**South Walsham Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting 8th April 2024**

**South Walsham Village Hall**

1. **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Peter Crook (Chair), Clive Grant, Sue Grant, Malcolm Steward, Amanda Miler, Tricia Graysmark (Clerk)

Apologies received from Paul Randell

11 members of the public including Nigel Brennan from Broadland District Council

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Malcolm Steward – Member of The Ship Inn Committee

Peter Crook – Interest in The Ship Inn Committee

1. **PUBLIC FORUM**
2. It was reported the edging alongside a gateway in School Road towards Upton Road is standing up too high. CG to contact owner and discuss.
3. Fleet Lane Flooding. It was reported that the CCTV survey by NCC did not take place
4. A question was raised over the method of publishing council minutes.
5. **SAFER ACCESS TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES**
6. The PC has negotiated with the owner of the field to the west of the VH to support a planning application for a single house on the field. If the application is successful the owner will donate the parish a strip of land between the rear of the cemetery and School Road. This will enable:

- A new safer and wider road entrance on School Road to the school and VH and playing field. (The existing entrance will be retained for pedestrian access only).

- A new safer entrance and road up to the cemetery (with the existing dangerous entrance on Acle Road closed).

- Additional parking, and hopefully, parking and turning for buses.

- Additional amenity/community land for the parish

- The removal of restrictive covenants/leases on the school nature area and existing entrance.

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – TO RECEIVE VERBAL UPDATES**
2. Churchyard. 16th March working party. A good ecology project undertaken with some general tidying, weed management, some ivy removed and movement of some of the snowdrops. Confirmed £100 will be paid from grant money.
3. Pilson Green. On going with NCC. Response received with suggestion of posts at 2metres from highway but with a caveat of waiting for information from a different department.
4. Village Green. Application has gone to land registery to take ownership having been maintaining it for many years.
5. Village Green seat. More progress made with drawings and quotes. Anticipated work will start in a few weeks.
6. Planters. Reported some new plants will be needed and to include Kings Arms but good progress being made. AM working on project
7. Notice board on the Green has some damage with only one side being able to be used. MS and PC to discuss and investigate repairs.
8. Trees at Village Green. BDC and Crown Tree Services have inspected. It was agreed to survey every 3 years. The PC will fund all safety work on the trees and make a proposed contribution of 20% towards cost of trimming for additional light to the neighbouring properties. MS to discuss with residents of housing in area.
9. Emergency Plan is ongoing
10. **PLANNING**
11. A planning application for 4 self build houses on the land East of Manor Farm was submitted. Due to timings the Council dealt with a response via emails. PC did not take part in the email discussions due to the location of his property and the proposed building.
12. **FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
13. Cheques for payment approved as per circulated schedule
14. On-line banking still being help up by Lloyds Bank
15. **THE SHIP**
16. Work is ongoing to secure the £250,000 grant and expected to be submitted towards the end of May.
17. There is a need for more people to be involved with the steering group and a request has been made through The Ship social media page.
18. **VILLAGE ISSUES**

i) Fleet Lane flooding. It was reported there is more flooding on the corner of Fleet Lane & Kingfisher Lane. It does not appear to be rain related on this occasion as rainfall has been minimal. NCC have been informed again. PC to discuss all highways issues with Fran Whymark and hope to receive a response from Justin Le May at NCC.

ii) The Staithe needs some work done to tidy it up. Bernard Barnett kindly offered to attend to improvements

1. Marsh Road ditch has been cleared.
2. Village Hall. It was reported builders have started the insurance work. It is anticipated to last for approximately 8 weeks.
3. Slipway Access/Keys. Invoices have been sent out. These cover this year and last year when bills were not sent.
4. Play area. The spinner is broken and needs new bearings. It was agreed to spend £80 for the parts if possible but it may have to come from a specialist at £160. The rubbish bin post is broken. It would be more secure attached to a metal post so it will be moved and also increased in height. The bin also gets very full so the Village Hall Committee have agreed to check it on a Friday and empty if necessary.
5. Broads Authority have issued their Local Plan for response.
6. **MEETING DATES FOR 2024/2025**
7. Next meeting 13 May
8. Future meeting dates agreed and will be posted on the website.

Meeting closed at 20.23