

CLERK'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING 21.4.21

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Town Hall	Refurbishment	The Green Room has been decorated. Awaiting further quotes for new flooring. New curtains now in place.
23 Market Place		
Cemetery Cottage	Private Letting	Some repairs made to the property and currently looking for new tenants
Cemetery		Quotes to be obtained re roadway and gates
Allotments		Inspections have recently taken place. Only one allotment holder received a 'needs improvement' letter
Churchyard		
Market Place		
Farmers' Markets		
Markets		The markets have now returned to all stalls
Jannys Close Community Garden		
Staithe		Tree inspection scheduled
"Little Staithe"		
Hopkins Homes areas general		
Highways	Parish Partnership	Will commence in May
Paupers Graveyard	Clearing	Work to trees taking place prior to area being levelled and seeded. Aylsham In Bloom have a £500 grant for planting. Will also look at moving some of the Red Lion Street planters to site
Norfolk Homes Play Areas (equipped)	Wymer Drive	
Norfolk Homes large area off Mileham Drive		New gym equipment ordered
Land at Sapwell Close	Adverse Possession Claim	In discussions with solicitor
Car Parks		BDC did minor works on 25 th February – these only addressed half the issues
Street Lighting		
Public Toilets		Flooring scheduled for April 21 st and the toilets will re-open by the weekend
COMMA/Archives		Archives closed
Litter & Dog Waste Bins		
Bus Shelters		
Pump		
Pillboxes		Trying to ascertain whose land the pillbox next to Tesco is on
War Memorial		Looking at grants

Highway Rangers		The Highway Rangers are Norfolk County Council Highway gang who visit the town on a regular basis to undertake minor road repairs e.g. sign cleaning, small potholes etc. Please let the office no of any such areas and we will add it to the schedule we send them
Drill Hall		AGENDA ITEM
Community Speedwatch	Need to re-establish	Still short of volunteers and someone to organise
Telephone Box	Refurbishment	Refurbishment to start soon. May need to discuss changing the proposed use in light of covid
Bure Meadows Footpath	New Footpath across to Dunkirk	Work started on this now – bridge still to be installed
Staffing		Nothing to report
Future Meetings	Removal of ability to use zoom	<p>The legislation that brought this in expires on May 7th. Due to parliamentary regulations this cannot simply be extended and therefore there will be a need to return to face-to-face meetings from May. This does seem to be slightly in contradiction to the governments roadmap but meetings are classed as a work environment.</p> <p>However, a County Council is taking the matter to the High Court to determine whether zoom meetings meet the criteria as detailed in the 1972 act i.e. members must be present. If this is successful (and it is being backed by government) this will mean that zoom meetings could continue. It is scheduled to be heard on April 21st.</p> <p>Should this not be successful then the next meeting will be face-to-face and held in the Town Hall where social distancing will be easier to achieve.</p>

Items for Town Council to consider/note

- Toilet upgrade near completion
- Future meetings

Minutes of the Aylsham Town Council Traffic Group Meeting held on Wednesday 31st March 2021

Present:

Trevor Bennett	David Harrison
Clare Alban	Barry Lancaster
Andy Christie	Richard Laxen
Gordon Clarke	Pat Prekopp
Rebecca Davies	Steve Riley
David Faulkner	Arthur Rope
Catherine Fletcher	Eileen Springall
Nicholas Haag	Ginny Sylvester
Sue Lake	Wendy Murphy

1. Election of Chairman

Trevor Bennett was proposed and **AGREED**.

2. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and how they used the town i.e. foot, cycle car etc.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Joan Bennett	Annette Overton
Dave Curtis	Val Shaw
Lynda Hartley	

4. Declarations of interest

None declared

5. To receive Terms of Reference

These were agreed at the last Town Council meeting.

There was a query re the purpose – to prepare a report on changes does this mean that changes must be made. This was clarified as not necessary.

Members felt they were wide enough

6. To receive details of the reasoning behind the formation of the group

David Harrison advised during his years as a County Councillor he had always wrestled with what is best for the town and the residents of individual areas. Do we set a high target or what is achievable – especially with regard to Red Lion Street. Previous reports etc. have led to no real action.

