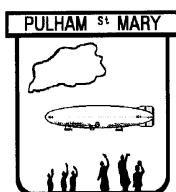


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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Pennoyer Centre, On Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Albon, Ellam, Clarke, Langshaw, McDaniel and Richards. Cllr Hudson attended as both a Parish and District Cllr

In Attendance: The Clerk & County Cllr Wilby

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chair Cllr Albon chaired the meeting

- 1: To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Glover and Burridge
- 2: To consider declarations of Interest:** no additional declarations were received.

10 members of the public were in attendance Cllr Ellam therefore proposed the meeting was temporarily closed and the public forum was brought forward; this was seconded by Cllr Langshaw and unanimously

An ongoing issue with speeding traffic along Station Road was identified, the parishioners attending, along with additional support sent by email direct to the Clerk mooted the idea of extending the 30 mile restriction area beyond South Green Recreation Ground. Parishioners have collated comparison information with other local villages; Cllr Hudson was able to provide supporting data from the SAM and outlined how the equipment could be positioned to collect further information. **ACTION** The Clerk will write to Highways, outlining a request to move the 30 mile sign, establishing the cost of this to the parish and asking what additional information will be required for the matter to be considered. Further details will be sought on the possible purchase of a road side gate/fence to mark the beginning of the village at this point.

An issue was also raised on vehicles breaching the weight restrictions in the village, **ACTION** the Clerk will contact the local companies who use industrial vehicles to ensure compliance and diligence is used when passing through the village.

Anne Cleveland provided an update on behalf of Pennoyers; The Film Club has now procured a new projector, the training/board room has now been completed with a grant from South Norfolk Council and the reconfiguration of the Heritage/Display area is progressing which will allow for an improved area to display the heritage artefacts. Bookings are up on both business and private use and the trustees are looking at current pricing. Future events include the Craft Event on the 1st April, an Arts and Garden weekend 17 & 18th June, supporting the Pink Tractor event on the 2nd July, taking part in a litter pick and a retro fair later in the year.

The public forum was closed and the public left the meeting.

- 3: To approve minutes of the last meeting of 14th February 2017:** The February minutes were signed as correct
- 4: To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting – for information only:**
 - a) Parish Website:** The monthly reports have been updated

5: **To receive the Chairman's Report:** The Chairman had given his apologies County Cllr provided his report; copy available on the parish website.

6: **To receive the County and District Councillor's Reports:**

County Cllr provided his report; copy attached and available on the parish website.

The District Councillor reported that the Local Boundary review panel have taken note of the parishes comments and the proposed new ward will be named 'Beckvale, Dickleburgh & Scole'. There has been an increase in the Brown bin collection charge to cover the Districts costs for providing this service. The Council Tax increase along with further cuts within the Councils budgets will mitigate the loss to the District because of the reduction in the governments 'New Home Bonus.'

The South Norfolk Show will take place on the 2nd of July at Long Stratton and in addition, this year South Norfolk will be going 'on tour'; the nearest event to PSM will be the family Fun Day on 28th August. The District Council remain committed to leisure and communities provision, following on from the 3G Pitch in Long Stratton and the refurbishment at Wymondham the proposed commitment has been increased to 2 million for the refurbishment of the facilities at Long Stratton.

7: **Public Forum**

The Clerk updated Council on correspondence from parishioners; Further to the discussion at the February meeting on the downy pollen from the Birch Tree at the allotment, a parishioner has offered to consider helping with the cost of a replacement plant, should the tree need to be felled. As agreed at the February meeting, the clerk will speak to the parish contractor when he next carries out work in the village, but it was also noted that the tree is not on parish land. A Parishioner in Station Rd has reported damage to the paving slabs crossing the land maintained by the parish at the village end of Station Rd, ACTION Councillors will look at the area and this will be included on the April agenda. The path continuing into the cul de sac has also been reported as damage, the Clerk will report to highways.

8: **Items for Discussion/Ratification:**

- **To consider instruction of contractor for parish grass cutting from 2017** – Council considered the quotations from Tops Garden Services and Norse Grounds for the cutting of grass within the village; Both quotes were of similar value but as Norse Grounds are VAT registered the overall cost to the parish would be lower. Council considered not only cost but also feedback received on both contractors from other parish councils. Council concluded that they would prefer to instruct the smaller local contractor, Cllr Ellam proposed instructing Tops Garden Services, this was seconded by Cllr Clarke and unanimously agreed. **ACTION** the Clerk will thank the outgoing contractor and instruct Tops Garden services.
- **To consider feedback from parishioner and impact on comment on Community Governance** – Council considered feedback received on community governance consultation and the merging of parish councils but concluded that they are satisfied that PSM is best served by an independent parish council. **ACTION** The Clerk will respond on the consultation to reflect this view.
- **To consider increase in charge for dog bin emptying** – Council considered the increase in charges by SNC for the emptying of Dog Bins. The district Council will be introducing a charge for all bins in the village and increasing the charges to cover the actual cost of emptying. Cllr Ellam proposed the staged increase over the next two year to £100 for each of the parishes 8 bins, this was seconded by cllr Mc Daniel and unanimously agreed.

9: **Accounts: Presentation of the income and expenditure for March accounts** – Cllr Ellam Signed and Cllr Clarke countersigned the March payments

The balance on the account will be £33,901.85 following the presentation of the following transactions;

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ACCOUNTS : MONTH : March

INCOME:	Amount	Description
TOTAL INCOME	£0.00	

Cheques to be paid:

EXPENDITURE:	Gross	VAT	Net	Description
BT	16.06	2.67	13.39	Calls and BB to 23/3/17
Eon	31.88	1.52	30.36	Streetlighting
C Musk	40.00		40.00	VillageMaint
L Aston	421.82		421.82	Clerks Salary and Admin
Cash	95.93	5.82	90.11	See P/Cash Schedule
Po Ltd	281.00		281.00	PAYE
NNAB	50.00		50.00	Donation
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£936.69	£10.01	£926.68	£936.69

10: Other Reports:

- i. **Sports & Recreation Committee** No further reports.
- ii. **Tree & Footpath Wardens** A report provided by the footpath warden had been circulated prior to the meeting and Council were updated on recent work carried out
- iii. **Sam update** No further report

11: Planning Applications

2016/2762 Pennoyer Centre – Siting of a shipping container - Extended date for consideration 8th April pending agreement of further details of amended application.

2017/0264 North Green Farm – Single storey extension at Ash Tree Farm. Request Approval

2017/0107 – The replacement of a temporary roof on the porch at the church. Request Approval

New Applications

2017/0480 North Green Farm – Single storey extension at Ash Tree Farm. No objections raised a request for approval will be submitted

- 12: To consider the date of the next Parish Council meeting:** The APM will take place on 11th April 2017 at 7pm followed by the April parish meeting at 7.30pm
Both meetings will be held at the Pennoyer Centre

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:

Date:.....