

Monthly Report for Pulham St Mary Parish Council Meeting

The Councillors of Pulham St Mary Parish Council met for the Monthly Parish Council Meeting on the 10th September 2019 at The Pennoyer Centre. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm. Report as follows;

- Apologies were accepted from District/County Wilby, Cllr Burrridge, West and Langshaw
- The Chairman welcomed councilors and 7 members of the public, he reminded those present that he would only observe planning matters considered during the meeting and then make representation as the district member. No further declarations of interest were received on agenda items.

Public forum - brought forward to accommodate public in attendance followed by consideration of planning applications.

Representation by parishioners on planning application 2019/1568 were received.

- **Planning Applications**
- **Details of ongoing application available on the LPA and parish websites**
- **New application**

Council considered application **2019/1568** and representation made; Council will submit a request to refuse on highway/safety, overbearing density of the development, impact on overlooking/loss of privacy and noise/fume pollution. A note will also be made on the applicant's removal of wildlife habitation.

2019/1471 Kings Head Inn – LPA to respond to applicant on purchase order request. Clerk will advise the parish have previously made a market price offer and would consider pursuing if this was acceptable

2019/1692 Land North Of Grange Farm North Green Road Pulham St Mary Norfolk Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian use including construction of outdoor riding arena – Clerk will submit a request to consider approval by 19/9/19

Public forum – was reopened for an update from The Pennoyer Centre. A request was made for consideration of support from the parish council for the Silver Sunday event being held on 6th October. This matter will be included on the October agenda.

Matters Arising

- All news items and records have been updated on the parish website included record of the conclusion of the 2018/19 audit.

Ongoing items/projects;

- Refurbishment of the 2 finger post sign in the village center and The Street/Harleston Rd.
- The footpath gates and removal of the pavilion projects (Cil funded).
- Conservation appraisal <https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building/conservation-and-listed-buildings/conservation-area-appraisals>

Reports

The Chairman was disappointed to note that the waste bin located outside the play area has been vandalized (Cllr Albon will salvage the unit from the pond area and council will assess the financial implications to the parish to repair/replace). The chairman expressed the councils sympathy on the passing of Mr C Andrews, who has been a significant business man and parishioner within the village.

The success of the R34 event in July was noted and the clerk will send letters of thanks to volunteers involved with the refurbishment of the village sign.

Cllr Wilby a report has not been provided, note was made on the progress of the Hempnall roundabout, which is due for completion end November.

Cllr Hudson reported on GNLP, announcement due in the coming month and on the recent replacement of BT Cabinets, facilitating Better Broadband within the village.

Matters for consideration

- Councillor Albon will lead on the working party for maintenance at the playground, the council's contractor has been contacted with regards to the annual playground clean/paint of older equipment.
- Council considered the clerks report on replacement of the roundabout/safety matting at the playground. The clerk will procure a photograph of the preferred unit, offered by Action Play and Leisure. Council considered refurbishment of the pond area but as this area is primarily a water drain point for surrounding fields this project is not considered viable at this time.
- Council ratified the holding of the allotment rent at £26.00 plus water, per rod, pa. Additional work is required to address weed infestation on the 2 vacant plots. Cllr Albon/Scanlan will assess.
- Council ratified a 5.25% increase on the grass cutting contract at South green, Station Rd and St Marys Terrace. An additional premium of £72.32 was ratified for the increased cutting area at south green and the clerk will procure a price for cutting around the new trees.
- Council ratified a 1scp salary scale increment on the clerks salary, in accordance with her contract, upon completion of Cilca. Council will consider the use of the power of competence and application for quality status, at the October meeting.
- Council agreed in principle to a request from a parishioner, to provide and site a memorial bench on parish land.
- Cllr Scanlan briefed council on the police engagement meeting, held in Diss. The Clerk will circulate a copy of the event presentation.

Accounts

- The accounts for August and September were presented, approved and payment signed. Details available on the parish website.
- The Clerk advised council on the conclusion of the audit 2018/19 (available on the parish website/village noticeboard).

Other Reports

- Cllr Albon will commence the re-staking of the trees at South Green, to support growth.
- Cllr Hudson reported on the SAM

**Full draft minutes will be available on the parish website and displayed at the post office prior to the meeting on the 8th October 2019.
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