

Monthly Report for Pulham St Mary Parish Council Meeting

The Councillors of Pulham St Mary Parish Council met for the Parish Council Meeting on the 11th April 2017 at The Pennoyer Centre. The meeting commenced at 7.45pm following the APM, report as follows;

- The meeting was attended by Cllrs Glover, Ellam, Mc Daniel, Langshaw and Richards. Cllr Hudson attended as both a parish and district Councillor. County Cllr Wilby, the Parish Clerk and 2 parishioners were also in attendance.

The public forum was brought forward – the parishioners attending spoke to council on the condition of the path crossing the land in front of 2 Station Rd. Some of the Councillors present had looked at the path, Council are concerned on the cost to repair or replace this path, Cllr Hudson will purchase the land registration details to confirm responsibility of this path and the matter will be discussed again at the May meeting.

- Minutes of the March meeting were approved; all details are available on the parish website.
- The monthly reports have been updated on the parish website.

Reports

- The Chairman, District and County Cllr reported on the recent fatal accident in Pulham Market, gave condolences for the families involved and acknowledged the work of the retained fire crew from Harleston and the local police.
- The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Albon for chairing the March meeting in his absence. Condolences were given for parishioner Betty Lange. An update was provided on the burst water mains in the village and road closures and the Chairman advised that the oak posts have now been sited around the village green where the decayed chestnut tree was removed.
- The District Councillor noted the change to refuse collection over the bank holiday and reported on the community litter pick on the 9th April; there was a noticeable reduction in rubbish collected.
- The County Cllr delivered his report (attached and available on the parish website) and advised that Bob Edwards, highways engineer at NCC has now left and Gary Overland has now taken over this role. Grahame Bygrave NCC has responded on issues raised with speeding along Station Rd approaching the village, funds may be available from the members fund to support investigation costs and match funding may be available to move the speed signs if it is found that this will be beneficial. The County Cllr will pass on this information to the Clerk.

For consideration

- Subscriptions were ratified for 2017/18 for Norfolk ALC at £190.20 and for the renewal of CAN at the same cost as 2016/17 of £20 pa
- Council ratified increases from April 2017;
From BT for £2.00 per month for Broadband and calls, 49p for add on anytime calls; and 1p per minute for other calls not covered within the anytime plan.
From Eon for 1.35p per KWh; this will increase the cost to the parish by approx. £36 net pa
- Council considered the CPRE pledge to campaign for no new sites for allocated housing in the revised LP 2036, until existing allocation has been developed; Council considered the pledge too restrictive and agreed not to sign this.
- Further to information provided by the County Cllr on speed restrictions in Station Rd, Cllr Hudson will organise the collection of required data and the matter will be discussed again at the May meeting.
- Further to the report provided by Andy Yull at the APM on Beckvale CC scheme, Council agreed the allowance of a 25:75 split on subsidy:cost to the customer from May 2017. The increased cost to customers was deemed acceptable as any parishioner receiving relevant benefits is eligible to reclaim their cost and the scheme drivers do promote this. This change will permit the scheme to continue to offer the service to the increasing number of customers

Accounts

- The accounts for 2016/17 YE and April were presented; All details will be posted on the parish website and displayed at the post office.

Other Reports

- No further reports were provided

Planning

- Full details on on-going planning applications are available in the draft minutes, on the parish website and displayed at the post office.

New applications

2017/0522 The Old Maltsters - proposed fencing with retention of the field shelter and shed – no objections were received and the Clerk has submitted a request to approve

2017/0098 The Kings Head Inn – proposed alteration to garage – Council consider that this alteration is imposing restrictions on a commercial area of this property and the Clerk will submit a request to refuse

2017/0626 March Cottage – semi detached cottage attached to dwelling – Council consider this application over development of a small site and the Clerk will submit a request to refuse

Full draft minutes will be available on the parish website and displayed at the post office prior to the Annual parish Council meeting in May

The APCM will be held at 7.30pm on 9th May 2017

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