Held Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7:30pm

in the Margaret Preston Room, Village Hall

In Attendance: Cllr M Hill (Chairman), Cllr J Lambourne, Cllr Tancred, Cllr H Glaves, Cllr K Morris

 District Councillors: Gerry Francis, Nigel Legg, Ian Spratt

 Parish Clerk: Tina Higlett

 4 members of the public

1. To consider apologies for absence – Cllr Macdaid (ill)
2. To receive declarations of Interest - None

1. Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors.
* Public in attendance - website to be corrected regarding Mardle editor details.
* District & County Councillors reports
	+ SNC Cllr Nigel Legg advised that District Council tax had been frozen for next year.
	+ For the elections in May, nomination forms to be hand delivered to Horizon House on Broadland Business Park.
	+ Planning/Nutrient Neutrality continues with talks about reed beds on sites; this will take time to progress. Developers to be asked to contribute towards biodiversity, possibly 10%.
	+ An expression of Interest has been issued for Electric battery banks to be sited at Flordon.
	+ SNC in favour of the development consent order application from Equinor on economic and employment opportunities deriving from the Swardeston substation. These were limited to the development phase – a possible 6 years’ work.
	+ Talks continue on the solar farm in Bracon Ash.
	+ Kings Coronation grant of £200 available from South Norfolk Council; deadline 29th March.
	+ Levelling Up and Regeneration bill will see over £1 billion guaranteed to Suffolk and Norfolk to invest in their communities.
	+ Consultation on a major trauma centre at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Current nearest is in Cambridge.
	+ SNC Cllr Spratt spoke of photo ID for May elections. District has had to appoint extra polling inspectors to assist in the new regime.
	+ East Anglia Green and the National Grid was recently covered on BBC Countryfile. East Anglia preferred option is offshore.

 4 To approve the minutes of the last meeting - agreed as a true record of proceedings.

5 Planning

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| Applications | Description |
| Applications received. | l. 2023/0364 Location: Fir Grove, Hethel Road. Proposal: Upgrading and Improvements to outbuildings, including replacement windows, doors and insertion of new openings.Application Type: Listed Building Consent. No objection |
| Applications received since last meeting | l.2023/0147 Location: Fir Grove, Hethel Road. Proposal: Upgrading and improvements to outbuildings, including replacement windows, doors and insertion of new openings. No commentll.2023/0134 Location: Agricultural Buildings at Fir Grove, Hethel Road. Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of 2021/1033 - Amendments to external appearance and internal design of Barn A to suit the end users’ requirements as listed in accompanying statement. No comment |
| Decisions since last meeting | l. 2022/2224 Location: The Old Chapel, Norwich Road. Proposal: Single storey utility room Decision: Approval with Condition. |

6 Administrative Issues

1. Norfolk ALC Payroll. Council in favour of subscribing to the service. The cost to the council is £8.00 per month as subscribers to NALC. This will alleviate the clerk the monthly task of carrying out her own payroll via HMRC online.
2. Statutory Policy Review

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| **Policy** | **Amendments** | **Notes** |
| GDPRPublication Scheme Website Privacy Policy | No change Updated with new clerks’ detailsUpdated with new clerks’ details | Review date amended to March 2023.All in favour |
| Internet Banking & Debit Card  | No Change | Review date amended to March 2023 – All in favour |
| Asset Register  | Included New laptop | Review date amended to March 2023 – All in favour |

1. Finance
2. Financial report.

Business Community Acct balance 17/02/2023 £28339.35

17/02/2023Expenditure - £643.20 – Income nil.

1. To approve payments

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| **Payee** | **Description** | **Payment method** | **Amount** |
| T Higlett | Clerks’ salary Jan/Feb | Bacs | 363.72 |
| Payee | Description | Payment method | Amount |
| T Higlett | Lap top | Bacs | 449.00 |
| The Play Inspection Co. | Playground Inspection | Bacs | 179.88 |
| South Norfolk Council | Dog Waste Emptying | Bacs | 132.72 |

1. To note payments raised between meetings

HMRC – Clerks taxation £238.60

 d) To note receipts - None.

1. King Charles lll Coronation

 a) A community celebration has been planned for the coronation weekend commencing on 4th May. Events such as coronation cocktails Wreningham big lunch, coronation quiz, barbecue, live music and screening of the coronation, all of which will take place at the village hall. On Monday 8th May, there will be ‘The Big Help Out’, which will consist of general help at the school, playing field, church and a village litter pick.

 b) South Norfolk Council Grant of £200 has been applied for.

9 Village maintenance and highways

 a) Council had received correspondence from a member of the public regarding the reduction of speed on Church Road to 20mph. This has been discussed in the past with NCC Highways but the costs were too high. Currently 20 mph speed limits are not enforced in Norfolk. Enforcement is a matter for individual police forces.

 b) Playground Inspection report – Report had no immediate work to be carried out. However, it was proposed to review findings in the Spring/Summer when the weather would be better and suggested this should be carried prior to the next meeting.

 c) Land offer – A Community meeting will be arranged in the near future, when developer approaches council with further information. South Norfolk Council – Planning, have advised it is not impossible for the council to take on. Norfolk Wildlife Trust have also viewed the land and are willing to offer assistance. NCC Highways will be asked to look at the drainage and ditch. Wreningham historical group are researching the history of the site. Chairman proposed contacting the headteacher of Wreningham School about its possible involvement. Member of public suggested revisiting the need for allotments in the village, too. Other suggestions include a wildflower meadow, mini-forest, wetland with pond, tree planting for coronation year.

 d) Village update – Defibrillator all good but still requires a torch. **Action** **Chairman**

 Member of public asked if there were any grants available for the purchase of a second defibrillator**.** Clerk to look into grants and costs for the May meeting.  **Action Clerk**

 10 Election 2023

 Information is available on the parish council website regarding Photo ID and ‘How to become a councillor’. Council aware of deadline for returning of Nomination forms.

 11 Correspondence

 a) NALC Electric Vehicle Charging Points – parish interested **Action Clerk**

 b) Big South Norfolk Litter Pick. Cllr Morris advised SN for 30th June 2023.

 c) South Norfolk Community Awards – duly noted

 12 Date of next meeting: 9th May 2023

 6:30pm - Annual Parish meeting

 7:30pm - Council meeting

 Meeting closed at 20:50