

WEYBREAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 March 2022 in the village hall

- 1 **Public Speaking** None
- 2 **Attendees**
From the Council Mr G Gibbs (Chair)
Mrs S Hardy (Vice Chair)
Mrs J Blair
Mr C Jordan
Mrs S Middleton
Mrs A Pickess
Mr G Tibbenham
Mrs L Hadingham (MSDC)
Alistair Besly [Clerk]
From the Public 1
- 3 **Apologies** Cllr Gould (SCC)
- 4 **Declaration of Interest** Items 11 Mrs Hardy, Non pecuniary interest
- 5 **Minutes** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18 January 2022 were approved and signed
- 6 **County Councillors Report:** None Received
- 7 **District Councillors Report:** Circulated. There were no questions
- 8 **Chair's Report:** Mr Gibbs reported that Weybread Recreational Charity annual return has been completed
- 9 **Clerks Report:**
Allotments The rent defaulter has been notified that he has lost his allotment. The next person on the list has been alerted and is still keen to take the plot on
Bank Provided HSBC with even more information in order to keep the bank account open
MSDC bins Need confirmation of the bins that Weybread want MSDC to empty
- 10 **Finance Report:** Circulated: It was proposed that reserves be updated to leave c£500 in unallocated and move the remainder of whole hundreds of pounds to the community projects reserve. **All Agreed** Clerk
- 11 **Review funding request** from the Recreation Fund by Village Hall Committee and Weybread Ladies Social Club

Mr Gibbs read the request for £250 from the recreational fund to purchase an electronic bingo machine. After a short discussion it was proposed that the application be accepted up to a total of £250. **All Agreed. Action Mrs Hardy** to source the machine and arrange for the supplier to invoice the Parish Council
It was proposed to authorise the Clerk to transfer up to £250 from the recreation fund to the Parish Council current account to facilitate payment. **All Agreed**
- 12 **Review Local Government pay award** of 1.75% for approval - covered in the Finance Report
- 13 **Payment Schedule:** The payments schedule was reviewed and it was proposed that £1,009.29 total payments be approved. **All Agreed**
- 14 **Policing Report:** Mrs Hardy reported that there had been one public order offence in the Weybread Pitts area and four offences reported under the broad "Violence" category in the Street/Fir Tree Close area. She also reported that there had been an increase in the theft of heating oil.
- 15 **Tree Wardens Report** - None received
- 16 **Weybread Highways issues:** No one has had any further responses from Suffolk Highways. In the absence of Cllr Gould (SCC), Cllr Hadingham (MSDC) offered to request an update from Suffolk Highways
- 17 **Cranswick Site** There has been no update and Cranswick representatives have declined invitations to come to a meeting to update the Parish. **Action: Clerk** to write to Cranswick requesting an update on the latest position
- 18 **Notice Board for Upper Weybread:** The clerk has made another application to SCC Highways with no response so far. **Action, Clerk** to follow up Clerk

Initials

Chair of the meeting

19 Governance Documents:

19.1 Safeguarding policy The document was reviewed together with the obligations it creates. It was the view of the Council that the circumstances where such a policy would be relied on are unlikely to occur. It was therefore proposed not to adopt this new policy, but to retain the existing one. **All Agreed** Clerk

19.2 New code of Conduct. This document has not yet been finalised by SALC

20 Planning: None. It was noted that there was a decision notice on Pear Tree Farm

21 Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Festival of Suffolk: Mr Gibbs reviewed the activities for the event and the following proposals were made

There will be a vegetarian option, the invitation will request that these are ordered in advance to facilitate catering The local charity to support will be the Air Ambulance. Ukraine was discussed but it was felt that the immediate need there may have diminished by June

Volunteers will be needed to move tables and chairs. Mr Tibbenham and Mr Jordan agreed to coordinate, Mrs Blair offered to help

Everyone agreed to help deliver invitations in their area

The tree planting should go ahead as soon as possible. Mr Tibbenham will meet councillors and Mike Nott to agree the position on Saturday 19 March at 14:30

The plaque was discussed with options of brass, bronze or stone. A local stone mason (James Hollington) has offered to produce a stone plaque for £150 which was accepted

All Agreed on all the above proposals

It was noted that the base of the village sign was showing signs of decay. Mr Tibbenham will ask his brother, Nick, to organise a repair

22 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting - Agree date and format

Friday 27 May at 19:30 was proposed for the APM. All Agreed

The following organisations and individuals will be asked to report on their activities over the last year

Fressingfield School

Susan Loxton: Church

Jackie Stewart: Village Hall

Sue Hardy: Ladies Club

Graham Gibbs: Chair

Sally Mittuch: Tree Warden

Anne Pickess: Footpaths

Susan Loxton: Poor's Land Charity

Graham Gibbs: Recreational Charity

Action: Clerk to book the hall and send out speakers invitations

23 Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 May 2022 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held in the village hall on Tuesday 15 March 2022

Signed (Chair) _____ Dated _____

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