



Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council

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Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11th February 2021 at 6.30pm via a virtual meeting

CHAIRMAN: Mr P Richings

PRESENT: Mrs M Brown, Mr M Newton, Mrs B Richardson-Todd, Mr B Ward, Mr R Whiting, Mr J Westrup, Mr J Wright, Mr P Richings, Mr R Nunn, Ms Evans, Mrs Bridger, Mr K Driver.

APOLOGIES: Miss A Cracknell (unable to join virtual meeting), Mr D Francis (unable to join virtual meeting), Mr C Griggs (another commitment).

OTHER APOLOGIES: None

CLERK: Mrs S Stannard – Clerk; Mrs S Jenkins – Assistant Clerk. Minutes taken by Mrs Stannard

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public = 0

1. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then reminded Councillors of the Code of Conduct, protocol for debate and statutory rights to film, record, photograph or otherwise report on the proceedings of the meeting.

Apologies was received from Miss Cracknell, Mr Francis and Mr Griggs. Mr Wright proposed that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Mr Nunn. Resolved with ALL in favour.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th January 2021

Mr Richings reminded Councillors to note the list of cheques issued. Mr Newton proposed acceptance of the minutes with no amendments. This was seconded by Mr Wright, with ALL in favour. The minutes were duly signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR INTEREST

Mr Newton declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of East Suffolk Council and also stated that he may be asked to reconsider any matter from this meeting at District Council and at any relevant Committee/Sub Committee and in so doing, shall take into account all relevant evidence and representations made at the District level before coming to a decision.

Mr Whiting declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Suffolk County Council he may be asked to reconsider any matter from this meeting at County Council and at any relevant Committee/Sub Committee and in so doing, shall take into account all relevant evidence and representations made at the County level before coming to a decision.

No other declarations were made.

4. TO CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF LAND TO BE GIFTED FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

[Mr Ward joined the meeting].

The Clerk informed Councillors that Suffolk County Council indicating that they are willing to gift property adjacent to Woodbridge Road to the Parish Council and asked whether the Parish Council would like to progress with this transfer. A discussion followed about this.

Mr Wright proposed that in principle the Parish Council would wish to acquire the site under gift terms from Suffolk County Council provided that the road is a private road (and therefore would not need to be maintained by the Parish Council) and that the cost of transfer and cost of the solicitors will not be for the Parish Council. Suffolk County Council be advised to contact Birketts Solicitors on behalf of the Council for the transfer. Seconded by Mrs Richardson-Todd. Agreed by ALL.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.53pm.