

Pulham St Mary Parish Council Monthly Report

The Councillors of Pulham St Mary Parish Council attended a remote monthly parish council meeting on 13th April 2021. The APM commenced at 7.30pm, reports and draft minutes are on the parish website. The April Parish Meeting followed at 7.51pm report as follows;

The Chair had previously commenced the Annual Parish Meeting with a statement of condolence for HRH the Duke of Edinburgh 1921 -2021 and the meeting attendees observed a minutes' silence.

A resignation was received from Cllr Albon and thanks will be sent for his support and help as a Councillor. Cllr Albon will continue to volunteer for the Parish and maintain the trees at South Green.

Ongoing Matters.

- Village, CIL projects and the Kings Head purchase notice hearing remain ongoing.
- Reports were received on the County Broadband presentation and Planning Enforcement Training
- Reports on December flooding were received further discussion was moved to the public forum.

Reports from the Chairman, District and County Councillors.

The Chairman advised Council that he would be resigning his position of Chairman and standing down as a Parish Councillor at the conclusion of the meeting. He has enjoyed serving on the Parish Council but his priorities have now changed and he needs to prioritise how he spends his time. The Parish Council are on a sound footing financially and have an excellent Clerk. He hopes that new eyes, ears and ideas will continue to take the Parish Council forward in the coming months and years. The Parish Council will therefore elect a new Chairman at their Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

The District and County Cllrs had provided reports at the APM. The District Councillor reported on current grants for hospitality and businesses to help with the reopening and start ups following the COVID 19 lockdown restrictions.

Public Forum

Reports were provided from two parishioners on matters relating to investigations following the flooding in December 2020. Documents were circulated and information will be forwarded to the IDB and the LLFA.

A Parishioner spoke to the Council about an environmental improvement project at the pond in North Green. The Clerk will work with her and volunteers with an aim to presenting options to Council later in the year.

There have been several reports of overgrown hedges obstructing pathways and parking on verges causing damage within the village. **Council politely requests all resident to respect the environmental enjoyment of their neighbours. We live in a beautiful Village and should all be proud to maintain it.**

There have been reports of walkers straying from the PROWs while out walking. There is a map in the Village Centre and a free OS Maps app available to help navigate our county walks. **Please do always observe your neighbour's privacy.**

Matters for consideration

- Council continued to review policies to ensure they meet current legislation and are accessible to read on the parish website. Consideration was also given to signing of the Armed Forces covenant.
- Financial commitments were agreed to complete remedial work at the playground, a small increase on the BT phone/internet contract and annual subscriptions. A saving will be made following the Clerks appointment as Pulham Markets Clerk, allowing both Councils to share some resources.

Accounts

- The accounts for April 2021 were ratified, details are available on the Parish Council website.
- Council received the EOY Accounts for 2020/21, these will now be passed to the internal auditor.

A notice of 2 Casual Vacancies is available on the Parish Council website and on the village notice board.

Full draft minutes are available on the Parish Council website and displayed at the post office.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held by ZOOM at 7.30pm on the 4th May 2021, details to join the public forum can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Report prepared by L Shulver, Clerk to the Councillors of Pulham St Mary Parish Council. Contact by phone on 01986 788048 or email at pulhamstmary.pc@outlook.com