It was hoped to start high and lower expectations to meet requirements and budgets

It was also hoped by forming a group such as this that new ideas that others haven't mentioned before would be forthcoming

To meet issues of new developments

7. To discuss overall aims of the group

It was agreed that an aim was a pre-requisite along the lines something that would improve the whole situation of parking and movement in Aylsham without a detrimental effect on other areas. There is a need to make residents and visitors aware of all the issues. The Red Lion Street experiment highlighted this.

It was felt necessary not to simply pass any issue on to another road.

However, any move to change will have an effect on everyone but someone will need to be aware that they may be more effected than others and that prejudice should not override the discussion.

Before we engage the public need a clear statement of no more than 20 words which will inform everyone.

The chairman and Town Clerk will write an aim for others to comment on

8. To detail issues of traffic management that effect Aylsham to include but not limited to:-

- Parking
- Speeding
- Traffic traversing the town
- Narrow Roads
- Buses, sizes and routes
- Pedestrians, lack of pavements and size and quality of pavements
- Age profile of residents
- Size and number of cars
- Lack of electric charging points
- One-way systems have tried but not worked
- Impact of new developments
- School Run

It was asked what is missing from this list?

The following were highlighted

- Danger spots i.e. top of Sandy Lane
- Walkers – different to pedestrians
- Cop 26

9. To set a task and priority list as a result of discussion of Item 8

It was felt that the impact of new developments was a priority as if the GNLP is passed in its current state then plans for the two developments will come fairly quickly. The new developments will exacerbate all the problems and if not careful we will be trying to play catch up

It was noted that councillors are familiar with all the issues so could non-councillors get the information. The Town Clerk will look at providing this to all members.

It was also suggested that the group look at modelling – as that would reinforce issues with GNLP however it would involve costs

Studies on previous reports did not include traffic flows. It was suggested there may be the potential of U3A members doing surveys. There is also the SAM2 data that can be used

The second priority after developments would be the buses – size, routes etc and we would look at inviting Saunders

Don't forget pedestrians – as they have the biggest problem of all especially those with buggies and school children

10. How to consult with residents

First thing is to approach the public – an informal consultation which can inform the group and to use as many different approaches as possible. It was felt that zoom might make people less likely to be involved.

Eileen Springall advised that she was a great believer in approaching people direct and would be happy to stand in the Market Place on a Monday.

The recent issues have split the community. Business owners – shame not represented on this group but they also are also split on the issues. Do need to be aware of potential direct abuse – especially online

It was suggested anything that related directly to one particular area should have direct contact via a questionnaire.

11. Consideration of input of consultants

There is no direct budget for consultants but there is funding in general reserves that can be used if agreed by the Town Council.

Everyone agreed that consultants would be required but they need to be given detailed parameters etc.

Need to get an idea of what is wanted before new building commences

It was also agreed that a common map needs to be prepared for everyone to use. Rather than a detailed map maybe something along the lines of the London underground map.

The other important issue is a timeline with gateways and targeted dates – Gordon Clark agreed to assist with this.

12. Plans for future meetings

It was agreed to meet monthly and make that the last Wednesday of the month. Therefore the next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday April 28th 2021.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITTASLOW AYLSHAM COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON THURSDAY MARCH 18 at 10am**

PRESENT: Mr P Prekopp, Aylsham Slow Food, Chairman
Mrs M Evans Aylsham Town Council
Mr G Margaron, Aylsham Community Partnership
Mr R Willis ABEP
Mr R Preston, Walkers are Welcome
Mrs J St Clair Aylsham U3A
Mrs H Jones Aylsham U3A
Mrs V Shaw Aylsham Town Council

OFFICER: Mrs S Lake, Aylsham Town Clerk

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs J Kerrison Aylsham WI and Ian Gravenell

02 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

There were no Declarations of Interests or any Requests for Dispensations.

03 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Cittàslow Aylsham Meeting held on 18th February, were **confirmed and will be signed by the chairman.**

04 MATTERS ARISING

None raised

05 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

In the absence of any member of the public, the meeting continued without adjournment.

