**RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd December 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: L Brady (Chair), B Redfern, S Partridge, M Stevens, R Wales, Borough Cllr Mike Howland and 1 member of the public. Clerk: P Winson

1. **Accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from R Pearman as unwell.

1. **To consider requests for dispensations from the restriction on participating in the**

**discussion or voting on a matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None.

1. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**

None.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 5th November 2019**

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed. It was noted that Eve is a trustee rather than an allotment holder.

1. **Councillor Vacancy**

No applications to consider.

1. **Public Speaking**
2. Report from B Cllr Mike Howland:

The main event this period has been the Norfolk County Council Waste and Minerals Plan Consultation Review; this is where the Borough Council makes recommendations to the County regarding the extraction of Silica Sand, Car Stone and Gravel.

When Cllr Hipperson and myself saw the recommendation from the Borough to include Shouldham we called it in as we didn’t agree with the decision, especially as Cllr. Hipperson lives in Shouldham and would be directly involved should the decision be upheld to extract Silica from Shouldham Warren. The recommendation report was due to be sent to County over a week ago and then last Monday, County announced that they were going to plant one million trees. Well you can imagine that changed everything and part of our argument being why demolish a forest and then plant new trees.

There is a meeting tonight to look at the revised recommendation as at the call in, the Portfolio Holder was forced to re think his comments and re submit his recommendation not to include Shouldham in the Area of Search.  Hot off the press MP13 Silica Sand AOS will exclude the Warren and now goes before Cabinet on the 10th for the final decision.

Other news, I have received a letter from an unhappy resident living at Watlington Road regarding speeding, regretfully it is an issue that every Parish suffers with, there is no way it can be stopped other than Speed Watch being out every day, and reporting the offenders to the Police, word will soon get out when enough people get caught. It was suggested that Lee Anderton could attend a future meeting if required to discuss issues and Speedwatch.

1. Footpath 3 update from Martin Stevens. Seven questionnaires have been received and all have replied that the footpath is how it has always been. NCC advises that it is a PROW and should not be just a narrow strip. L Brady suggested that all Parish Councillors should walk the path and if in agreement a letter of support could be sent to NCC. It was suggested that this should be done in the New Year.
2. **Matters Arising**

L Brady mentioned a letter which she has received, regarding the South Runcton church. It was agreed that L Brady will send clerk a copy and that a letter will be sent to the Church to ask if there are any plans, as complaints have been received.

1. **Correspondence** in Folder for Circulation.

Barclays – ltr advising that interest rates are reducing.

Clerk & Councils Direct

Countryside Voice

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

1. **Play Area**
2. Fun Ball Game has been tightened but is loose again. Some equipment is dirty but due to the weather, may need a clean.
3. Replacement matting. Pending site meeting with Playforce.
4. **Playing Field**

No update.

1. **Highways**

Parish Partnership Scheme 2020 applications for SAM2 and allotment hedge have been submitted. Highways have emailed regarding the red hatching on the A10 to say that it will not be replaced. There are white hatchings either side of the junction. NCC to be asked if they will consider double white lines in the middle of the road to prohibit overtaking. No 40 mph sign on Left hand side gate when leaving Watlington.

1. **Allotment Hedge**

L Brady gave an update from the meeting held on Monday with Andy Wallace (NCC). Parish Partnership application submitted for the edging works along the allotment boundary. Total cost of works is £1300. If application is successful, then a decision can be made as to whether to go ahead. New footpath further along, several cars have been parking on the verge and pavement in connection with the bungalow being renovated. This will be monitored to see if further action required.

1. **Newsletter**

Clerk will arrange for printing.

1. **Planning**

Planning application regarding the removal of the phone boxes. Agreed to object to the proposal for the same reasons as the last application, poor phone signal and location. Thanks expressed to L Brady for cleaning the one near her.

1. **Finance**
2. Cheques agreed for payment.
3. Accounts to 16th November 2019 agreed and signed.
4. **Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.**

None.

1. **Confirm date of next meeting.**

The next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman ………………………………………. Date …………………………………