

## **FILBY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 5 December, 2019, at 7.00 pm. in the Clubroom

**Present:** Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. D. Shaw, Mr. I. Richardson, Mr. J. Baldry, Mr. D. Balls (Clerk), and 7 Members of the Public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr. D. Nicker, Mrs. L. Elms, Mr. P. Chapman and Mr. H. Thirtle (NCC)

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None received

**3. POLICE REPORT** – The Chairman reported that the parish now has a new officer operating in the village.

**4. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC TIME** - *The meeting was adjourned for Public Time from 7.03 pm. to 7.05 pm. where no issues were raised. The Chairman pointed out that members of the public can ask questions and contribute to debates during the meeting.*

**5. SAILING BASE UPDATE** – The Clerk was requested to send out “Key” letters in early January.

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 2019** – It was proposed by Mr. J. Baldry, seconded by Mr. I. Richardson and unanimously agreed that these minutes be signed.

### **7. PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) Highway Matters: the Chairman reported that the highways department are investigating drainage problems at the outfall of the main drain in Pound Lane. The Chairman also reported that Mr. Wharton has cleaned out the ditch from this outfall to the broad.

(b) Speedwatch.SAM 2 – Mr. David Bishop reported and updated the council on successful progress of the “Speedwatch” team and the findings/results of the new SAM 2 device.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan – the Chairman outlined the progress and Supporting Statements being made by Collective Community Planning on the Filby Neighbourhood Plan. A report is currently being made to enable screening opinions to be sought by GYBC and BA before Pre-Submission in March/April, 2020.

### **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS FOR INFORMATION/READING**

#### **Correspondence**

(a) Garden Guardian – it was unanimously agreed that the playing field grass quotation by Garden Guardian be accepted.

(b) NP Law – TPO 16/2019 land at o/s The Homestead, Main Road. The Chairman explained which trees now have an order on, and requested all present to put forward any other trees in the parish where TPO’s could be investigated and implemented.

#### **Publications for Reading/Information**

(a) Clerk and Councils

(c) Countryside Voice & Fieldwork

(b) Police Neighbourhood Policing update

### **9. PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **(a) Notices of Decisions:**

(i) 06/19/0555/F – new access at Summerfield, Main Road - approved

(ii) 06/19/0271/F – variation of condition 2 (floor plans & layout) at land north of Philmar Lodge, Ormesby Lane - approved

**(b) New Applications:** None received

### **10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS AND OTHER MEMBERS**

(a) **Allotments** – Mr. Baldry reported that dog bin near allotments need emptying. The Chairman will deal with.

(b) **Drainage** - Nothing to report.

(c) **Footpaths** - Nothing to report.

#### **(d) Highways**

(i) The Chairman reported that using the NCC Parish Partnership scheme he has applied for partnership funds to have installed a “Gateway Sign” at the eastern end of the village. It was unanimously agreed to advance this project if the application is accepted.

(ii) Mr. Shaw reported potholes, on Thrigby Road opposite “Applewood”. The Clerk will report to highways for immediate repair.

(e) **Claypits Car Park** – Mr. Richardson updated the Council on latest BA/School tree planting and planting at rear of Claypits car park.

### **11. REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

(a) **PFC** – The Chairman reported on Christmas and New Year events.

(b) **GYBC/NCC** – Mr. Haydn Thirtle reported on the following: Great Yarmouth Community Trust, Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner candidate, County Farms Care Farms Project, James Paget Hospital, and NCC one million tree planting initiative. Mr. Thompson reported that First Bus service request through the village will be discussed following receipt of survey forms in January.

(c) **Filby School** – The Chairman reported that nursery places at Filby School have been saved as a result of liquidation.

(d) **BA/The Staithe/Boats** – see issues regarding key distribution for next year under item 5.

(e) M/s Eilish Rothney reported on forthcoming events for next year including October “Orchard Day”, Climate Change talk, and Open Willow-craft day.

M/s Rothney was requested to ask Mr. Gay about the retention of wildflower strip adjacent to garden plot allotments bearing in mind that seed heads are blowing onto allotment plots.

**12. FINANCIAL REPORT & APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS** - For authorisation, if agreed

**Bank Balance on 5.12.2019**

PC Current a/c £10,170.76

**Received since last meeting**

Allotment rents £949.82

**Bills for Payment**

Clerk's salary/stamps – October/November - paid	£290.32
PAYE (clerk)	£ 71.94
NCC – allotment rent – paid	£800.00
Maple Tree Services – Churchyard grass – paid	£1,700.00
Adrian Thompson – sandbags/wreath	£ 233.00
Garden Guardian – playing field grass	£2,169.60
Collective Community Planning	£420.00
David Bishop – padlocks for SAM2	£ 44.00

It was proposed by Mr. J. Baldry, seconded by Mr. I. Richardson that the above accounts be paid.

**13. 2020/2021 PARISH PRECEPT**

The Parish Council considered the Draft prepared by the Clerk which anticipated gross expenditure of £15,880 (net £14,024) after taking into account of potential income).

It was proposed by Mr. J. Baldry, seconded by Mr. D. Shaw and unanimously agreed to set a precept figure of £14,000, this represents an increase of £5,000 on last year's figure to accommodate the boardwalk repairs, SAM2 device, re-thatching bus shelter and Gateway sign costs.

This increase will mean an annual rise in Council Tax bills of approximately £10 per household.

It was proposed by Mr. D. Shaw, seconded by Mr. I. Richardson that the precept figures for 2020/2021 be accepted.

**14. A.O.B.** There was no further business to discuss.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31 pm.*