

# ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm at Pott Row Village Hall**

**In Attendance: Councillors: Suzi Pimlott (Chair), Neville Fletcher, Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, Tim Tilbrook, Borough Councillor: Michael DeWhalley & 1 member of public. Clerk: Pippa Winson**

**91/21 To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies from M Rae.

**92/21 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.

**93/21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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

**94/21 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**

None.

**95/21 Public Speaking.**

(a) Cllr Report: Borough Cllr Colin Manning gave his report. He reminded everyone that the Borough Council are holding four energy efficiency roadshows which are aimed at those privately renting their property. The nearest one is on 5<sup>th</sup> March in King's Lynn near the Purfleet. There is another being held in King's Lynn on 15<sup>th</sup> March. £500 has been spent so far from the Borough Councillor Community Grant Scheme. Local constituted groups or organisations can apply, but not Parish Councils, and the application should be for projects, initiatives or events for the benefit of the community.

(b) Member of the public: No matters raised.

**96/21 Matters arising.**

None.

**97/21 Correspondence received (for info only).**

Borough Councillor – posters advising of sessions that they are holding for those in privately rented properties giving advice to help those struggling to heat their homes. PCC letter raising the issue of the path and gate. The Diamond Jubilee Committee, now disbanded, historically wanted the church gate renovated.

Various – via email.

**98/21 Highways- note any issues and matters to be reported to highways.**

One drain on Station Road north of Church Lane and opposite St Andrews Lane in front of the two bungalows needs clearing.

**99/21 Bus Shelter**

Colin Nichols has been in negotiations and the works are to start next week. If they were to re-visit then the cost would have been £100 more, so it was agreed that they would replace the panels at a single visit to keep costs down.

**100/21 Hudson Fen Leisure**

There was a meeting last night. The first car boot sale will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. There is going to be tree planting as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme in connection with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

**101/21 Neighbourhood Plan**

No further meeting has been held. They now have Version 2 of the Draft Pre-submission document and some comments have been sent back to the consultants. The group have had email discussions in the absence of meetings in person. The latest invoice will be paid

for from the groups grant funds. Grant re-application will be submitted for the next financial year.

**102/21 Roydon Common**

C Nichols has contacted CGM to cut the common for the year and they have given a price of £185.00 per cut from March to October. All agreed to accept this quote. Clerk will contact S Brown from the NWT again for contractors that will be able to do future maintenance.

**103/21 C.I.L – Potential Applications**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

**104/21 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

Events are being held at Hudson Fen. Email updates are received as non-one was available to attend the meetings.

**105/21 All Saints Church**

On proposal from C Nichols, and seconded by T Tilbrook, all agreed to PCC’s donation request and agreed to give £600.00 towards the churchyard maintenance.

**106/21 Finance**

- (a) NALC subscription renewal to be discussed at the next meeting. Cheque for £600 for PCC signed.
- (b) All agreed to the appointment of Malcolm Pearson as internal auditor.

**107/21 Planning**

Application 21/02498/F, has now been amended to include the 20/00660/DISC\_A application as well. So it now reads 'REMOVAL OR VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (to regularise the planning permission to reflect what has been constructed on site) of planning permission 20/00660/F which sought REMOVAL OR VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2 and 4 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 19/01866/F: To replace the existing farmhouse with a 2 storey detached property at The Whins 25 Low Road Roydon KINGS LYNN Norfolk'. It was agreed that there were no additional comments to make and re-iterated the previous comment that the PC were disappointed that the application is retrospective. Need to ensure that the carport remains enclosed.

**108/21 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.**

There was a request for a dog bin on Low Road. Will monitor this and add to next agenda. S Pimlott referred to her email of 2<sup>nd</sup> March in which she said: 'Yesterday, between the closest field entrance gap (on the left) to the A148 and the A148 I counted 113 separate items of litter!!!! Approximately 90% of this comprised of drinks cans. I've mentioned this before, but the situation is now horrendous and sadly has been exacerbated by the recent hedge cutting along the road because the cutter has cut open many of the discarded glass bottles and metal drinks cans leaving broken glass, damaged bottles and sharp-edged cans along the verge. I am doing a litter pick today to try and at least improve the situation and remove the dangerous glass and metal - not least because we hop up on the verges when cars come and I can see some blood being shed very soon! I won't go into the risk to wildlife! Some items have clearly been flung from vehicles with some effort, as they're right in the hedges '. S Pimlott advised that she collected two bin bags full of rubbish. She will mention in her Village Link article, and also mention the donation made to the PCC for All Saints Church maintenance.

**109/21 The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm at Pott Row Village Hall.**

Meeting closed 8.18pm

Chairman ..... Date .....