



Congham Parish Council

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Minutes of the parish Council Meeting on 27th January 2021

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In Attendance: Cllrs J Compton, G Stratton, T Tilbrook, M de Whalley, and G Clark. Cllr C Manning Borough Councillor. A Page. S West.

210121 The Chair welcomed Councillors to this virtual meeting.

210122 A Page was reinstated as a Councillor by members following his resignation.

210123 Apologies for Absence - None were received.

210124 To agree the minutes of the 5th January meeting.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 5th January 2021.

210125 Declarations of Interest. None were received.

210126 Resolution to suspend the meeting for Parishioners' questions.
Sally West joined the meeting to explain the reasons for the necessary changes to the drive route between the TPOs. This provoked lively interest.
The meeting was reopened

210127 Planning Application Extension and Alteration of vehicle access between Primrose House and the Lavenders. 20/01748/LB
Following lengthy discussion
It was proposed to respond as follows
The Parish Council withdraws its holding objection providing all matters relating to detail of the driveway construction are fully agreed with the tree officer prior to the issue of any planning grant. It is extremely important that the health of these TPOs are given priority.
It was resolved to agree the above decision

210128 Resolution to suspend the meeting to receive reports from Borough Councillors.
Meeting was reopened following the Borough Councillor reports.

210129 Clerk's report.
The Clerk thanked Cllr G Clark and A Page for offering to monitor the effects of the Pig unit on the village.
Highways I have been in continual communication with Highways re mud on St Andrews Lane, the cover to the manhole and flooding from the ditch at the corner of Churchill. The Parish Council has been in touch with landowners causing problems of mud.
Footpaths. FP9. A temporary diversion; This will be returned to the correct route once works have been completed. The Bridleway adjacent to the railway line. The Parish Council may need to consider work to clear this
Police Discussions with L Anderton to impress on him the need for vigilance and a firm response to those not following legal requirements.
Environment Agency
The Parish Council has been in regular touch with the EA. Four letters written since October regarding potential pollution, proximity to residents, escapes of pigs. Condition of bridleway. This has been in conjunction with H Bellingham and Norfolk Rivers Trust. Most recent response from EA is that the Pig unit cannot increase the number of pigs until the pollution evidence has been examined.
Change of Bank. This was stalled; more documents required and minutes of agreement as evidence.
Protocol. The Clerk has been concerned that one or two councillors are not clear regarding

2101210	To receive updates re the Pig Unit and decide on further action. Both the field and St Andrews Lane have been in a very muddy condition with surface water polluting the stream. Frequent contact has been made with highways regarding the Lane, S Hart owner of the Pig Unit and the Environment Agency. Cllr G Stratton offered to update the Parish Council on this pig unit. <i>It was agreed to write again with greater force to S Hart and to the Environment Agency.</i>
2101211	To receive an update on Highways /Footpaths Cllr Page reported that the footpath FP9 was difficult to negotiate. The Clerk reported that the highways engineer would need to seek road closure for the manhole damage , she would prefer to arrange for this to be actioned at the beginning of the new financial year in order to make some additional repairs to the bottom Churchill bridleway and other small repairs whilst the manhole is being replaced.
2101212	To review and discuss the Budget 2021 - 22 There was some discussion re the budget. <i>It was agreed to increase the Clerk's time to 4.5 hrs per week.</i> a. It was resolved to agree the Budget of £6520.00 for 2021- 22 b. It was resolved to agree the precept £6025 2021 - 22 plus the Borough Council grant of £20.
2101213	Finance a) The payments and receipts were presented. <i>It was resolved to agree the payments to the end of January.</i> b) The application to the Unity bank had not yet been completed as further documents were required.
2101214	To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Page and Cllr de Whalley confirmed that their had been a further meeting and was now with the Borough Council.
2101215	Correspondence Councillors have received and noted all correspondence prior to the meeting.
2101216	Dates of meetings 2021 Wednesday 24th March at 7pm, followed by the Parish Council meeting. Annual Parish Council meeting Wednesday 26th May Wednesday 28th July, Wednesday 22nd September, 24th November.

Signed..... Chair J Compton. 24th March 2021