

Egmanton Parish Meeting

Village Hall – 8.00 pm 5th March 2020

Minutes – unadopted

In attendance

Officials:- Steve Bunnell, Vice Chairman, John Smith, Clerk & Honorary Treasurer,

Members of the public

Mr J Oliver, Mr J Bower, Mr K Taylor, Mr & Mrs M Cheyney, Mr P Mee, Mr R Montgomery, Mrs S Bunnell, Mr M Chilvers

Apologies

CC Mike Pringle, Mrs S Taylor, Mr & Mrs J Tate, Mr R Banks, Mr C Banks, Mrs M Beckitt, Mr R Beckitt, Mrs J Smith

In attendance

Mr I Patchett representing Via EM

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 6th February 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

The clerk reported that he and the vice chairman had walked the village with Mr Ian Patchett on 18th February 2020 and pointed out the poor state of the roads

A note had been passed to a potential new resident outlining the history of land known as The Pinfold. This is Common Land owned by the village – refer to Parish Minute dated 20th March 2002.

Correspondence

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

- A public consultation on a Waste Local Plan is open until 9th April 2020
- A new App from NCC called “MyNotts” is available for download
- The NCC Minerals Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State
- NSDC have sent a survey on a Housing Needs Study to a sample of 13,500 residents across the district

New road surface scheduled for May 2020 – talk by Mr Ian Patchett, Asset Manager, Via EM Ltd.

Mr Patchett explained that Via EM Ltd was now owned by NCC and outlined its history. Up to 20% of its work can be undertaken for clients other than NCC. The company works in partnership with Tarmac who in turn sub-contract work to a company known as ACL. He summarised the four categories of work that influence the priority and type of road treatment. A key complaint currently has resulted from the purchase in the autumn of 2019 of a “surface dressing” machine from a business called Archway. This machine is intended to provide preventative maintenance by covering much ground quickly. However, its operation in the county has been deficient and Archway are returning in April at their expense to re-treat deficient applications of which Egmanton has examples. Mr Patchett confirmed that in May this year a new stretch of road will be re-laid covering the area from the 30mph sign on Tuxford Road to the village post box; this will be a permanent surface, not a maintenance application. The following questions from residents were addressed:-

- Has scheduling the new road surface arisen from Via EM inspection or as a result of direct action from the village. The latter.
- Has the drain on Kirton Road been attended to. Yes

- Who takes decisions on road treatment. It is a flexible approach but in general the work is reactive layered on a cyclical maintenance programme
- Does Via EM work to a fixed budget. No, it is flexible
- What is the most effective method of lodging a complaint. The website
- Can claims be made for damaged tyres. Yes
- What can be done about potholes on The Tanyard reported a year ago but not attended to. Raise complaint again stressing depth of holes
- Can blocked gullies be highlighted on the website. Yes

In addition, discussion centred on land-laid drains now disused causing rain water to follow the highway rather than be taken to an original outlet. The clerk to request clearance. Also, dykes no longer in use or not cleared allowing rain water to enter the highway. Mr Patchett advised that powers exist to require landowners to undertake this work

Case for 20 mph speed limit through village – resident petition?

After discussion, the meeting was in favour of researching the initial process for requesting a speed restriction. The clerk to action

VE Day 75th Anniversary in May – village celebration

The meeting was not in favour of a collective gathering (especially given the Coronavirus outbreak) but rather the siting of the “lamp post poppies” and the erection of bunting and/or other public displays of the celebration

Reports from County and District Councillor

The clerk read a brief report submitted by CC Mike Pringle.

- NCC budget has been approved incorporating a 2% increase for social care and a 1.99% general increase in council tax
- An explanation is still sought regarding the failure to supply flood defence bags
- There is no general public advice currently on the action to take in relation to the spread of the Coronavirus .

AOB

The clerk read an email intended to explain the stock held in the flood resilience store and the recent extra purchase of self-fill bags

The clerk asked for the following expenses to be approved by the meeting Annual subscription to NALC £81.22, annual hire of a brown bin for the village green grass cuttings £35 and purchase of 140 flood bags as described above £70. These expenses were approved. Any expense claims for the current financial year must be submitted urgently. The current bank balance is just over £2.5k

He was keen to set up an “email alert group” of about 20 residents to receive notifications that required attention prior to a village meeting. He would attempt to gather addresses in the near future

The vice chairman referred to a notification from Neighbourhood Watch which encourages protecting the isolated and vulnerable during the Covid 19 outbreak.

The clerk paid tribute to Mr Vernon Bartle a long-time resident who passed away recently and who attended village meetings on a regular basis and whose views were always well respected.

The date of the next meeting will be either the 23rd or 30th of April 2020. This will also be the AGM

Signed Chair

Date