

**Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council
meeting on 20th February 2019.**

Present: Cllrs Martin England, Jim Rucklidge, Marc Allison, June Mansfield and Annie Jones
CC Mary Evans, and Chris Turner-Clerk

1 Apologies for absence- Cllr Derek Nicholls

2. County Councillor Mary Evans Report- Mary mentioned the potholes and general poor surface in Hillside. She is under the impression that full re-surfacing will not take place it will just be filling in the worst holes at present with resurfacing the following year. We wait to see what transpires. There is some speeding through the village but the narrow roads do curb this. It would be the Council wish to perhaps have footpaths that would narrow the road more but would also necessitate the use of a chicane therefore in some areas single line traffic only. This is unlikely in the short term if at all. The County Council are one of a small number of councils to be trialling new lighting systems which will also include additional sensors which can show temperatures, traffic speeds etc. The SCC rates are increasing as more is required to cover increasing costs, the main areas being Adult and Children Care, these costs account for more than 50% of the budget. Mary will be standing for election to West Suffolk to cover Stansfield and other areas. For Poslingford we will be electing 3 members to cover an area around Clare and Cavendish.

3. Minutes of our last meeting- These were accepted to be in order and were signed by Cllr. England. A couple of issues were raised as regards the use of the church as our meeting point for Council meetings. This is still to be agreed and is being discussed. With elections due in May we have not been advised where villagers will be voting, this needs to be chased up with West Suffolk, there is no wish for voting to take place in Clare.

4. Financial Report- The accounts to 20th February 2019 were presented and agreed. Proposed Cllr Mansfield Seconded Cllr Allison. Agreed our charitable gifts this year would be £50 to Suffolk Accident and Rescue, added to payments now due and these were all agreed, and cheques signed. Clerk mentioned he had completed a VAT claim and was expecting a refund to 31/12/18 of £299.36. We have also received confirmation that Peter Stevens locality budget will be transferring £300 to us to purchase equipment for the annual village gathering. Thanks go to Peter for agreeing this.

5. Internal Audit - We have earlier in the year adopted policies for Standing Orders, Financial Regulations etc and these are being added to our website. Regarding the Asset Register there is no change and the register was signed by the Chair.

6. Future meeting dates- As there is a need to meet shortly after the elections on 2nd May the AGM was set for 15th May with the following dates earmarked for the rest of the year subject to the elections, 4th Sept and 11th December(Stansfield Hall Cttee advised).

7. Planning-Phone Box adoption. It does appear that the box is not in working order, however it was felt prudent that the proposed adoption of the box should be advised to the villagers via notices on our two notice boards. No decision has been made as to what use will

be made of this box, possibly a defibrillator.

8. Grass Cutting- We will continue to use our current contractor, TOP Garden Services.

9. Data Protection.- A cheque was signed to pay our annual fee to DPO. It is felt that as we are a small council we do not need to avail of the services of LCPAS this coming year it can be done by the clerk as the Data Protection Officer.

10. AOB-Cllr Allison will again organise a litter pick and we see what further equipment he needs. Cllr England feels that our allotments which are the responsibility of the Parish Council, should have formal rules and he will be drawing these up for discussion. We do need a new “Dog Gloves dispenser” together with more gloves, clerk to order.

The Parish Council wish to extend their condolences to the family of Jonathan Wheatley who has passed away recently

Payments authorised by the Council on 20th February 2019.

C Turner	£282.00
HMRC re PAYE to 31/3/19	£65.60
TOP Garden Services	£249.00
DPO Sub	£ 40.00
Charitable Donations:	
Suffolk Acc Rescue Service	£50.00

Next Meeting 15th May for the AGM

C Turner-Clerk