Minutes of the Dersingham Parish Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6.30pm, at Dersingham Village Centre, Manor Road, Dersingham PE31 6LN.

**Present:** Councillor C Shepherd (Chairman), Councillor C Hipkin (Vice Chairman), Councillor B Hopkins, Councillor M Shepherd, Councillor D Murrell, Councillor D Wright, Councillor M Noble, Councillor J Houston, Councillor V Brundle, Councillor T Bubb and Councillor R Frost.

**Also, Present:** Sarah Bristow (Parish Clerk) Geraldine Scanlon (Admin Assistant). Norfolk County Councillor S Dark. 7 Members of the public.

- 13326 To Receive and Consider Apologies for Absence
  It was resolved to accept apologies from Councillor Billard and
  Councillor Haizelden.
- To Receive Declarations of Interest and request for Dispensations by Councillors in any of the Agenda Items listed.

  None received.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending she also thanked the project team for their drive and determination throughout the review, along with Ben Colson for volunteering his time as Chairman. She stated the DVCA operate the Centre and are not responsible for the overspend. Councillor Anderson advised the report needed to be adopted by the Parish Council for the recommendations to be carried out. It was resolved for the Parish Council to adopt the Review Report.

The meeting was opened to allow public participation 7.04pm

The Chairman gave a brief outline as to have the meeting would be conducted regarding any questions Parishioners wanted to ask concerning the Report issued for the Village Centre by the Review Group. She advised Councillors had met previously to discuss their concerns. Councillor C Shepherd asked that due to time and the volume of people in attendance, that each Parishioner asks one question and one supplementary question, all questions were to go through the Chairman and abuse of anyone present or not, including other members of the public, Parish Councillors or Parish Staff and would not be tolerated.

A Parishioner wished to ask Councillor Dark who was responsible for the road diversion signs when roadworks are being undertaken, as the signage used by her throughout the day had been completely misleading and local knowledge enabled her to get to her destination. Councillor Dark advised if the works had been scheduled then signage would be planned, however if emergency works are to be carried out signage may be less effective. Norfolk County Council like to do scheduled works between September and April to avoid holiday traffic. Councillor Dark will speak to Sally Bettinson regarding this issue.

The question was asked if there was too be a separate meeting for Parishioners to ask questions regarding the report, as she had several questions but was now limited to just one. She felt most Parishioners would not have known the report was on the Parish Council website nor would they have seen the Village Voice notifying that the report was now available. The meeting time had also changed from the usual 7.00pm start to 6.30pm, there had been no notification of this.

Councillor C Shepherd advised the meeting time had changed to allow Councillor Dark to attend. Tonight's meeting was being held to ascertain interest and to see if Parishioners had questions to ask and if anyone had several questions, they could put them in writing and the Parish Council would respond in writing.

A Parishioner stated he had moved to the village in February but had previously been on the Hunstanton Town Council and been involved in the renovation of the Town Hall, the first thing they did was employ a Project Manager, did the Parish Council employ a Project Manager? Councillor C Shepherd said there had been no consideration of a Project Manager as it was felt at the time Councillors had the appropriate skills to oversee the project. The Parishioner stated they had the initial costs of the Project Manager, but it saved money and brought the project in under budget.

Several points were raised by one Parishioner including why had the overspend occurred and variations still processed when it had been agreed at a Parish Council Meeting nothing further would be purchased without the Parish Councils agreement? Why had the issue of VAT never been sorted out from the beginning? With the car park recently being redone and completed, how much had that cost the Parish Council or was that in the original 1.2 million spent on the centre? Councillor C Shepherd advised the recent work carried out on the car park was an additional cost to the centre total, as it had been previously removed to reduce the build cost. The Parishioner asked if there was to be any consequences regarding the financial details in the report. She also raised the issue of the pond on the Warren that cost £20,000.00 and now is an eyesore, with the area is covered in grass waist height and only a footpath mown throughout, she felt anything the Parish Council did only led to poor results. The Parishioner stated the Parish Council were lucky to be able to cover the overspend by borrowing more money and increasing the Precept. Councillor C Shepherd advised once the project was underway it would have incurred more costs to stop the build as the Parish Council could have been sued by the builder for non-payment, Big Lottery would request their donation back and there would need to be repayment of VAT. She pointed out that the precept had been reduced this year an no other work of the Parish Council had been affected.