06 FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market in March was once again only essential stalls. The Town Council also had a presence to discuss the GNLP. The next market in April will also be limited but May should be full retail – so hopefully all stalls will return

07 PROJECTS

i) OLD STATION YARD

Looking at meeting on Saturday 20th March to do some clearing and litter picking.

ii) WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Not much to report at the moment. May look to re-start The Big Stroll when weather and social distancing allows. Looking at working with accommodation providers

iii) TOWN GUIDE

Still waiting for contact from the publishers.

iv) TOWN PEDESTRIAN MAP

Further examples were shown to members. The cost of the map would be approximately £800 plus the frame. It was agreed to look into this further to see if any money was available from Norfolk Trails, grants or other sponsorship.

08 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Training on the new website has been received and should be ready to launch in mid-April.

09 AYLSHAM TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

a) To review the entries received

The Town Clerk had prepared a slideshow of the entries received to date.

b) To decide whether to accept any of the entries

A long discussion took place on the entries. There was some confusion as to whether this was a logo for Aylsham or the Town Council. It was confirmed this was for the Town Council. The committee choose a logo they preferred.

c) To discuss the next steps

The chosen entry will be taken to the Town Council with a recommendation that it be adopted.

10 CITTASLOW in AYLSHAM

The anniversary meeting originally planned for 2020 will not be going ahead in Aylsham this year. Italy is still having major issues with covid breakouts so it is unlikely that any physical meetings will be held in the short term.

11 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Pat Prekopp presented various papers on the detail of climate change. It was agreed that the Town Council would need to lead the way on this project and act by example i.e. any repairs or alterations to properties would need to be as carbon neutral as possible, would need to look at the vehicle and move towards an electric or hybrid, consider issues regarding heating etc at the Town Hall and Drill Hall.

There is a Climate Action Fund which may be able to offer grants for projects and this needs to be looked into.

Any move towards a climate change emergency must have input from community partnerships and ideally a community champion would be needed.

The subject will be added for debate at the next Town council meeting.

12 CITTASLOW UK

The AGM was held on 13th March at which Pat Prekopp was made a director. The accountants have been re-appointed. It was noted that the Cittaslow UK website still requires work. There is a move to re-assess the criteria for Cittaslow. All towns submitted a report and it was noted how more engaged the organisations in the Welsh towns are. It was questioned whether this will change when the full effect of Brexit on the additional money previously available becomes evident.

13. AYLSHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee have not met since the last Cittaslow Meeting.

There is still no indication on how people will feel regarding events and it may take a while to install confidence about attending events.

A scarecrow festival is being organised for the Easter holidays.

The Country Market will re-start (outside) on 1st and 9th April and will return inside the Town Hall from 16th April.

14 SLOW FOOD AYLSHAM

Slow Food recently held their AGM and Pat Prekopp was re-elected as chairman.

They will be looking at returning to the Farmers Markets and other summer events will depend on the organisers but the October Food Festival is likely to take place.

200 Food Bank recipe books have been ordered by Norwich Food Bank.

Slow Food have joined the Broadland lottery and had one winner in the first draw.

15 AYLSHAM IN BLOOM

It has been decided it is too early to hold Open Gardens this year so this has been cancelled.

The group have received £500 from the RHS for the Paupers Graveyard.

16 ABEF

There has still been no meeting but one is being arranged.

ABEF do want to be represented on the Traffic Group.

17 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/NEXT AGENDA

U3A are launching a research project on evacuees and would welcome any stories from people who were evacuated or received evacuees.

At the Cittaslow Meeting it was suggested that Mo Anderson-Dungar be appointed as a director on the UK board. This will be added as an agenda item next month.

It was thought it would be good to re-start the guest speakers and it was suggested to invite Rev Canon Julie Boyd and also Ray Horne to update on ACT transport scheme.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 10.30am via Zoom**

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.04pm

REPORT TO COUNCIL**Subject: Climate Change****Author: Sue Lake****Date: 14th April 2021**

Background

At the February Town Council meeting it was first discussed that Aylsham Town Council should consider declaring a Climate Emergency.

