**RUNCTON HOLME PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: R Pearman (Chair), L Brady (Vice-Chair), B Redfern, S Partridge, M Stevens,

R Wales, County Cllr Brian Long, Borough Cllr Mike Howland Clerk: P Winson

1. **Accept apologies for absence.**

None.

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 3rd December 2019**

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed.

1. **Councillor Vacancy**

No applications to consider.

1. **Public Speaking**
2. Cllr Long mentioned the works along the allotment boundary and he has agreed to fund the works from his Local members fund. Clerk will enquire with A Wallace as to when works are likely to be carried out. Budgets for next year are due to be set and it is likely that there will be a £4.50 per year increase on Band D properties. NCC budget proposal pending. R Pearman asked why Mill Lane at Setchey was still closed; Cllr Long said that he would ask. Clerk enquired whether he knew if the verge as you enter South Runcton is NCC land as there were adverts there, he said that he would enquire.

Clerk read email report from B Cllr Mike Howland:

Well I was only here on the 3rd December and with Christmas and New Year there is very little to report as nothing much has happened. Kings Lynn Power Station has been sold to a German company for £105,000,000 £105 million.

RAF and MOD are to sell off 180 houses with the first being offered in the forth coming years as they will no longer be needed as RAF Marham will be under the umbrella of the Royal Navy.

It is believed that Shakespeare performed at the Guild Hall in Kings Lynn but there is no proof only rumours however, experts are trying to track Shakespeare’s life on or about 1592.

The car park behind the Corn Exchange is being excavated in order to discover more about Kings Lynn that means parking will be restricted so I would suggest parking elsewhere for the time being.

Clerk from another village has bought to my attention a situation whereas on a planning application to replace a property with another there is a covenant which the applicant didn’t declare. I have taken this matter up with the planning officers who confirm it is not the Boroughs job to get involved with covenants as it is a civil matter.

I feel there should be a question on planning application forms asking the question regarding covenants and if the applicant does not answer the said question then the application should be declined.

1. None.

M Howland arrived

1. **Matters Arising**

None.

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

Clerk & Councils Direct added to the folder as this was not circulated last month.

Various correspondences – emailed to Cllrs.

1. **Play Area**

Fun Ball Game has been tightened but is loose again. R Pearman to meet with Playforce at 10am on 14th January to discuss quote for matting works.

1. **Playing Field**

Tree trimming adjacent to the car park has started. It was mentioned that there is a sign at the rear of the club advising that Tim Glover maintains the grounds; R Pearman advised that he would get this removed.

1. **Highways**

Email from Jason Moorse, the new Highway Manager advising that he would like to meet with parishes. Clerk to enquire whether he would attend a PC meeting.

Thorpeland Close, pavement behind the planted tree, is covered in moss which needs clearing. Holme Close, roots growing through the pavement and also covered in moss. Walk around Footpath 3 arranged for 16th January at 2pm, to meet at the Oaklands Lane end. At the crossroads cars have been parked on School Road close to the junction and this has been reported to the police.

1. **Allotment Hedge**

Already discussed. It was suggested that an article to be written for the newsletter.

1. **Newsletter**

New editor required. R Pearman advised that he will still help with delivery. M Stevens will consider. Next issue due out in March.

1. **Planning**

None.

1. **Finance**
2. Budget and precept for 2019/20 discussed and agreed. Precept set at £13500.00. Car Park discussed, clerk will ask CAN whether there are any grants available. If it can be scraped then S Partridge advised that he could roll it.
3. On proposal from S Partridge and seconded by R Wales, all agreed to SLCC subscription contribution of £50.00 and ALCC of £15.00.
4. Cheques agreed for payment.
5. Accounts to 16th December 2019 agreed and signed.
6. **Councillors Concerns and Items for Next Meeting Agenda.**

Burst water main repairs at the top of School Rd in a poor state. Social Club carpark. Potholes at A10 junction.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.

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