A Parishioner said all Councillors were responsible for the overspend as a collective. They should have asked more questions and been more involved, with more transparency. However, all things considered the Parish Council have produced an excellent building, great facilities that is extremely clean and a great asset to the village. She felt for that Councillors should be proud.

### 13328 To Receive a verbal report from the Norfolk County Councillor.

Councillor Dark advised that County are now setting budgets for the forthcoming year and explained the structure and areas where budgets would be cut etc. The Government have confirmed a 2% rise above the Local Councils capped rate to accommodate adult care prevision. Which overall a recommended 3.99% increase to go to Committee. This does not include the expected increase applied by the Local Police Authority. Councillor Dark stated he had allocated an amount from his Local Member Funding to help fund a new bus stop both sides of Manor Road before Church Road, making easier access to both the Doctor Surgery and Village Centre.

The A149 average speed cameras are still under review, currently the pylons have been installed, there are yet to be pylons installed between Dersingham roundabout and Babingley. New speed limit and speed camera signage has been installed which are correctly in place. The speed limit remains at 60MPH throughout the route. It is being reviewed with the possibility of being reduced to 50MPH from West Newton to Dersingham roundabout.

## 13329 To Receive a verbal report from the Borough Councillors.

Apologies were received from Councillor Collingham

Councillor Bubb advised there was nothing to report regarding Dersingham.

Currently Council tax bills for a Band D house shows a figure of £127.00, half of this amount is for the Internal Drainage Board, this will show separately on future council tax bills. The Internal Drainage Board have put a new pumping station in Wolferton at a cost 5 million pound. The station has a large catchment including the marshes which are drained into the sea making the area safer. The old pumping station built 1948 has now gone.

Borough Council have failed to meet their housing targets. Government set a figure of 555 houses a year, 95% is classed as achieved, 91% highlighted planning needed and 75% the government take over and allows development to be achieved ignoring local plans.

#### 13330 Chairman's Report.

Councillor C Shepherd had circulated her report.

August and early September had been extremely busy due to the Centre Review and delivering the report to Councillors. Recommendations from both the review and the Internal Auditor are to be implemented with the view of previous mistakes not being repeated.

Councillor C Shepherd had attended a planning update at the Borough Council last week and will report back to the Planning Committee.

Work is ongoing with the Dersingham Village Centre Association to compile a report for the Big Lottery regarding the project outcomes.

#### 13331 Clerks Report.

The Clerk had circulated her report prior to the meeting – see attached.

A meeting regarding Operation London Bridge had been held with the inclusion of Ben Colson Chair of Sandringham Parish Council. There is to be a further meeting to be arranged.

# Minutes of Dersingham Parish Council Meeting held on 29 July 2019.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

# 13333 Minutes of the Communication Committee Meeting held 21 August 2019.

Councillor C Shepherd advised Communications had resolved to form a working group to discuss the protocol to be followed following the passing of senior members of the Royal family, known as Operation London Bridge. A meeting had been held and what would be expected from the Parish Council was discussed.

The current situation with the Village Voice is there appears to be enough funds through advertisers for the remaining year to cover printing costs. Councillor Hopkins and Mrs Scanlon have delivered the boxes of Village Voice to the distributors for the last few editions, Councillors Frost and Noble had volunteered to assist with the deliveries however due to work commitments they are not always available. Councillor C Shepherd asked if any others would like to volunteer with the deliveries. Councillor Hopkins advised he is happy to continue to deliver.

Councillor C Shepherd advised she had circulated the Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers for the Communication Committee – It was resolved to adopt the Communication Committees Terms of Reference.

The Protocol on the recording and filming of Parish Council meetings, Policy for use of Social Media and Co-option Policies were circulated. It was resolved to approve and adopt the policies.

