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Minutes of the Billingford Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 16th February 2021 Virtually through Zoom.

Present:- Cllr M Davies, Cllr R Thorneley, Cllr P Payne, Cllr K Crudgington and Cllr M Reeve

Others Present: - Dist. Cllr Gordon Bambridge, 2 members of the Public and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

Matters Raised Under The Time Allocated To The Public
No Public were present and no matters were raised.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence
The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr A Lake and Cllr Wilson and these were accepted.

2. To receive any Declarations of interest re items on the agenda and request for Dispensation.
There were no Interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 19th 2020.
The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Thorneley proposed that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Reeve and carried, so the Chairman signed them as a true record.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of December 19th (not on the Agenda)
There were no matters arising.

5. To discuss any notified Planning Issues
There were no notified planning issues to discuss.

6. To receive an update on the new street lights situation
The Clerk read out an email she had received from T T Jones Electrical Ltd. stating that the manufacturers have advised the delivery date of LED lanterns as being week commencing 22nd March. They will update us if any changes are made.

7. To discuss speeding through the Village
At various times emails and letters have been written to Norfolk County Council making complaints regarding the speed drivers are allowed to use to travel through the village down certain roads. Speeding and the position of speed signs and the use of the B1145 as a route is a great concern. Unfortunately a refusal was received regarding dealing with these concerns. Cllr Davies suggested that all interested parties write individual letters of concern. He thought the problem should not be dropped and Cllr Crudgington stated he was prepared to contact Norfolk County Council about the problems. It was felt that as many letters as possible should be sent. The Parish Council has communicated many times with Norfolk County Council about the issues. A leaflet drop to residents was suggested, showing the relevant information needed such as a telephone number and email address and the leaflet should explain exactly what the Parish Council has already done.

About a year ago, County Cllr Bill Borrett made some contact with the relevant department but very little has happened since. Contact had been made in the past with surrounding villages and it was suggested contact be made again.

8. To discuss any Speedwatch activity
There has been no activity recently on this subject. Cllr Crudgington had registered his details to become involved with this. Once restrictions have been lifted then some Speedwatch activities can take place. When the leaflet drop takes place regarding the speeding problems, it was suggested that there could be some statement made on it that more volunteers are needed for Speedwatch.

9. To discuss any correspondence received
Donation request from Norfolk Citizens Advice. Cllr Davies proposed a £25.00 donation be sent, seconded by Cllr Payne and carried.

Email from Cllr Lake, reference December minutes, covering Time Allocated to the Public, Street Lighting, Finance and Speed. This email was discussed and regarding the first section, which relates to the number of units of living accommodation on the land owned by the travellers passed Shoulder Lodge, Cllr Davies had contacted Breckland Council about this and it does not appear that there is a problem regarding this.
Regarding Cllr Lake's suggestion that some money be spent buying weed killer, there were no objections to this.
The Street Lights were discussed under item no. 6 and Speed under item no. 7.

Email to Cllr Davies regarding the collapse of the Church Wall. Cllr Davies has spoken to the Rector Reverend Sally Kimmis, who will speak again with the Insurers, as the wall may be covered for flood damage. The Rector was going to approach The Norfolk Churches Trust for The Rector financial help. There were some queries, such as will the wall have to be rebuilt in the same way as before, etc. It is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council pays for the grass cutting at the Church. Many years ago great effort went into making the area at the Church clear of overgrowth. Cllr Thorneley wanted to know whether the wall had any historical listing but Cllr Davies did not think that was the case.

Cllr Davies had contacted a local village sign designer to obtain a quote for repainting the Billingford village sign.

10. To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk
The Clerk had created and circulated a financial update for the meeting. No Councillors had any questions regarding the document.

11. To authorise any necessary Financial Payments
Cllr Payne proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment, seconded by Cllr Thorneley and carried.

Clerk's Net salary Jan./Feb. £374.00 HMRC Tax Jan./Feb. £41.40 Clerk's exps Oct./Feb. £70.84
Norfolk Citizens Advice (donation) £25.00 The Open Spaces Society (membership) £45.00
Norfolk Parish Training & Support (training for Cllr Crudgington) £40.00

12. To discuss the Website layout, control of website and change of website name
Cllr Lake had sent an email to the Clerk highlighting some concerns he had regarding the website. These concerns were sent to Mr Jackman, who had designed the website and he had sent responses to Cllr Lake's concerns.

Mr Jackman explained that the website name must contain the name of the Parish Council, together with either PC or Parish Council in it, so the website name will not be changed. There was some discussion at the meeting regarding how the website could be utilized more and over time additions will be made to the website and changes made, if appropriate. The Clerk will maintain sole control of the website but is willing to insert any information sent to her for the website.

13. The receive items for next agenda
Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
Adoption of End of Year Accounts

14. To confirm date, time and method of next Meeting
The date of the next Parish Council meeting is set for Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.30 p.m. This meeting will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting. For this to happen, the meeting will have to take place in the Village Hall. The rules regarding Covid will be monitored and information will be put on the notice board and website when it becomes available. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting ended at 8.07 p.m.

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Chairman Date

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Clerk Date