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ELSING PARISH

Minutes of the Annual Elsing Parish meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Elsing Village Hall.

Present:- Mrs G Hubbard (Parish Council Clerk), Mrs Margaret Wallwork (Chairperson of the Parish Council), Mr & Mrs H Atkinson, Mr Clive Horncastle, Mr Oliver Laws, Mr Stuart Chaplin and Mr Steve Crebbin

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

Mrs Wallwork welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Gordon Bambridge.

2. To receive a report from the County Councillor of N.C.C.

There was no report sent by Cllr Bill Borrett.

3. To receive a report from the District Councillor of Breckland Council

Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge had sent to the Clerk a comprehensive report and this will be attached to the minutes and put on the website.

4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Mrs Wallwork read out her report. It will be attached to the minutes. The main points mentioned were:-

Village meetings were overshadowed by Covid and regular meetings in the hall were replaced by remote Zoom meetings.

Planning applications were appraised, including the application for a solar farm from PACE. The application was successful and the P.C. were able to negotiate a compensatory annual payment of £3,000 p.a. to the village for 20 years, making £60,000 in total This will be managed by the P.C. on behalf of the village.

Councillor Laws was successful with the application to Breckland for a grant of £2,000 for the Allotment Bore Hold Project and Councillor Atkinson successfully encouraged Norfolk County Council to bring their long planned repairs to the drainage system in Moor Lane to stop the substantial regular flooding that was affecting Church Street and Church Road.

She had decided to stand down as Chairperson and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support over the last 3 years and gave good wishes to Councillors Laws and Horncastle for an enjoyable and productive future joint Chairmanship.

5. To receive any other reports available

The Clerk had been sent a newsletter from Lyng Church of England Primary School, which will be attached to the minutes.

Paula Gilluley, Police Community Engagement Officer, had sent the Clerk a report and it will be attached to the minutes and displayed on the website. The report covers actions over the last year, which includes responses to calls, patrols and public meetings around the County.

6. To discuss any other future village plans

Nothing further was discussed.

7. To discuss the Draft end of year accounts

The Clerk had produced a simplified copy of the accounts, which had been circulated. The full accounts were to be adopted at the Parish Council meeting. There were no questions regarding these accounts and the Clerk was thanked for producing them.

8. To discuss any other business from those present

Mr Laws was thanked for putting the new bench on the orchard.

Regarding a Wish List from the Parish Council for the Solar Farm Project funds, the Parish Councillors will consider this and it will be discussed at the July Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council has the Contract so it must be involved. The Contract says it is for the 'good of the village'. Mr Chaplin did not think it would actually be 'legal' to support an individual person. It will be put on next year's Parish agenda. Something will be included in the newsletter. It was felt it needed to be an item on the agenda for all future Parish Council meetings for a while.

9. To confirm date and time of next Annual Parish meeting

The date of the Parish meeting was set for Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Mrs Wallwork thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, he declared the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

ChairmanDate