### 13334 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held 9 September 2019.

Councillor Hipkin advised the Committee had met and discussed a Planning Application received 19/01523/RM. Committee had recommended approval adding comment the North Face Garage Wall done in Carrstone would be more in keeping.

There was nothing to report regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, however Councillor Hipkin felt it was something that needed co-operation from villagers etc as it was a large task to undertake.

#### 13335 Applications and Determinations:

All these applications can be viewed, and commented on, online at the Borough Council's planning portal online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/

The Council to vote and make comment on the planning applications.

Applications:

None received.

Determinations.

19/00940/F	Application for 2 proposed	dwellings at Land	S of 12 Prince
	Charles Close, Dersingham	. Withdrawn	

19/01138/F Application for extension to dwelling at 7 Brenda Collison Close, Dersingham - **Granted** 

19/00832/F Variation of Planning Permission 18/02037/F Garden Room, porch, render and replace cladding at 9 Crest Road, Dersingham. - **Granted** 

19/01030/F Application for demolition of existing rear conservatory which will be replaced by two storey extension in order to accommodate dining room downstairs and master bedroom with en-suite upstairs at Sweet Briar, 53 Hunstanton Road, Dersingham-Granted

19/01048/F Variation of condition 2 and 3 of Planning Permission 18/00838/F Two storey extension at 60 Chapel Road, Dersingham - **Refused** 

# 13336 Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 9 September 2019.

Councillor Frost advised work had commenced on the War Memorial. The Clerk had purchased some weed killer for the area. Replacement of the sleepers is still ongoing.

Tenders for the Skatepark have been received, Councillor C Shepherd advised there needed to be further discussion regarding the skatepark. Councillor Frost said he had not yet been to measure the basketball hoops for their replacement but would do so. Councillor C Shepherd asked the current situation regarding the conifers around the Pill Box on Broadlands Close. The Clerk advised an order had been placed.

# 13337 Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2019.

Councillor M Shepherd advised there was nothing to bring to Full Council.

The leases for the Centre were still ongoing, one of which was nearing completion and approval the other regarding the office lease is currently with the DVCA solicitors.

The Internal Auditor had stated all Councillors must use sole access emails, this would mean that Councillors currently using company or joint email addresses would no longer be able to do so. Councillors should only use the dersingham.org.uk email relevant to them.

If, however, this is a not achievable Councillor M Shepherd advised he had discussed with the Clerk, Councillors signing a disclaimer to enable them to use an alternative email address, discussions regarding this are ongoing.

Councillor M Shepherd stated he would like to review the entire email system for the Parish Council however this would incur costs so would therefore need to be discussed within the Finance Committee.

#### 13338 Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held 16 September 2019.

Councillor C Shepherd proposed in order to pay Ashton Shaw for their payroll services the Parish Council would need to vire monies from budget code 3000 salaries to budget code 3020 Employment services. It was resolved to approve the proposal.

Protocol on Member/Officer Relations policy had been discussed at Staffing. Councillor C Shepherd proposed Staffing Committee adopt the updated version of the policy. It was resolved to approve the proposal.

#### 13339 Accounts up to 31 August 2019.

The Clerk advised she had run the report to the 10 September not to the 31 August 2019. There had been an issue with street lighting energy budget regarding a credit received. Though the budget figures are the same. Councillor M Shepherd is to discuss this with the Clerk.

## 13340 Accounts for Payment.

Councillors raised queries regarding payments listed that the Clerk was able to resolve.

