

Lessingham and Hempstead with Eccles Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting ID: 851 0365 6060 Passcode: 900832

Tuesday 13th April 2021 - 7.30pm

Present: M Henderson (Chair), S Bennett, A Cull, J Holden. NCC: R Price, Clerk: C Hummel

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the chair held a minute's silence for HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

David Reynolds – Accepted. NNDC Lucy Shires also gave her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting but gave the clerk a report to read at the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. To approve as accurate minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes that were circulated to council which concluded on the 9th March 2021 were AGREED with one amendment to item 10 that Cllr Holden stated he said the clerk N Debbage and Cllr White and not Moore and White. Proposed J Holden, Seconded A Cull.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Councillors to raise any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting – Following the departure of the clerk N Debbage, it was AGREED to purchase a gift to the value of £10 to be sent with thanks. M Henderson would arrange this. It was AGREED that a gift to K White would be also be given with a voucher value of £50. Proposed M Henderson, Seconded J Holden. 3 For, 1 Abstained.

4.2 Update on 2 councillor resignations – The clerk confirmed that N Debbage had now informed NNDC of the resignation of two councillors. Once the period has passed for the public to ask for an election of the vacancies the parish council can then reach out to the parish to fill them by co-option.

5. Public participation (15 minutes)

6.1 To receive reports from Police, County and District Councillor – NCC R Price gave the covid figures for the week. North Norfolk now had 2990 cases this was up by 2 on the previous week with sadly 1 death reported. This meant that the figures in North Norfolk were at 3 per 100,000 people had covid.

NNDC L Shires following report:

I have received numerous complaints of the use of dunes at Eccles by visitors, these have all been logged with the Environment Agency and I am awaiting further action and response from them.

Happisburgh ramp is currently closed and signage has been positioned at Cart Gap to inform visitors.

As we've stepped into tourist season it is expected that we will see an increase in visitor waste. If anyone does spot an overflowing bin, please take a photo and send it to me with the time, date and location, so I can get the teams out to empty them as soon as possible.

We are still booking appointments at the District Council Office in Cromer for those customers who require face-to-face support. By booking appointments, we are reducing the potential contact of residents in the waiting area and reducing the waiting period of the previous system.

The 'Anxiety Toolkit' that I have been working on with the Wellbeing Team is almost complete, I will let you all know when it is ready for public release.

The District Council is holding a Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum, bringing services together including the police to hear directly from survivors how services could be improved and what would have led to better support. To protect those brave enough to speak, this will be a closed session, by invitation only. If you know anyone who would like to share their story then please get in touch. The session will be held on the 21st of May 2021 from 1-3pm.

6.2 To receive questions from the public relating to items on the agenda.

6. Planning – None

7. Correspondence for information

The folder of correspondence which has been previously circulated was noted but due to the transition of clerks there was nothing to discuss.

8. Finance

8.1 To authorise the following payments by Cheque: Proposed J Holden, Seconded A Cull. AGREED

- Clerk's Salary April - £130
- NALC Subscription 2021/22 - £184.74

8.2 The new bank signatories and change of address to new clerk were confirmed. The clerk also asked the parish council to look at Unity Trust as an option to make banking and paying bills easier for a future meeting.

8.3 The timetable for the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2020/21 was NOTED

8.4 A ratification of all financial decisions made in the period from March 2020 – March 2021. This was due to meetings not held face to face or via a virtual platform. AGREED. Proposed A Cull, Seconded S Bennett.

9. Any Other Business for Future Meeting

The parish council to look at perceptions by residents of the parish council and how it could make it feel more accessible for people to get in contact with them.

It was asked if there were any specific issues that residents from the Bush Estate are experiencing and how they might feel that the parish council are not listening. None could be given but was a consensus that perhaps if residents in this area voiced their concerns or issues that they are not listened too.

NCC R Price said he was happy to widen this issue and to help people to feel included within the parish.

10. Arrangements for AGM and Annual Parish Council meeting

11.1 AGM and Annual Parish Council meetings are due to take place on 11th May 2021. It is unknown yet whether this can be held via Zoom or as a face-to-face meeting. Clerk will inform the parish council.

11.2 Future dates of meetings were confirmed as follows:

11th June 2021 APM & APCM 7.30pm. TBC via Zoom or Face to Face.

13th July 2021 7.30pm

14th September 2021 7.30pm

12th October 2021 7.30pm

9th November 2021 7.30pm

14th December 2021 7.30pm

8th February 2021 7.30pm

8th March 2021 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 9.04pm