

## **Egmanton Parish Meeting**

**Village Hall – 8.00 pm 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **Minutes – unadopted**

#### **In attendance**

**Officials:-** Andrew Banks, Chairman, Steve Bunnell, Vice Chairman, John Smith, Clerk & Honorary Treasurer, DC Sylvia Michael

#### **Members of the public**

Mrs J Smith, Mr C Banks, Mr & Mrs K Taylor, Mrs M Beckitt, Mr J Oliver, Mr R Beckitt, Mr & Mrs J Tate

#### **Apologies**

CC M Pringle, Dr & Mrs Allison, Mrs E Banks, Mrs S Bunnell

#### **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### **Matters arising**

The slippage of the beck bank on Weston Road has been referred to TVIDB and Mat Everett is seeking a permanent solution

Emma Simkins of Midlands Rural Housing and colleagues will “walk the village” on 18<sup>th</sup> June accompanied by the clerk and vice chairman to assess what land may be available for development (see previous minutes). Any resident is invited to take part  
CC Mike Pringle has written to Viaem expressing concern that the future road gritting of a children’s bus route along Weston Road had not been specifically confirmed  
Steve Bunnell reported that 8 or 9 residents were likely to attend each of the forthcoming two defibrillator training sessions. Up to 15 can be accommodated

#### **Correspondence**

In relation to all four pieces of correspondence described below, the clerk would forward the detail to anyone on request.

- Confirmation of our annual parish insurance has been received. The cost was £331.07 being 3.7% up on last year
- The compulsory fee for annual renewal of data protection has been paid to the ICO (£40)
- A public consultation on the draft Minerals Plan has been received dated 30<sup>th</sup> April but related to dates in 2018
- An email from the children’s air ambulance service asking if space was available to site a clothing bin

#### **Flood alleviation scheme – current impasse**

The clerk reported on a conversation with the chairman of TVIDB concluding that an impasse appeared to have occurred. After this conversation on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, whether by coincidence or not, the following has occurred:-

- A resident claiming to be one of the owners of the land needing to be purchased, telephoned the clerk to say there was no impasse but rather the matter was in negotiation
- Phase 1 of the scheme has been mown and the beck banks cleared
- The April Newsletter of TVIDB contained two paragraphs giving details of the alleviation scheme including “The funding is in place and we are working hard to secure an agreement with the landowners so the scheme can be constructed later in the year”.

- Andrew McGill, the CEO of TVIDB wrote to the clerk with a statement for the parish meeting. This statement referred to current discussions being at a delicate point and being grateful for the forbearance of all involved.

After a full discussion during which DC Sylvia Michael emphasised the effort being made to persuade the trustee to agree a price for the land on behalf of the owners, it was felt that it would be premature to refer the issue to our MP. The clerk in consultation with DC Sylvia Michael would monitor the situation closely

### **Reports from County and District Councillor**

DC Sylvia Michael said that the cottages adjacent to Moat Farm on Kirton Road were of concern to the Building Control department of NSDC and follow-up action was underway but, as with the flood alleviation issue, the trustee in probate was the counterparty. Residents expressed concerns about the adequacy of a fence erected recently and also the dangerous state of a gable end. Children were sometimes on the site

### **AOB**

The clerk sought approval for the following expenses:-

Annual insurance of £331.07

ICO fee of £40

Rental of the village hall at £15 per meeting

A budget of £50 for summer plants and compost

These were agreed

A resident referred to the difficulty of reading notices placed on the village notice board due to the type of material used as windows. The clerk was asked to refer this to NCC for replacement

Another resident expressed concern about the poor state of roads within and leading to the village. Again, the clerk to refer to NCC. Also, unattended hedges on Weston Road. The chairman had reported one site which had been attended to. The resident was asked to report a second site

The date of the next meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> July provided there is sufficient business

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed Chair .....

Date .....