

# **MINUTES OF SLOLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024** at 7pm at Sloley Methodist Church, Frankfort, NR12 8HG

## **1. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Caroline Churchill, Philip Madeley, Leigh Rumsby, Robert Sadler (Chairman) and Anthony Smith.

Apologies: Leigh Rumsby and District and County Councillor Nigel Dixon

Clerk: Aileen Beck Members of the Public: 4

Resignation received from Gerard Mancini-Boyle. Saul Penfold has been absent from meetings for 6 months.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None

## **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were agreed and signed by the chair of the meeting as a true record.

## **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Member of the public asked whether the local authority is obliged to tell the parish council if it intends to reduce services – Chair to refer to Cllr Dixon.

## **5. PLANNING**

- a. Planning application PF/24/2415: Single storey extension to south elevation following removal of conservatory at The Firs, Low Street, Sloley, Norwich Norfolk NR12 8HD – no objection.
- b. Planning application PF/24/1592 approved by North Norfolk District Council: Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of detached dwelling and garage at Sunningdale Frankfort Sloley Norwich Norfolk NR12 8HG.

## **6. VILLAGE AND HIGHWAY ISSUES**

- a. Telephone box and defibrillator grant application: thanks to Tony for initiating the match funding through London Hearts. Rob to pay the £750 fee and to be reimbursed as soon as access granted to the bank account. Electrician to be contacted to connect defibrillator into the phone box. Notice to be placed alongside the defibrillator for information and a first responder to be contacted to enquire about the possibility of training for residents.
- b. Maintenance of St Bartholomew's churchyard: due to complaints from the public about the state of the churchyard, council resolved to contribute towards the cost of a one-off cutting with the expectation that the church take on ongoing maintenance.
- c. Poores Charity: Council resolved that Caroline Churchill be appointed as a trustee to the Sloley Charities (registered charity number 210157). Leigh has resigned from the charity. Notices have been placed on the noticeboards regarding the usual winter fuel payments.
- d. Any other concerns that have been made known to council: None.

## **7. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- a. Mandate changes to the bank account are ongoing – ID documentation requested by the bank. The budget for 2025/26 was considered and it was agreed to request £4,022 from North Norfolk District Council. The current tax base is 103.6. giving a Band D figure of £38.82, a small reduction on last year.
- b. The internal audit report was noted and as was the Annual Governance and Accountability Return exemption which has been submitted to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn.
- c. Three insurance quotations obtained – agreed to accept quote of £266.85 from Clear Councils.
- d. Correspondence received since the last council meeting: licensing variations for The Woodyard were noted. Thanks were given to Julie and the three other volunteers for the litter pick they carried out. The next will take place towards the end of February/early March and volunteers welcomed.

## **8. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA**

Next Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 then bi-monthly.

Potholes in Church Lane and Sloley Road; reinstatement of ditches; ivy on trees; Church Lane road signs

The Council RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items due to their confidential nature:

## **9. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

Council noted the clerk's pay increase to be backdated to April 2024 in accordance with the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024. The clerk also tendered her resignation.

Meeting closed 8.25pm