# **Dersingham Parish Council**

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/19

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Detail	s	Cheque Total
125	D/P 29.09.19- 125	£1,125.11	£0.00	£1,125.11	28/06/19	HMRC-	PAYE -	£1,125.11
1		£348.80	£0.00	£348.80		Staff	PAYE	
2		£361.08	£0.00	£361.08		Staff	Employees NI	
3		£415.23	£0.00	£415.23		Staff	Employers NI	
58	D/P 30.09.19-58	£13,548.00	£2,258.00	£11,290.00	03/07/19	Extend I including alteration scope of VAT New Co North Eatlers of Control of the	construction Ltd - ramp to left hand side g new key clamp and ns, item 1 @ 2 of ocument £2299.00 + ncrete footpath to ast Corner of side if scope document 00 + VAT avel parking area to ner of site including dcore and disposal of ed material off site, car park scope 0 + VAT avel parking area to orner of site including dcore and disposal of ed material off site, car park scope 0 + VAT	£13,548.00
112	D/P 30.09.19- 112	£121.06	£20.18	£100.88	31/07/19	CGM Gr	roup - Grasscutting ound	£121.06
107	D/P 30.09.19- 107	£228.00	£38.00	£190.00	01/08/19	replace corner of Gardens	ontractors Ltd - To flower bed in the of the War Memorial s with Oak Sleepers d. thne with ne	£228.00
110	D/P 30.09.19- 110	£126.16	£21.03	£105.13	01/08/19		ighting Services - ht Maintenance	£126.16
96	D/P 30.09.19	£129.60	£21.60	£108.00	07/08/19	provide licence : Dersingl be able	Systems Ltd - To additional user access for ham Parish Council to to access reports only or Mike Shepherd	£129.60
118	DD 30.08.19- 118	£13.40	£2.23	£11.17	07/08/19	Utility W Phone	/arehouse - Mobile	£13.40
117	D/P 30.09.19- 117	£531.60	£88.60	£443.00	19/08/19	Edge It Contrac	Systems Ltd - t 2 of 5	£531.60
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Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Details		Cheque Total
102	D/P 09.09.19- 102	£182.54	£8.69	£173.85	27/08/19	OPUSEnergy - Streetlight Energy		£182.54
113	D/P 30.09.19- 113	£60.53	£10.09	£50.44	31/08/19	CGM Group - Rec Ground	CGM Group - Grasscutting Rec Ground	
111	d/p 30.09.19- 111	£126.16	£21.03	£105.13	01/09/19	K & M Lighting Services - Streetlight Maintenance		£126.16
115	D/P 30.09.19- 115	£1,015.20	£169.20	£846.00	02/09/19	P J & B Jones Ltd - Grasscutting		£1,015.20
1		£753.60	£125.60	£628.00		ENV G	rasscutting	
2		£261.60	£43.60	£218.00		WARR W	arren Grasscutting	
114	DD 05.09.19- 114	£6.50	£0.00	£6.50	05/09/19	Barclays Ban	k - Bank Charges	£6.50
101	b/t 09.09.19- 101	£299.88	£49.98	£249.90	09/09/19	HUWS GRAY Please supply Sleepers to P		£299.88
120	Cheque 105921	£17.99	£0.00	£17.99	09/09/19	Sarah Bristow - Subscription renewal - google mail		£17.99
121	D/P 30.09.19- 121	£450.00	£0.00	£450.00	24/09/19	Jo Halpin Jones - Editoring Village voice		£450.00
126	D/P 30.09.19- 126	£145.19	£24.20	£120.99	24/09/19	Viking Direct Ltd - Stationery / Sponsored Dog Bins		£145.19
1		£101.94	£16.99	£84.95		CNCL O	ffice Equipment	
2		£31.19	£5.20	£25.99		ENV S	ponsored Dog Bin Stic	
3		£9.35	£1.56	£7.79		CNCL D	iary Insert	
4		£2.71	£0.45	£2.26		CNCL pr	otection Plus	
128	D/P 30.09.19- 128	£2,400.00	£400.00	£2,000.00	25/09/19	PKF Littlejohi Audit	n LLP - External	£2,400.00
130	D/P 30.09.19- 130	£19.15	£3.19	£15.96	25/09/19	Viking Direct balance of or	Ltd - Stationery der	£19.15
109	D/P 300919-109	£165.60	£27.60	£138.00	28/09/19	OPUSEnergy - Streetlight Energy		£165.60
122	D/p 28.09.19- 122	£600.12	£0.00	£600.12	28/09/19	Geraldine Scanlon - Wages		£600.12
123	D/P 28.09.19- 123	£1,386.90	£0.00	£1,386.90	28/09/19	Sarah Bristov	v - Wages	£1,386.90
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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list start of year 01/04/19