It was agreed that further discussion on this matter was required and also further information made available.

At the moment 265 of the 408 Principal authorities have declared an emergency – this does not include either Broadland or Norfolk but does include North Norfolk DC. Various Town and Parish Councils have declared an emergency but a comprehensive list is not available. In Norfolk Hunstanton TC and Dereham TC have gone down this route.

Aylsham Town Council may not be as powerful as the principal authorities locally in effecting change but can “do their bit” in addressing the climate and nature emergency and be a force for change.

The Centre for Sustainable Energy, working with the University of Exeter, have also produced a parish council carbon footprint tool <https://impact-tool.org.uk> to help understand the sources of carbon emissions in any area. The rate for Aylsham is 10.6t CO₂e* per-household territorial footprint (p.a.)

What can Aylsham Town Council and its residents do?

- Encourage the formation of Climate Action groups
- Actively support small and large planning applications for new renewable energy in the area
- Promote practical action by local people
- Bring together groups of people for bulk purchases
- Develop and promote lift-sharing scheme
- Use its voice to oppose high-carbon developments, promoting sustainable alternatives instead.

Demonstrate leadership through practical actions

- Save energy
- Produce green energy
- Reduce pesticide use and other harmful activities
- Manage land for nature.
- Increase tree cover
- Buy green
- Use green transport
- Minimise waste going to landfill or incineration
- Ensure money is invested wisely

Use the Town Council powers wisely

- Ensure the climate change or nature implications of decisions before you make them
- Use the Neighbourhood Plan to require new homes to be energy efficient, nature friendly, and located close to public transport and amenities – *already in place*

Benefits/Drawbacks

The positive aspects of declaring a climate change are those listed above. Many of these are obvious benefits but there are also the hidden benefits of bringing the community together in a common goal and working in partnership.

However, there will be negatives to this. At the February meeting Jerome Mayhew did advise that declaring a climate change could be counter-productive as some people will rebel against it. There will also be direct costs to the Town Council with regard to the work undertaken both in-house and by contractors. Unfortunately, at the moment green does tend to be more expensive in monetary terms, there is the counter benefit of establishing green policies

Conclusion

The Town Council could decide to declare a Climate Change Emergency straight away. However, that will not be the end goal that will merely be a start.

Should the Town Council 'test the water' with the public to make sure there are sufficient people willing not only to sign up to this initiative but to be actively involved? The worst possible result would be to declare an emergency and then not get the backing of the residents.

REPORT TO COUNCIL**Subject: Town Council Logo****Author: Sue Lake****Date: 14th April 2021**

The current Town Council logo (the red John of Gaunt Shield) has been used for several years as a form of logo for the Town Council. It does not really relate to the Town Council and is difficult to reproduce.

As previously agreed the Cittaslow Committee launched a competition to find a new logo. Several designs were received and the committee was struck by the quality of the entries.

The logos were reviewed in detail and the logo below was chosen as the most appropriate for the Town Council. There are two formats – one for general use and one to be used for the events committee.

Councillors are asked to agree this recommendation.



Report on the condition of the church bells and request for assistance

Whilst the bells at St. Peter Mancroft in Norwich were temporarily out of action their ringers came to use ours, it being the nearest ten bell tower to Norwich. The other two are at Yarmouth and Kings Lynn. They remarked upon the way the bells went and suggested that the bearings might need attention. I took this up with our ringing association technical adviser, who looked at the bearings and pronounced that they needed attention, not having had any servicing since 1965. Therefore I contacted Nicholsons Bellhangers who are a reputable firm located in Dorset but were at the time doing work at Upper Sheringham.

Andrew Nicholson came to look at the bells and bearings, confirmed what we thought, and suggested that while the bells were dismantled, we should have the remains of the cast iron crown staples* removed as they were liable to cause the bells to crack over time. He gave us a quote which would reduce to approximately £12,000 if we could supply some local labour. Having raised this amount, we went ahead on March 1st.

