

Minutes of Pulham St Mary Annual Parish Meeting Held Remotely by Zoom on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm

1: Welcome Cllr Hudson Chaired the meeting and also attended as the District Cllr. He welcomed all attending the meeting, provided a statement of condolence for HRH the Duke of Edinburgh 1921 – 2021 and requested the meeting observe a minutes' silence.

Present: Cllr Ellam, Scanlan, Clarke and McDaniels. County Cllr Wilby, Anne Cleveland (Trustees for the Pennoyer Centre), one member of the public and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies: received from Cllr Burridge and West.

2: Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting of 21st May 2019 – The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and displayed on the parish website. No comments had been received; the minutes were signed by Cllr Hudson as a correct record.

3: Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arising.

4: Parish Council Chairman's Report: The Chairman acknowledged that no meeting had been held in 2020, he reflected on the past year and impact of the COVID pandemic. He expressed gratitude to the Parish, District and County Councils, The Local shops including Bossyboots, Sams, Goodies and the retailers in Harleston for there hard work and support over a difficult 13 months. He praised The Pennoyer Centre team and the community support they have provided, the local volunteers, community service providers including the Beckvale Community Car Scheme and the Border Hopper. He also thanked all the residents who have stayed home and stayed safe. Looking forward he hopes we can all work, live and enjoy life as we move into and Spring/Summer re opening.

5: Reports by County & District Councillors:

County Cllr/District Cllr: Report provided by Cllr Wilby, copy attached and available on the parish website. Cllr Wilby expressed agreement with the Chair, he thanked all the volunteers and the Help Hub. He also spoke on the recent flooding in the area and noted the work of the LLFA, who have collated many reports and he is looking forward to seeing the outcome of their investigations. The County Cllr looks forward coming out of lock down and the ability for all to enjoy many summer event

District Cllr Hudson praise South Norfolk Council Help Hub. He noted they have managed over 20k Calls, 4300 visits, 3000 collections of prescriptions and deliveries of food shopping. Delivered over 4000 food parcels and made 73 secure temporary accommodation offers. He noted the fund scheme that has benefited many and the initiative of the Council to relocate staff from resources not able to run to boost the volunteer workforce. District Cllr Hudson told the meeting how he felt proud of the District Council.

6: Presentation of Parish Council Accounts 2020/21 – to date: The parish balance sheet and a report was presented by the Clerk, copy attached and available on the parish website. The Chair noted the that the Parish Council had an underspend of £3600.00 at the end of 2020/21 because of projects that were no possible to proceed because of the pandemic and lockdown restrictions but that the Council have budgeted to proceed in the coming year. He noted that the Parish Council have still been able to support their regular commitments providing support for the Pennoyer Centre and continuing to maintain the village amenities.

7: Presentation of Charity Accounts 2020/21: Joint accounts of Pulham St Mary Town Estate and William Pennoyer for the poor Charities were presented in a report given by Cllr Ellam, copies attached and available on the parish website. Cllr Ellam reported that the Trustees have been able to award more than £2300 in grants this year. They continue to support the Parish Church and gave a grant to the School to help with the extra costs due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Several individuals from Pulham St Mary have been given financial assistance and 17 residents were in receipt of cash gifts to help with the additional expenses over Christmas.

8: Reports from village organizations/activities:

A report was provided by Anne Cleveland, for the Pennoyer Centre and the Pulham Branch WEA, copies attached and available on the parish website.

Cllr Clarke acknowledged that she has now taken over the administration of the Beckvale Community Car Scheme and that the scheme had recommenced running from 6th April 2021. She anticipates being able to provide a report during the coming year.

Reports received following the meeting will be made available on the parish website.

9: Questions

10 : Close There were no questions, therefore Cllr Hudson thanks everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.51pm

Signed:

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