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Details	•	Cheque Total
124	D/P 29.09.19- 124	£665.61	£0.00	£665.61	29/09/19	Norfolk P	ension Fund -	£665.61
1		£134.90	£0.00	£134.90		Staff	Employees part	
2		£530.71	£0.00	£530.71		Staff	Employers Part	
108	DD 29.09.19- 108	£58.44	£9.74	£48.70	30/09/19	British Te telephon	elecommunications - e bill	£58.44
116	D/P 30.09.19- 116	£349.20	£58.20	£291.00	01/10/19	PJ&B. Grasscut	lones Ltd - ting	£349.20
1		£240.00	£40.00	£200.00		ENV	Grasscutting	
2		£109.20	£18.20	£91.00		WARR	Warren Grasscutting	
119	D/p 30.09.19- 119	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00	11/10/19	Sandring Sports Fi	ham Estate - Rent - eld	£600.00
Total	()	£24,371.94	£3,231.56	£21,140.38				

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It was resolved to make the payments.

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### 13341 Co-Option of Councillor.

Councillors C Shepherd and C Hipkin had met with Mrs Osborn who has been a Parish Councillor previously.

Councillor C Shepherd proposed Mrs Osborn be Co-Opted onto the Parish Council. It was resolved to Co-Opt Mrs Osborn and the Clerk to issue relevant paperwork.

# 13342 Appointment of Parish Council Representative to serve on the DVCA Committee.

Councillor C Shepherd explained Councillor Houston had volunteered for the position of Parish Council Representative. Most of their business between meetings and invitations to meetings is dealt with by way of email. Councillor Houston currently does not use his parish council email and does not have a private email. GDPR means that email could not be sent to another person's email. The DVCA are aware of this and have commented:

"it was not appropriate to have a Trustee who does not, or will not, accept email correspondence. In effect it would make the operation of the DVCA unworkable. In the mean-time the minutes of the DVCA meetings are available online through our dropbox."

Councillor C Shepherd had the following proposals:

- Inform DVCA that Councillor Houston is the DPC nominated trustee for the full year. However, they may still refuse to accept the nomination on the grounds that the trustee could not fully meet their obligations and therefore is not acting in the best interests of the charity.
- 2. Inform DVCA that Councillor Houston is the DPC nominated trustee for a trial period and ask them to seek alternative ways of communicating with him. This could be reviewed, after a period of 6 months.
- 3. Seek an alternative trustee who would not need to be a Parish Councillor.
- 4. Leave the post vacant until the Annual Parish Council meeting in May 2020.

The Clerk advised whoever takes the role of Trustee must realise they are a Trustee first and Parish Councillor second when dealing with DVCA issues. After discussion regarding the proposals It was resolved for Councillor Houston to become Parish Councils Representative for a trial period until the next Annual Parish Council Meeting.

# 13343 Dersingham Village Centre. Update on Snagging

Councillor M Shepherd advised the centre had been occupied for a year on the 18<sup>th</sup> October. The final snagging list will be ready to send to TM Browne shortly. Councillor Hipkin asked if all jobs have been completed from the previous snagging list, Councillor M Shepherd confirmed they

had with additional jobs being completed too. Councillor Hipkin asked what the situation with the leaking roof was. Councillor M Shepherd advised since the solar panels had been moved there had been no further problems with the roof.

### 13344 Correspondence.

The Chairman read out the Correspondence.

The Clerk advised of the Borough Council Notification of new properties/addresses, that had been previously emailed to Councillors.

## 13345 Items for inclusion on the next agenda.

No items were requested. Councillor C Shepherd asked Councillors to advise the Clerk if any items arise before the next Parish Council Meeting.

