

Pulham St Mary Parish Council Monthly Report

The Councillors of Pulham St Mary Parish Council attended a remote monthly parish council meeting on 12th January 2021. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm. Report as follows;

Ongoing Matters.

- Apologies and declarations of interest were considered, three members of the public were in attendance.
- Minutes of the December meeting were agreed and will be signed as a correct record.
- A monthly update report was provided on the parish website content, pending village and CIL projects and the Kings Head purchase notice hearing.

Reports from the Chairman, District and County Councillors.

The Chairman/District Cllr Hudson thanked volunteers and wider community for the response and support to the flooding in the village 23rd/24th Dec 2020 and he reported on the initial, immediate responses by the Country Cllrs and Highways. The last floods were in 1968 with lower-level flooding circa 1998.

As District Cllr he advised all residents impacted to report details to the local flood risk management authority LLFA@gove.uk and he hoped parish councillors would also provide reports to local responsible authorities and responsible agents.

The District Cllr reminded Council to continue promoting South Norfolk Help Hub, who can be contacted on 01508 533933, and can provide support or help for anyone experiencing financial loss or hardship during the continued covid related restrictions. He also asked Council to raise awareness and support for the next Census, scheduled for March 2021.

The County Cllrs report was given and details are available on the parish website. County Cllr Wilby also updated Council on the extension of the 30mph limit on the PSM/Starston Rd. This improvement has been passed to highways and funding for the project will be made available from the County Cllrs budget for 21/22.

Public Forum

Anne Cleveland provided an update to support the request for financial support from the Pennoyers Centre. Explaining the good trading period at the beginning of 2020 helped mitigate impact of the covid restrictions during the 19/20 period but advised the economic impact would increase going forward.

A report was provided by a parishioner in support of the proposed diversion of footpath 10/Lonely Road.

Reports were given by a parishioner and parish councillors who were impacted by the December floods. Two areas of concern were highlighted, the increase level of the Beck and excessive surface water overpowering the drainage system. Consideration should be given to improvements that could have mitigated the severity of the flooding. Details available in the council minutes on the parish website.

Matters for consideration

- The footpath warden provided a report on the proposed footpath 10 diversion and council ratified support.
- Council proposed the Chairman and Clerk make representation to LLFA, the Internal Drainage Board, the Environmental Agency and Anglian water. Supporting issues raised following the flooding in the village and highlighting the potential deficiencies in the current flood drainage system. Council ratified £500 towards provision of remedial defences, including sandbags.
- The Council ratified an EIC certificate inspection at 9.90+vat per streetlamp unit and a 3-year streetlight clean/inspect contract at £157.50+vat pa. Full details available in council minutes on the parish website.
- Council ratified financial support of £4250.00 for the Pennoyer Centre, for community provision during 2021-22. A grant of £750.00 for Redenhall with Harleston Town Council, to support free car park provision in the town was ratified for 2020 -22 period.
- The budget for 2021/22 was considered and precept request for £25,231.57 ratified to meet expenditure. Full details in the parish minutes on the parish website.

Accounts

- The accounts for January 2021 were ratified, details are available on the Parish Council website.

Other Reports

- There were no further reports from the sports and recreation committee or on trees. The footpath warden will procure replacement for missing footpath pointer and continue conversation with the landowner on Crossingford/railway line footpath.
- An update was provided on the SAM.

Full draft minutes will be available on the Parish Council website and displayed at the post office. The next meeting will be held by Zoom on 9th February 2021.

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