

Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of 5 August 2019 held at the Parish Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome.

The 4 Parish Councillors (Gerald Godfrey (GG), Chris Bromley (CB), Andy Spinks (AS) and Rod Apps (RA) were present. There was one member of the public present (Lea Ingham)

2. Apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence from Jacqui Harrison.

3. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2019 were accepted. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, also held on 1 July, were also accepted.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 1 July 2019.

Item 6: the response to the Planning Application for Teddy's Lair, School Road, DC/19/2365/FUL was sent by RA.

Item 7: RA confirmed that he did attend the meeting regarding the implications of the Southern Relief Road arranged by Peter Aldous MP on 2nd. August. RA reported that quite a lot of the discussion related to issues relating to traffic in Beccles, but there was also discussion more specifically relating to the Southern Relief Road. The issue of Ringsfield and Ilketshall St. Andrew being used as a 'rat run' (or a new "main road") from the end of the Southern Relief Road near Cromwell Road was particularly noted. Suffolk County Council has not completed its survey of traffic etc., and it is intended that there will be a further meeting, arranged by Peter Aldous, later in the year.

It was noted that **Phoenix Bird of Prey Rescue** confirmed their intention to visit the village on 22 September, 12.00, Village Hall. The LMC has confirmed that it will pay the contribution to the charity of £75, plus the cost of hiring the Village Hall.

VAS: Ilketshall St. Andrew was waiting for its allocation of weeks for the vehicle-activated sign. The necessary payments have been made to Ringsfield & Weston, and the User Agreement completed. Louise Botham had informed RA that she would be in contact with the relevant person at the District Council to try to get taller poles installed at the sites in Ilketshall St. Andrew.

5. Finances.

It was noted that changes to the mandate for the bank accounts have now been registered by Barclays Bank, so that cheques can be now be written. Gerald Godfrey and Jacqui Harrison are the two signatories, with RA as the address holder.

6. e-mails

There were some e-mails received of interest, but none that seemed to specifically require action.

7. Minutes of Land Management Company for meeting of April 2019.

It was noted that these Minutes were coming several months after the date of the meeting, and therefore the Minutes were only really of historical interest. The Minutes of the meeting in July (15 July) had not been confirmed by the Chair of the LMC, and therefore were not available to the Parish Council.

It was also noted that the Accounts for the Land Management Company had not been received by the Parish Council, although these had been requested. Directors of the LMC present at the meeting of the Parish Council noted that there was a total of £62,000 in the LMC accounts.

8. Arrangements for appointment of replacement Director of the Ilketshall St. Andrew & St. John Land Management Company.

Doug Hackett resigned as Director of the Land Management Company with effect from the end of July 2019. Doug Hackett was appointed by the joint (Ilketshall St. Andrew and Ilketshall St. John) Parish Council, and therefore it is the responsibility of the joint Parish Council to appoint the replacement. That replacement should not be a Commoner. RA undertook to draft a notice to go into the Village Newsletter advertising the vacancy. The view of the Parish Council was that it should identify a replacement, and that the Parish Council would urge the LMC to accept that replacement onto the Board, irrespective of when the AGM of the LMC was due to take place. The Parish Council would need to identify the process for selecting the appointee, if more than one individual made an application.

9. Any other business

There was a discussion around the possibility of Ilketshall St. Andrew combining with Ilketshall St. John to form a combined Parish Council. It was stressed that this would relate only to the Parish Council. The potential advantages would be that there would be a bigger pool of people to draw on to act as Councillors, in addition to providing St. John with participation in a Parish Council. CB had spoken to Paul Birkin in Ilketshall St. John, who was personally in favour of creating a joint Parish Council, but who considered that there would be a lack of support for the idea within the village of Ilketshall St. John.

The Parish Council decided that it would initiate an invitation to the Parishioners of Ilketshall St. John to join with the Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council. RA undertook to draft such an invitation. There would be consultations within the Ilketshall St. Andrew parish regarding the proposal.

There was a discussion around initiatives that the Parish Council should make over the next 12 months. With only 1 Parishioner in attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting in July, no particular suggestions were forthcoming from that source. Lea Ingham made the suggestion of installing bins for dog waste, noting that Weston had an arrangement with the Council to empty them. CB suggested that the bend on the road to Ringsfield with the kerb on one side and potholes on the other was a dangerous area, and with increasing volumes of traffic (particularly large vehicles) using the road, there was a need to widen the road and remove the kerbstones. The kerbstones were causing drivers to be unable to use the verge to avoid oncoming traffic. RA undertook to investigate both of these suggestions.

CB questioned the need for a separate company, with associated costs, to be responsible for managing the Commons. He further suggested that the management of the Commons should be the responsibility of a committee of the Parish Council. With regular monthly meetings of the Parish Council and those meetings open to members of the general public, there would be probably be greater involvement by the villagers in the Commons.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 2 September 2019, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.