#### 13346 Date & Place of next meetings.

Finance & Administration Committee 10 October 2019 at The Loft, Dersingham Centre at 7.00pm

Planning Committee 14 October 2019 at The Loft, Dersingham Centre at 6.00pm

Environment Committee 14 October 2019 at The Loft, Dersingham Centre at 7.00pm

Staffing Committee 21 October 2019 at The Loft, Dersingham Centre at 6.00pm

Communication Committee 23 October 2019 at the Garden Room at 10.00 am

Parish Council Meeting on Monday 28 October 2019 starting 7.00pm at The Garden Room Dersingham Village Centre.

The meeting was opened to allow public participation 20.26

A Parishioner said she felt the layout of the meeting was far better than the previous layout, it allowed Parishioners to feel more involved, however she felt it incredibly distracting that Councillors one side of the room were having a conversation whilst another Councillor was delivering a report to Full Council. She also wished to ask Environment Committee to rethink the decision to not cut the grass area around the village sign as it looked untidy and made the village look scruffy when entering it. If there had been proper wildflowers seeded there the effect would be better, however all that was growing was weeds that looked unruly.

The question was raised who tends to the roundabout just before Dersingham as it was looking untidy. Councillor Dark advised he would check with Sally Bettinson and report back.

With no further business the meeting closed at 20.35

#### **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To consider passing the following resolution:

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

13347 Council to consider an ex gratia payment. It was resolved to uphold the proposal.

#### Action Points 29.04.2019 Clerk

• To seek legal advice regarding Village Green status

# Actions Points APCM 13.05.2019 Clerk

To circulate Asset Register 19/20

#### <u>Action Points Dersingham Parish Council Meeting 24.06.19</u> Clerk

To implement changes recommended by the Internal Auditor.

### <u>Action Points Dersingham Parish Council Meeting 29.07.19</u> Clerk

 To contact Sandringham Estate regarding the wall repair on Janochs Corner/ Sugar Lane

## <u>Action Points Dersingham Parish Council Meeting 30.09.19</u> Clerk

To issue relevant documents to Mrs Osborn after Council Co-option

# Clerk's Report 30 September 2019

#### IT Equipment

I have undertaken meetings with several IT Companies regarding the Office's IT requirements but mainly replacing the ancient NAS Drive (Server) which has been temperamental for the last year. The order for the new NAS Drive has been placed and should be installed soon.

#### Cyber Insurance

Cyber Security was discussed that the last finance meeting. The Council believes that it has the requirements in place, but the budget is tight, and I have advised that I would prefer to make sure that all assets are adequately insured first.

#### Audits

I have been working very closely with the External Audit and have satisfied all their queries, which were around the build. I have also been undertaking the groundwork with regards the

Internal Audit and have the information in rough format and when time permits this needs to be placed in a suitable format for the Council to accept and as such the Internal Auditor.

### Operation London Bridge (Death of Senior National Figure)

After the Communication Committee Meeting it was resolved to set up a working party looking into what Dersingham wished to undertake. It was a very productive meeting and I was able to obtain assistance from the Borough Council with their plan. Ben Colson Chair of Sandringham Parish Council was also present as I had been discussing with Mr Colson as we are joined by location and would need a united front in the event of the operation commencement. This is a sensitive subject and must be kept as such.

#### Roundabout

The roundabout on the playing field has never really fitted perfectly. Towards the end of the busy summer it was necessary for urgent repairs as fixings has been tampered with and the equipment not in useable order. The repairs that could be achieved locally were undertaken but one railing was unable to be repaired. The company have now agreed to undertake the repair this week.

#### Skatepark

The Council went out to tender via Contract Finder for the new Skatepark. Three tenders were received. Evaluation needs to take place and then going forward looking at possible funding going forward. Legal advice will be sort regarding the field status.

#### War Memorial

The flowerbed that needed replacing has now been replaced with the correct equipment. The Environment Committee are now looking into replacing all the beds.

#### **Bus Stops**

The bus stops due to be placed by the new Village Centre should be happening soon as the Parish Council have undertaken their payment. The payment was subsequently donated to the Council by the Surgeries PPG as it will greatly benefit the surgery users also. I have written a note of thanks.

S Bristow 24.09.19