Work went ahead and as we removed the headstock** to each of the bells we realised that the damage to the bells was far more than we had imagined. As well as the bearings the bellhanger found that seven of the ten bells are cracked, and out of the seven there are four which are badly cracked enough to pose a potential danger if they were to be rung. The third and ninth being the worst.

On top of the bearing refurbishment we now need the seven bells to be removed from the tower and taken to be welded. This is a specialist job and there is only one company in U.K. who can do it. They are based near Cambridge. The bells the would be taken to Nicholsons' works for the headstocks to be fitted to the repaired bells, and then returned here and rehung in the tower. The quote for all this is £39,822 plus VAT The clock bells effected are the treble, the third (one of the very bad ones) and the sixth. Needless to say, that with the bells in this state the church clock is mute.

*The crown staples are the iron loops cast into the top of the bell which were originally used to fasten the bell to the headstock. In the past they were sawn off and the bell drilled for bolts to do this job. It is the remains of these which can cause cracking.

** The headstock is the fitting on the top of the bell which enables it to be mounted on bearings so that it can be rung.

I hope that this is of use, please contact me if you need anymore information.

Mike Cocker

Request from Emanuel Church to use the Drill Hall car park

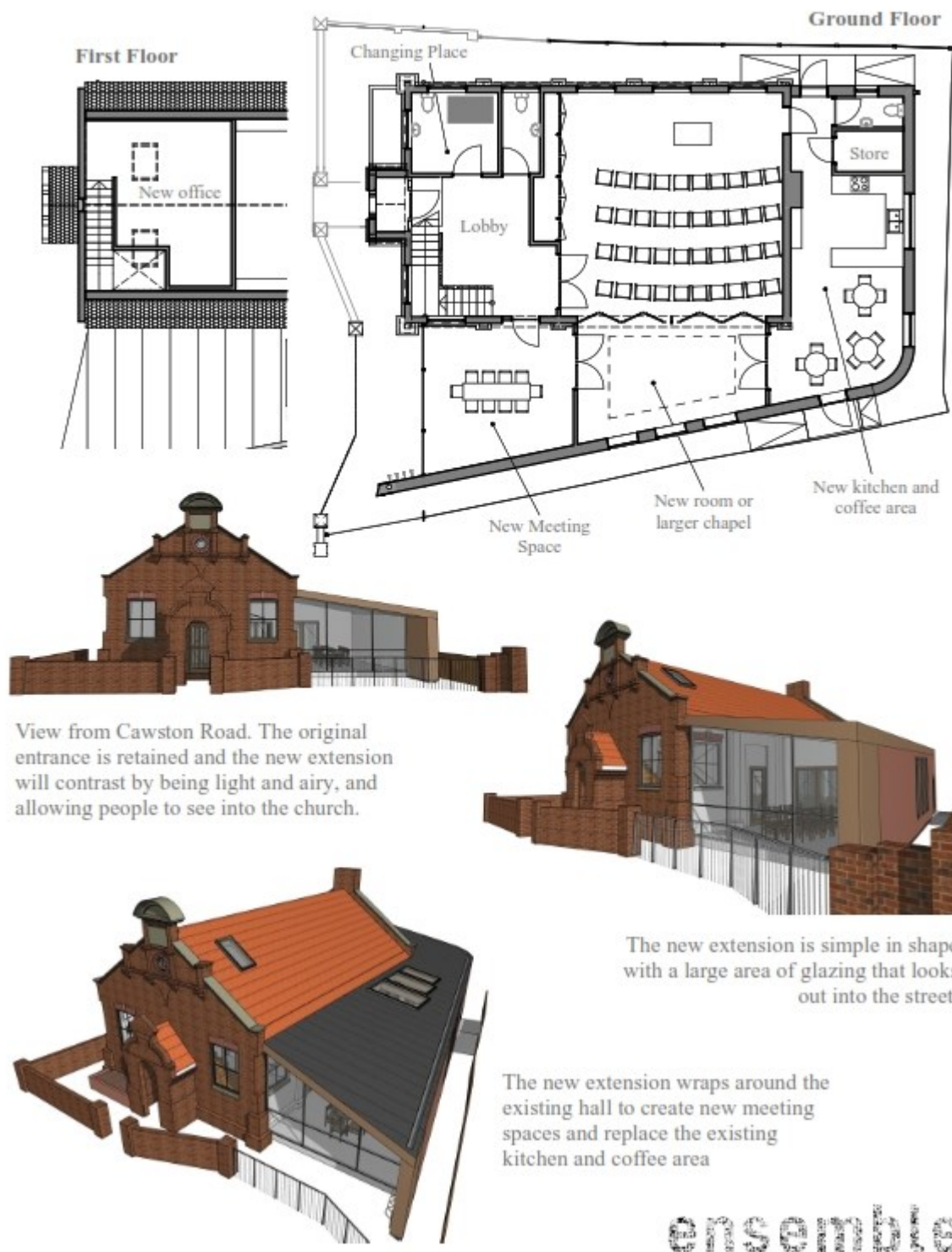
We are now finally able to look at our building plans again. Just to remind you, we are installing a changing facility for adults and would like this to be available to members of the public via a Radar Key into the Lobby area of the church. We are exploring parking for this facility and would like your advice. Looking at the Drill Hall car park, would it be possible to put a disabled bay into that area which could be used? The dilemma for wheelchair users in cars is they need tailgate space to unload so parallel street parking can be a problem unless a street bay can be designated long enough.

