

# ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm at Pott Row Village Hall**

**In Attendance: Councillors: Suzi Pimlott (Chair), Colin Manning, Colin Nichols, Marc Starling, Tim Tilbrook, & 3 members of public.**

**Clerk: Pippa Winson**

- 1/22 Appoint a)** Chairman – On proposal from C Manning and seconded by T Tilbrook, all agreed to the appointment of S Pimlott as Chairman.  
**b)** On proposal from C Nichols and seconded by S Manning, all agreed to the appointment of M Rae as Vice-Chairman.
- 2/22 To consider apologies for absence.**  
Apologies from N Fletcher.
- 3/22 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.
- 4/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>Rd</sup> March 2022**  
Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes were agreed and signed.
- 5/22 To record Councillors' declarations of interest on Agenda Items.**  
None.
- 6/22 Public Speaking.**  
(a) Cllr Report: Borough Cllr Colin Manning gave his report. He said that for the last couple of years Covid has caused a lot of problems. The Borough Council use Teams or Zoom for training sessions which works well. The broadband level in the village is considered acceptable. A number of experienced planning officers have left so there are some vacancies. The Borough Councillor fund has been allocated which was £1000 for community projects. There is another £1000 allocated for this year, for the six Parish Council areas. There are lots of Platinum Jubilee events being held around the villages, on Hudson Fen and the Church, Borough Council events – beacon lighting and the cadets freedom parade. They are hoping to get a flypast. The Borough Council support the QEH new building bid, the most likely proposal is for a new building on the existing site. From next week the bin day will change to Friday from Wednesday. Both bins to be collected next week. The £150 Council Tax rebate will be made soon. The Borough Councillors will be giving Jubilee coins to the school children. There will be a new Mayor next week. There is an ongoing Police Engagement Survey.  
(b) Member of the public: No matters raised.
- 7/22 Matters arising.**  
None.
- 8/22 Correspondence received (for info only).**  
A lady telephoned to express thanks for the updates in the Village Link.  
Various – via email.
- 9/22 Highways- note any issues and matters to be reported to highways.**  
(a) There have been two accidents at the crossroads. It was asked why it is a 40mph limit on this small stretch of the road. Clerk will contact NCC to enquire. The potholes previously mentioned on Low Road have been marked out. Broadgate Lane/Lynn Road next to the Old Stores, the road drain needs clearing out. The S bend sign on Station Road coming from the A148 is obscured by the hedge and needs cutting back.

- (b) All agreed to sign Parish Partnership agreement. Clerk will check that they remember that the Church Lane location needs discussion with M Rae to make sure that the gateways don't obstruct his vehicles.

**10/22 Bus Shelter**

Bus shelter looks good now. Painting to be discussed at the next meeting.

**11/22 Hudson Fen Leisure**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm there is a stone pick. Car boot sales are going well, the last one had over 50 stalls. Police have been visiting and dealing with any vehicles parked dangerously. They are aware of the congestion problems so they try and get people in earlier.

**12/22 Neighbourhood Plan**

No update, waiting to meet with the consultants.

**13/22 Roydon Common**

Grasscutting agreement has been made with CGM for the year as hadn't been able to get a contractor for this year. NWT have given some recommendations now so clerk will contact them to see if they are available and can then send them the specifications.

**14/22 Dog Bin** – There was discussion about the request for an additional dog bin on Low Road and it was felt that there is not really an issue there, but will monitor it.

**15/22 Village Litter Pick**

There was a litter pick yesterday and seven people attended. They mainly covered Church Lane and Hall Lane and they collected six bin bags.

**16/22 C.I.L – Potential Applications**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

**17/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

All the events information is in the Village Link and there is a banner at Hudson Fen.

**18/22 Finance**

- (a) All agreed to the NALC subscription renewal.
- (b) Cheques from last meeting: Clerks expenses - £983.32, KL Glass & Trimming - £1020.00, BC Dog Bin Collection - £140.59.  
Cheques to be agreed: Insurance BHIV Ltd - £485.40, NALC including website fee - £155.80.
- (c) Annual Return for 2021/22.
  - i) Annual Governance Statement – to be agreed.
  - ii) Annual Return Accounting Statements – to be agreed.
  - iii) Exemption Certificate – Agreed and signed.

**19/22 Planning**

Application reference 22/00592/F for 42 Church Lane, all agreed to support the application but there were concerns that the property is low lying and the garage has flooded previously so they may need to consider a drainage gully.

**20/22 To receive Councillors Concerns and items for next meeting agenda.** None.

**21/22 The next meeting is the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm.**

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Chairman .....

Date .....