

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre**

Present: Cllrs Bremner, Collins, Dingle, Fausset, Prendergast, Pudney, Sneddon and Weston.

Also in attendance: The Clerk; 15 members of the public, Dist Cllr Burn for most of the meeting.

NB: Note the numbering sequence below is amended to reflect the amended date of the meeting.

- 07.06.01 **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was confirmed the meeting was not being recorded. He explained tonight had an abridged agenda due to the large planning application.
- 07.06.02 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cooper and Shirley-Smith.
- 07.06.03 **Declarations:** There were no Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests declared and no requests for dispensation. Councillors were reminded of their obligations under the Suffolk Code of Conduct and the Nolan Principles of Public Office. The Clerk reminded all present that the new Code of Conduct will be reviewed in September.
- 07.06.04 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 9 June 2022 (as previously circulated) were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 07.06.05 **Matters arising:** Any o/s matters are carried over to September due to time constraints.
- 07.06.06 **Reports for Information:**
- County Cllr Fleming's report was circulated post meeting. It is available under the website Minutes.
 - District Councillor Burn's report already circulated and on the website as above. A brief review of his report was delivered to all present. There were no questions.
- 07.06.07 **Public Forum:** There was a prolonged discussion in regard to the Solar Farm planning application. Two parishioners present were in favour of it, the rest were opposed to it. The Parish Council listened to all interested parties' comments in this regard, both for and against, before formally debating it.
- 07.06.08 **Statutory Business and General Governance:** deferred to the next meeting.
- 07.06.09 **Planning:**
- a) The following planning applications were discussed:
DC/22/02667; Mixed use development comprising installation of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm; along with continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, substation, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works @ Grange Farm, Old Bury Road. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to submit an objection. It also resolved to include mitigation requirements should the application be approved despite the objection. The Clerk confirmed to all present that an extension to 18 July had been received for the submitting of comments.
 - b) Planning Determinations received from BMSDC:
DC/22/02475; Works to trees in a conservation area @ The Hollies, Lion Road and
DC/22/02818; Works to trees in a Conservation area – reduce 2 sycamores from 45' to 35' and prune laterals by 3' @ Farriers Lodge, Upper Rose Lane
Response received that BMSDC does not wish to object to either of the above applications.
DC/22/01960; Replacement of Roof; Erection of two-storey front and rear extensions and erection of garage @ Rosebank, Millway Lane – planning permission granted.
DC/22/02552; Erection of first floor extension over existing garden room @ 5 Denmark Court -planning permission granted.
DC/22/01466 and 01468; Erection of a single storey extension following demolition of existing @ 1 The Paddocks, The Green – both listed building consent and planning permission granted.
 - c) Any other planning matters for information only.
DC/21/05996: outline planning permission refused for 1 x dwelling & new access @ Land Adjacent to Netherfields, Crossing Road – note an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Mid Suffolk District Council to refuse permission.

Standing Order '3x' was extended by the Chair for a further 30 minutes to allow the meeting to conclude.

07.06.10 **Finance:**

- a) The following payments were approved for paying online by bank transfer:

£ 625.60	Caroline Emeny	Clerks renumeration
£ 48.55	Caroline Emeny	Clerks expenses
£ 56.25	P D C C	Room hire for the previous quarter
£ 29.80	Safety Signs	Inv 69668 re dog mess signage
£ 10.00	121 Computers Ltd	Inv for laptop / printer issue repair
£ 549.19	A J G Insurance	Inv 2158685 annual renewal
£ 319.88	J McClintock	Jubilee celebrations excess
£1798.80	UK Timber Ltd	Inv q-592 re oak bollards

The monthly schedule of payments was signed by Cllrs Pudney and Fausset.

The Clerk confirmed the following payment made since the last meeting:

£350 grant from BMSDC paid to J McClintock re the Jubilee. All receipts and invoices checked and forwarded to BMSDC for their £350 grant contribution. It had been agreed at a previous meeting to support the Jubilee working party with any costs over and above the initial grant.

ICO annual £35 charge and £18 quarterly Unity Trust bank charges both paid by direct debit.

- b) The following monies were received: £2000 from Alfred Williams Charitable Trust towards ownership of The Green. Acknowledgment sent by the Clerk.
- c) The Bank reconciliation for the period ending 30 June 2022 was approved and signed by Cllr Bremner.
- d) The financial report of Budget vs Actual was presented via the account's spreadsheet circulated.
- e) A formal request for a financial contribution to the Palgrave Star was discussed. A majority vote **RESOLVED** to offer £200 as an annual payment from August for up to 2 pages per month and that the pages should be in the front half of The Star for prominence. The articles submitted by us are providing a public service for all parishioners and we are spending public money in doing so. Should this offer be rejected, then a formal meeting will be requested with the PDCC.

07.06.11 **To consider matters and any actions required for those relating to the Community of Palgrave -**

- a) Highways, speeding and road related issues – deferred to next meeting.
- b) Speeding, Speed Indicator Devices – deferred to next meeting.
- c) DDNP – No further updates as we await the site assessments.
- d) (i) Palgrave Village green purchase update: The contract has been signed by both parties and is in the post to us. The Clerk has submitted an Expression of Interest form for another grant and will know in three weeks' time whether to proceed with this application or not.
(ii) Protection of The Green – Bollards being purchased as previously agreed. All else deferred to next meeting.
- e) Other Open Spaces including footpaths, ditches, grass cutting and hedges. Complaints have been received about the length of the grass in the 're-wilded' area of The Green. Parishioners have trodden a natural path across part of this area. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to delegate all decisions in this regard to Cllr Fausset including the widening of the grassed path if he deems it necessary. All else deferred to the next meeting.
- f) Cemetery and Churchyard – deferred to next meeting.

07.06.12 **Correspondence** - The clerk confirmed that all relevant correspondence has been previously circulated for information and that no resultant actions were pending.

07.06.13 **Motion under the Public Bodies** (admission to meetings) Act 1960 – nothing to note.

Date of next meeting – The next meeting is on Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm. Note the October meeting has now been moved back to its original date of 13 October.

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

Caroline Emeny (Clerk to Palgrave Parish Council)

FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 June 2022

Current account Unity Trust Bank Account No. Sort code 031 Statement dd 30/6/22

	Bank statement balance	£68,137.78
	RECONCILES WITH ACCOUNTS BALANCE AS PER SPREADSHEET	£68,137.78