I have attached a new plan which is similar to the one we sent previously, this just gives better use of the interior space and stays with one storey at the rear.

Your advice would be much appreciated.

Emmanuel Church Aylsham

New concept proposal for renovation & extension



REPORT TO COUNCIL**Subject: CCTV****Author: Sue Lake****Date: 12th October 2020**

At the last meeting it was suggested looking into CCTV for the town. Prior to making any decision on this I have done some research as follows.

Before any installation can take place, the council would need to undertake a risk assessment and an impact assessment. There will need to be signage in place and also a secure area for the system to be monitored. There is a raft of information on CCTV on the dot gov website.

The code of practice has 12 principles many of which deal with the security of the data gathered i.e. policies and procedures, destruction time, access to the system, responsibility, signage which are for when the system is in place.

The first principle is *'What's your system for? Do you review its use?'* and also *'Do you evaluate your system regularly to make sure it's still required? Could there be an alternative solution to a surveillance camera system?'*

These two require answering before the council moves on to the logistics of the equipment and the cost.

I spoke with PC Lucas Ward and he cannot recall a time when it would have been useful to have CCTV footage in the town centre. The crime rate in the town is very low and therefore there does not seem to be an overriding need for CCTV.

Could councillors please consider what the use of the system would be before I proceed further?

Extract from October 2020 Minutes**c) To consider a report on CCTV**

As discussed at the last meeting the clerk had prepared a report on CCTV. After discussion it was **AGREED** not to proceed at the moment. The vote was very close so it was proposed and **AGREED** to review this again next year.

**AYLSHAM RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY ZOOM
13th April 2021 via Zoom 7.00pm**

Present

Myles Hague, Francis Dodd, Heather Morton, Eileen Springall, Barry Lancaster, Dave Curtis, Jeremy Cocks, Keith Hilton, Derek Barber, Jill Willis

Wendy Murphy – Finance Officer/Secretary

1. Apologies and Welcome

None Received

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 9th March 2021 were circulated and agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Financial Reports

The Finance Officer confirmed that the balance of Current Account as at 13th April March was £15989.59 in the current account and the Savings Account was £6028.53. This included another re-start grant from Broadland re Covid 19 for £8000.00 making a total of money received £27907.43

Wendy has registered for the Community at heart lottery and has so far received £20.50 for this which will be earmarked for the skate park fund. This will be promoted on social media in the next month

5. Recreation Ground Supervisor.

It was agreed that a subcommittee should be formed to go through the job description/role further. Myles Hague, Barry Lancaster, Jill Willis will be on this committee with Wendy to take notes. This was arranged for 4pm on 14th April 2021 at the Recreation Ground.

