

**9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Council** was held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 in the Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Prior to the commencement of this meeting the newly Elected Councillors all signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office which were witnessed by the Clerk.

In accordance with Standing Orders Mr A Ketteringham (AK) took the Chair. He first welcomed the two newly elected Members, Mr Jonathan Pearson and Mr Ashley Howell. He thanked Mr Keith Collins (who unfortunately had not been re-elected) for all the hard work he had put in over the years and the other two candidates who were unsuccessful.

Also in attendance Mrs A Binns (AB), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr J Leggett(JLg), Mr R Leighton (RL), Mrs J Lusher(JL), Mr J Pearson (JP), Mrs A Shepherd(AS), Mr A Thomas(AT), 8 Members of the Public & the Clerk Jean Sangster.

**First Item on Agenda was to Elect Chairperson for the ensuing Year**

**Mr Ketteringham was proposed by JLg seconded by AB.** AK accepted the nomination and was duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Election of Vice-Chairperson for the ensuing Year**

**Mr Leighton was proposed by JLg seconded by AB.** There being no further nominations RL was duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Election of 3 Members to serve on the Planning Group.**

It was agreed that as the Clerk notifies of all Planning Applications it was not necessary to have this Group.

**Play Equipment Working Party**

It was proposed by RL seconded by AB that 3 members be appointed. These to be AH, JLg and AT and this was agreed.

**Allotment working Party**

It was proposed by JLg seconded by RL that the existing 3 Members AK, RL, JLg continue with Mr L Ready and that JP should also join this Group. All agreed.

**Proposal that the two named members and Clerk remain as signatories to the Bank Accounts**

It was proposed by JLg seconded by AS that these remain as RL, AK and the Clerk. All agreed.

**Representative to serve on Wayland Partnership**

It was proposed by AK seconded AB that Mrs A Shepherd continue in this role and this was agreed.

**To confirm position of Footpath Warden**

AT confirmed that he is willing to continue as Footpath Warden and JP agreed to assist.

**To confirm position of Tree Wardens**

Mr M Fletcher to be asked if he is happy to continue with this as Mr T Collins is unable to assist at present time following car accident.

**To Appoint a Councillor to check Defibrillator on regular basis**

AB agreed to continue with this and Clerk to register her on Circuit for being second contact for notifications.

It was noted that the new Defibrillator at the Community Centre is responsibility of Comm. Centre Management Committee.

**WEBSITE**

Mr G Long has been dealing with this for the last year and is happy to assist the Clerk in the future with training and occasional updating. This offer was gratefully accepted.

The Meeting continued with a discussion regarding the Emergency Plan and Mr G Long said this was now ready for the Parish Council to adopt as an Official Document. There is one person who is happy to take over from GL and AK suggested that we go back to the people who originally offered to assist with this and get volunteers.

There should be a simplified version to put out to all residents with details of contacts.

It was agreed that this document be adopted at the next Meeting of the Council and that a meeting of volunteers, clubs, organisations be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm in Community Centre to agree on how this should be put out to Parishioners.

**Other Urgent Matters**

Clean-Up Session - Volunteers for cleaning play equipment, painting of posts and tidying The Green on Sat.3<sup>rd</sup> June was requested with teas, coffee and cakes to be served at Community Centre. This is being organised by JLg and AT with their partners.

**Meeting times**

AK asked if Members were happy for meetings to commence at 7.00pm rather than 7.30pm as recent meetings had finished really late. JP asked why these couldn't start at 6.30pm but this is not convenient to some, nor the Clerk.

**Movable Speed Signs**

Mr Collins has dealt with these and moved to various sites around village and is still happy to continue with this.

**Properties damaged by Fire**

The Clerk was requested to write to Victory Housing regarding the properties that have had no work carried out to them on Edward Close. One family is still waiting to return to their home that is still standing but have been told that this is not possible due to it being a building site but at present time there is no work being carried out. Copy to be sent to Mr Freeman MP.

Mr Eagle thanked everyone for supporting the Elections and Ashill had the highest turnout.

As a result of this he suggested that as a thank you to the village that a 'Last Night of Proms' evening be held on Playing Field with people bringing their own picnic. This would be a free event and possibly a bar held in Community Centre with prizes for different categories sponsored by local businesses. Provisional booking of Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to be made.

He also advised that he is still a Cabinet Member for Norfolk County Council.

This concluded the business of the evening and Meeting closed at 8.38pm

**Signed**

**Date**

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