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ELSING PARISH

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Elsing Parish meeting held on Monday March 20th at 7.00 p.m. in Elsing Village Hall.

Present:- Mrs G Hubbard (Parish Council Clerk), Mr Oliver Laws and Mr Clive Horncastle (Chairmen of the Parish Council), Mr Stuart Chaplin, Mr Henry Atkinson, Mrs Margaret Wallwork and Cllr Gordon Bambridge.

1. Welcome by the Chairman and to receive apologies for absence

Cllr Horncastle welcomed those present and no apologies for absence was received.

2. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on March 21st 2022

Mrs Wallwork proposed the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on March 21st 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting and this proposal was seconded by Mr Atkinson and carried.

3. To discuss any matters arising from these minutes (not on the agenda)

The painting of the telephone boxes is still pending. They will be done when the weather improves.

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

Cllr Borrett was not present and the Clerk had no received a report.

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

It has been a difficult year for Cllr Bambridge because he has been very busy looking at housing since the late spring of last year. Housing at the moment is difficult in this part of Norfolk because it is difficult to build houses. Lots of private landlords are no longer renting out houses and lots of people are on the list for needing houses. There are some places in Thetford and 5 more bungalows were opened recently on the same site. Breckland is going to buy 11 flats in Dereham. There is a need for houses for the homeless people. People that are on the list are being investigated as to why they are on the list. This particular subject has taken up a great deal of Cllr Bambridge's time. Last summer Breckland had a peer review. This basically meant that Breckland was assessed as to how they were carrying out their work. Breckland thinks it is carrying out its duties well. The money that has been spent so far for housing is in the form of a loan. Breckland still has a balanced budget. Five bungalows will be rented out for vulnerable people. Breckland supplied the land and a company called Access dealt with the building of the bungalows. There are 14 registered social housing landlords. Breckland has to build 788 houses a year. Under certain circumstances tenants can buy the social house they are renting. Cllr Bambridge suggested that the Council think about rural acceptance sites. A piece of land is identified and then the need is accessed. Local support needs to be got and then someone needs to be found to either build the houses for rent or partial ownership. They can only buy 80% of the cost of the house. The interested people must be either from Elsing village or surrounding villages.

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

The Chairman had submitted his report and it will be attached to the minutes.

7.To receive any other available reports

The Clerk had received a newsletter from Lyng Church of England Primary Academy and it will be attached to the minutes.

8.To discuss any future village plans

Regarding the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend, On Saturday May 6th there will be a Pop-Up Pub evening taking place in the Village Hall.

Regarding the celebrations for the Coronation weekend, if any residents wished to organize any events, if a road closure was necessary, Breckland would need to be contacted about this.

9.To discuss the Clerk's Financial Update

Cllr Bambridge had no questions regarding the financial situation.

10.To discuss any other business from those present

There was no further business to discuss.

11.To confirm date and time of next Annual meeting – March 2023

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting was set for Monday March 18th 2024 at 7.00 p.m. Mr Horncastle thanked everyone for attending. There being no further business to discuss, he declared the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

C. Horncastle

Chairman

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Date