6. Storage Unit Update – As previously circulated by email and agreed, cladding should be put on the steel frame for fire prevention to conform to Building Control regulations. This has been arranged for 21st April 2021. Norfolk Ceilings will meet with Partridges before this date to look at the electrical conduit that is attached to the frame. Once done Wendy will send photos and proof of invoice to CNC who should then sign off the building. It was also agreed that Keith Edwards could use the spare storage unit on a temporary basis for 3 months at a cost of £5.00 per month to store his small equipment.

The bunded storage unit needs to be 2 meters from any building so is unable to go next to the Storage Unit – Keith Edwards is still looking into the possibilities of this and Wendy will update at next meeting. – **Action WM/KE**

7. Corporate Identity for the Recreation Ground

Wendy is still getting Facebook and the Web Page updated – **Action WM**

8. Ground/Pavilion Maintenance/Zip Wire/Skate Park/Smile Park

a) Pavilion – The Pavilion doors are not opening properly – Myles will look at this tomorrow.

b) Apron Repair – As this cannot take place until September it was agreed to go with Barry Hipwell's (Abovo) quote. He is a chartered Building Surveyor who will oversee the repair. His cost will be £1600.00 – **Action WM**

c) Leaking Roof – This will be included in Barry Hipwell's costs and all quotes already received will be passed onto him. – **Action WM**

d) Cleaning of Pavilion and Hire – As the Pavilion is able to be hired Wendy has arranged for Richie B to commence cleaning he has fogged the relative areas and will continue to do this on a monthly basis. - **Action WM**

e) Decorating Pavilion – It was agreed to get 3 quotes for the painting of the pavilion main hall – **Action MH/WM**

9. Safety Inspection – Barry wanted to know if these were still being done and who the consolidated monthly reports were being sent to – Wendy confirmed that they had been going to Richard but since his departure she has been looking at them. She will arrange for them to be sent out with the minutes each month – **Action WM**

10. AOB

Wendy highlighted the fact that bookings for the pavilion would be slow to start off and could the committee look into hiring out the Kitchen on a monthly lease as a venue to sell teas/coffee and light snacks- This was discussed in full and Myles will take some dimensions and come back at the next meeting with some ideas. – **Action MH/WM**

Wendy also confirmed that the lines on the car park had been made too close together and Keith Edwards was going to have to rectify this. – **Action WM/KE**

Wendy also confirmed that a gate had appeared in the fence on Sir Williams Lane car park and residents were also using gates on Burgh Road Boundary – She will get information from Land registry to see if all the borders belong to the Recreation Ground and will report at the next meeting – **Action WM**

Francis confirmed that the Bowls club were having difficulty with their sliding door – Myles will take a look at this – **Action MH**

Meeting closed at 22.12

Date of next Meeting 11th May 2021

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Subject: Standing Orders

Author: Sue Lake

Date: 14th April 2021

I have recently reviewed the Town Councils standing orders and the only changes necessary are to Item 18 Financial controls and procurement. These are all required following changes to the amounts as dictated by the relevant regulations. The EU regulations are still applicable. This particular standing order is unlikely to be needed by the Town Council in the foreseeable future but is required to be in place.

Current regulation

- f) A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £181, 302 for a public service or supply contract or in excess of £4,551,413 for a public works contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include advertising the contract opportunity on the Contracts Finder website and in OLEU.
- g) A public contract in connection with the supply of gas, heat, electricity, drinking water, transport services, or postal services to the public; or the provision of a port or airport; or the exploration for or extraction of gas, oil or solid fuel with an estimated value in excess of £363,424 for a supply, services or design contract; or in excess of £4,551,413 for a works contract; or £820,370 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

Change To

- f. **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £189,330 for a public service or supply contract or in excess of £4,733,252 for a public works contract; or £663,540 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include advertising the contract opportunity on the Contracts Finder website and in OJEU.**
- g. **A public contract in connection with the supply of gas, heat, electricity, drinking water, transport services, or postal services to the public; or the provision of a port or airport; or the exploration for or extraction of gas, oil or solid fuel with an estimated value in excess of £378,660 for a supply, services or design contract; or in excess of £4,733,252 for a works contract; or £663,540 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.**