**AYLMERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**20th April 2021**

Attendees: Councillors: S Kelsey (Chairman) R Fuke, M Williams, R . In attendance, the Clerk, Patsy Adams. 1 Member of the public – Mr Jim Dumolo

The Meeting began at 6.32pm and was held remotely by ZOOM

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs: J Lynes.
2. **Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations.** None
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON 18th February 2021–** Approved
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**. **The public participation session lasts for 2 minutes per person.** No comments were received
5. **COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR & CONSTABULARY REPORTS.** None
6. **NEW ITEMS**
7. **To receive an update on the lawn mower.** The Chairman outlined the position regarding the mower and Mr Dumolo provided a historical context for the purchase and use (A group of volunteers mowed the playing field, the Churchyard and path behind the pond). The Village Hall purchased shipping container to house the mower (and a number of other parish council items). The issue is the transportation of the mower from the locations. Cllr Bacon offered Mr Dumolo the uses of his trailer. This arrangement will be between Mr Dumolo and Cllr Bacon rather than the Parish Council. The insurance company will be informed of the new arrangement.
8. **The Village Sign.** The village sign is not a Parish Council asset and therefore, was not discussed
9. **GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE**
10. **To receive an update from the Clerk on the current financial position and the budget monitor (Bank Statements and budget monitor previously circulated).** On a proposal by Cllr Bacon. Members approved unanimously. **To consider the Receipts and Payments for the months of February 2021 and March 2021. (documents previously circulated) .** Proposed by Cllr Kelsey (Chairman) and approved unanimously
11. **The end of year process and the May meetings – an explanation from the Clerk.** The Clerk had previously issued a document explaining the May meeting process, no further comments were received.
12. **To receive an update from the Clerk on the return to face-to-face meetings and the village hall hire**. The Clerk informed the meeting that Hertfordshire County Council are taking the Government to Court on the 21st April for directions as to whether the continuation of remote meetings are legal. If the Court finds in the County Council’s favour there will still be insufficient time for the Government to pass emergency legislation so May meetings will be face-to-face whatever the decision. The Clerk suggested that the meetings for the summer months continue as planned
13. **To confirm that the ICO Registration has been renewed.** The Clerk confirmed

**UPDATES ON ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**To receive an update from the Clerk about the pond license and the grass path surrounding the pond.** The Clerk confirmed that she has a copy of the License and she has made contact with Edward Clifton Brown, the owner /manager. He has agreed to meet the Clerk to discuss the pond and the path behind and the proposed camping site in the field beyond.

1. **To discuss the field behind the pond.** See 3a Mr Clifton Brown confirmed that the field will be used as a small Glamping site for 56 day of the coming season.
2. **To receive an update from the Chairman and Cllr Fuke regarding a quote for a noticeboard for Beechwood Avenue.** The Chairman informed the meeting that this matter is still under discussion. Cllr Fuke informed the meeting that he has spoken to Mr Reggie Medlar (landowner) and he suggested a good place for the noticeboard would be adjacent to the post box. The Clerk was asked to check the land registry to confirm ownership of the land.
3. **Red Barn Lane – registration on the Definitive Map an explanation for the new members and progress to-date.** The Clerk informed the meeting that the County Council contact has not responded to her emails and asked for directions from the council. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed in full at the next meeting.
4. **HIGHWAYS**

**Highways issues addressed since the last meeting.** The Chairman informed the meeting that recent communications with the Police have confirmed that high visibility patrolling will be taking place on the Holt Road to Gresham as a means of deterring speeding. Cllr Fuke informed the meeting that a new speed awareness sign has appeared on the Holt Road. Cllr Fuke will endeavour to find out who owns it. The speed sign on the eastern side of the road is still only operational intermittently.

**PLANNING To consider new planning applications or decisions received from the Planning Authority**

**RV/21/0573 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref: PF/15/1634 for erection of one and half storey property incorporating site facilities** The Parish Council are disappointed with the way in which the Planning Office has processed this application. Nevertheless, the Members were concerned that a refusal may have serious implications for the Hotel and decided to **Support** it.

**PF/21/0708.  Withern, Sandy Lane, West Runton.  .  Single storey rear extension. Aylmerton** **No objection**

**PF/21/0731. The Woodlands, Holt Road, Aylmerton.**  Change of use and a Residential Annexe. The Parish Council have **no objection** to this application.

1. **To consider matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda.** The Chairman asked that dog waste bins be placed on the May agenda. Cllr Bacon asked for a copy of the Asset register
2. **The date of the next meeting** 11th May 2021 at 7pm
3. **To close the meeting** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm