



Meeting of the Parish Council

In the Pavilion

7pm, 20th June 2022

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Jean Bragg, Benvenuto Falat, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, Andrew Page and Lee Pullen.

Public in attendance: Two District Councillors and 3 members of the public.

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk).

1. Welcome

2. Announcement on Reporting

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Cannon and District Cllr. Back

4. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

4.1 Receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the agenda. None received

4.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received.

4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. None received.

5. Minutes: To approve all the minutes of the meeting of 16th May 2022.

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Bragg. 1 Abstention, 5 in favour.

6. Outstanding actions: To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda.

None

7. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed Christine and David to the meeting. The Platinum Jubilee picnic in the park was discussed and commented on how well it went, however any future events will need more help from the Councillors. The Lions ended up doing all the clearing up. Cllr. Falat advised that the report in the Lowestoft Journal was good.

8. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports.**

District Cllr. Robinson – The CCG have been taken over and controlled centrally, Social services are controlled by Suffolk CC and Waveney gets ignored. There is money coming in but the community is negative towards the needs, so we need to promote a can do attitude. Cllr. S Keller said that Lowestoft is given most of the revenue, OBPC gets nothing. City Fibre is ongoing, it's painful but will be worth it in the end. It was asked if OBPC were using the speed board, Cllr. S Keller explained that the speed board was not welcomed by the community. It was agreed Cllr. Robinson could have the board back and OBPC would identify the need and re look at the situation again in the future.

District Cllr. Gee – Agrees with Cllr. Robinson about the negativity. Concerns about the cost-of-living crisis, so all of the councillors are donating an amount from their budgets to create a crisis fund which could be in excess of £55,000. The organisers of First Light Festival were praised for their superb and professional effort.

9. To receive an update from FoNEP and agree any necessary action:

Cllr. S Keller thanked FoNEP for all their hard work and dedication to the park. The circular bed is currently being planted. Car park passes were raised and District Cllr. Robinson advised that they need to be registration, make, model and colour specific. Clerk to make some passes. Plants have been put into netted areas in the compound from the greenhouse before being planted, a permanent covered area will be installed in the future. FoNEP will remove the equipment currently stored in the pavilion. The gardener is an asset to the park.

10. To discuss co-opting the two vacancies

1. To interview and appoint vacancy 1
Cllr. B Keller nominated Christine Ashdown as a Co-opted councillor, seconded by Cllr. Pullen, all in favour.
2. To interview and appoint vacancy 2
Cllr. Falat nominated David Bromley as a Co-opted Councillor, seconded by Cllr. Carver. All in favour.
3. Signing of the declaration of acceptance forms
The newly appointed Councillors signed their declaration of acceptance of office forms and were welcomed into the Parish council.

11. To agree previous accounts 2021 reinstated as Income and Expenditure, and agree any action:

All agreed.

12. To approve financial year's 21/22 AGAR forms as below and agree any action:

12.a Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (page 4 of AGAR)

Cllr. Page read through the regulations & discussed with all Councillors.

Proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. Falat. 2 abstentions, 6 in favour.

12.b Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/2022 (page 5 of AGAR)

Cllr. Page explained the document.

Proposed by Cllr. Carver, seconded by Cllr. S Keller, 2 abstentions, 6 in favour

12.c Review and agree detailed 1A report (page 3 of AGAR)

13. To discuss and note the Internal Auditors Report and agree any actions:

Cllr. Page read through the Heelis & Lodge report. No issues to report. The audit passed.

Proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. B Keller, 2 abstentions, 6 in favour.

14. To approve the payments for this month and in between meetings:

BACS

Parkinson Partnership	VAT Training	£300.00
In House Technology	CCTV	£247.88
Daisy Comms	Telephone / Internet	£178.61
		£726.49

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Page, 2 abstentions, 6 in favour.

15. Items for the next Agenda:

- **Ratify swing costs**

To note date of next Council Meetings Planning 4th July, Finance 7th July, Events & Tourism 11th July, Full Council 18th July 2022.

16. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

16.1 To discuss assets and agree any action

Meeting closed at 20.32pm

Signed by the Chairman..... Date.....