one to the one in situ, either with a cement or metal base, as the wooden slats could be refurbished more easily when necessary. The clerk will obtain details of the options available.</p> <p>The Coffee Club Committee had contacted Cllr Judy Moatt to ask if they could fund the provision of a bench for Highwood Crescent. The clerk noted that a licence would have to be obtained as the suggested site in front of Highwood Court was owned by West Suffolk Council. She asked if they could decide which type of bench they would prefer and to identify the exact proposed site so that she could forward the information to WSC.</p>
21.06.9	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>To consider application DC/21/-0993/FUL – Change of use of existing cafe to cycle store and associated works. Phoenix Cycleworks, Kentford.</p> <p>The parish council was informed that Kentford Parish Council thoroughly supports the development as a great outdoor recreational opportunity for the area but they also raised the issue of how an improvement to the Icknield Way path can be incorporated into further developments of the site.</p> <p>This concern has also been echoed by the Newmarket & District Ramblers and the Icknield Way Association.</p> <p>Resolved, that Gazeley Parish Council supports the application but also shares the same concerns with regard to the footpath. The clerk will respond to the planning department accordingly.</p>
21.06.10	<p>Blacksmiths' Forge</p> <p>This was the last update received from WSC at the end of May:</p> <p>A Section 215 Notice was served on the owner of the forge requiring him to clean up the site by 28th July. The Building Control team continue to monitor the condition of the building and pursue the owner to make the building safe.</p> <p>SCC Highways' main concern is the safety of all highway users. They continue to regularly undertake inspections and take appropriate action as necessary.</p>

	<p>Concern has been raised that the fencing at the front of the site has been moved out into the road and now presents a clear danger to other road users. Pedestrians have to walk right out into the road to pass the front of the forge. The question was raised as to why the landrover was also enclosed by the fencing and it was felt that, given the amount of rubbish at the front of the building, the vehicle should not be parked there at all.</p> <p>The dogs now have use of a much larger area of land, including the bus shelter which was fully enclosed by the fencing. It is now impossible to cut most of the grass on the main green.</p> <p>The clerk was requested to contact WSC to express the concerns raised and to set up another site visit so that the parish council can receive updates from the departments concerned and advise on further measures that will be undertaken.</p>
21.06.21	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Beard has issued the latest statistics from the SID, covering the period 1.4.21-1.06.21. The graph showed that 5,105 vehicles (25.71%) were exceeding the speed limit, 201 were over 40mph 16 over 50mph and 9 over 55mph. The top speed reached was 65-70 mph - in a 30mph limit.</p> <p>Comments were made that the 30mph signs are very dirty and being obscured by undergrowth in places. SCC used to deal with this in the past but it seems they no longer do so.</p> <p>Cllr Grimwood drew attention to reports of broken glass that had been left next to the bottle bank causing injury to a dog and some glass picture frames had been left on the floor. The bank is for bottles only. Residents are requested to take their glass home or to another recycling site if the bottle bank is full.</p>
21.06.21	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting of Gazeley Parish Council.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th July 2021.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>

PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**JUNE****2021**

Payments	Amount	Cheque No.	Receipts	Balance
S.P. Landscapes May	£ 111.00	1210		
S.P. Landscapes Pond Works	£ 252.00	1211		
Mr P Jaye	£ 600.00	1212		

Receipts

Interest	£ 0.15
HMRC VAT refund	£ 669.01

Totals	£ 963.00	£ 669.16
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Balance of Accounts

Treasurer's Account 1	£ 10,085.05
Treasurer's Account 2	£ 80.43
Instant Access Account	£ 17,859.23

**Total Balance of Accounts
at 08.06.21**

£ 28,024.71

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