

Lessingham and Hempstead with Eccles Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At Lessingham Village Hall

Tuesday 18th May 2021 - 7.46pm

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. At item 7. the public will be invited to attend to give their views/questions to the Parish Council on issues on the Agenda or raise issues for consideration of inclusion at future meetings. This item will generally be limited to 15 mins duration. WEARING OF MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE IN PLACE. THE PARISH COUNCIL ASK POLITELY THAT A LATERAL FLOW TEST IS TAKEN AND A NEGATIVE RESULT IS SHOWN PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE MEETING. DUE TO COVID RULES ENTRY MAY BE REFUSED IF IT BREAKS GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES OR HALL CAPACITY

Attendance: M Henderson, A Cull, D Reynolds, J Holden. Clerk: C Hummel, NNDC Cllr Lucy Shires. No members of the public in attendance.

1. Election of Chair

M Henderson. Nominated A Cull, Seconded D Reynolds. AGREED M Henderson ACCEPTED with understanding that new chair would be advisable in the near future.

2. Election of Vice Chair

A Cull. Nominated D Reynolds, Seconded J Holden, AGREED. A Cull ACCEPTED with the understanding that this be a short-term measure.

3. Apologies

S Bennett – prior commitment. ACCEPTED. NCC Cllr Richard Price gave his apologies.

4. Declaration of Interests

4.1 Councillors to confirmed for the minutes that the code of conduct declarations passed to NNDC are (to the best of knowledge and belief), complete and up to date

4.2 Members are invited to declare a previously undisclosed interest relating to items on the agenda - NONE

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

The minutes of the last meeting of the council on Tuesday 13th April 2021 were APPROVED. Proposed A Cull, Seconded J Holden

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Two vacancies for co-option on the parish council – The parish council are no able to co-opt to fill the two vacancies.

6.2 Leaving gifts to departing clerk and councillor – M Henderson sent a card and flowers to the previous clerk and sincere thanks were given to the parish council. A voucher and card of thanks was also given to K White on his retirement. He gave his thanks to the parish council for the kind gesture.

6.3 Making the Parish Council more accessible to the parish – It was confirmed that the clerk would be using tools such as the website and to gain access to the community facebook page as well at the boards to allow people to know what is being debated at the parish council meetings.

7. Public participation (15 minutes)

7.1 To receive reports from Police/Police Newsletter, County and District Councillor. The police newsletter had been received and distributed to all councillors. It was requested if the clerk would get a small report from PC Tom Gibbs of what has been going on in the area for a future meeting. NNDC Cllr Lucy Shires spoke about visitors to Cart Gap and the travel restrictions and concerns over access and the dunes. A resident has contacted the Environmental Agency over this and unfortunately, they are taking a long time to respond. Cllr Shires will continue to work with the residents to get a response. Concerns have also been raised over the over-development of the Bush Estate in Eccles. The advice given if it is a concern that the parish look at making a neighbourhood plan. This would mean that the parish have more say over how the whole parish is developed. The clerk advised the Parish Council that a neighbourhood plan is a good idea in principle, there are factors to consider including the cost and time taken to do this.

Cllr Richard Price gave the following report, read by the clerk: On Covid I can report that the current rate for England is 23 per 100K, East Anglia 20 per and for North Norfolk 11 per 100K. There are currently 11 people in hospital with Covid and 1 in intensive care. 95% of the 70+ age range have had both of their vaccines and 70% of all adults in Norfolk have had had their first vaccination.

I attended a briefing from Dr Louise, our leader in Health for Norfolk, this morning and she reported that we were doing well despite 10 cases of the Indian variant present in Norfolk and spread across several communities. Who

will be carefully monitored. Dr Louise also reported to Members, that several models from different agencies are predicting a possible 3rd wave later in the year. Therefore, everyone is urged to be careful and remember the importance of hand washing, masks and social distancing.
It will take several weeks for our health team to ascertain the repercussions of the newest relaxation but the message remains strong and to be careful.

I am happy to respond to any questions that might be raised and am very pleased to be able to serve yet again as your County councillor.

7.2 To receive questions from the public relating to items on the agenda -NONE

8. Planning – None at time of publication

9. Correspondence for information

9.1 Email – BHIB – Insurance documents NOTED

9.2 Email – Resident – PC copied in on email sent to Environment agency concerning blown sand at Eccles on Sea causing problems for access and residents. – The Parish Council are concerned and M Henderson had been to site to take a look at the issues that residents are facing. The Parish Council asked the clerk to contact the resident to invite to a future PC meeting to discuss this further and what help the Parish Council could be.

9.4 Email – Norfolk ALC – Annual General Meeting 20th May 2021 - NOTED

9.5 Email – Norfolk ALC Wellbeing – Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance Meeting - NOTED

9.6 Email – CPRE – Norfolk Awards 2021 nominations. – M Henderson had contacted an organisation who may benefit from the awards.

10. Finance

10.1 Community Account – As at 30th April 2021

£3151.96

Savings Account – As at 30th April 2021

£1117.18

10.2 To authorise the following payments for May 2021: AGREED

C Hummel - Salary May 2021

£130.00

BHIB Ltd – Public Liability Insurance

£300.97

10.3 To confirm bank statements. ACCEPTED

11. Any Other Business for Future Meeting

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 7.30pm at Lessingham Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.43pm