

WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT:

Parish Council

Cllr Colin Blagrove – Chair
Cllr Maggie Ashcroft
Cllr Sue Latham
Cllr David Ward

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk
Mr Iain Gowans

Cllr Colin Blagrove welcomed everyone to this online meeting which is being held remotely due to the village hall being unavailable as a result of a third period of lockdown during the current pandemic.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Snell

2. WEST DEEPING DRAINAGE ACTION GROUP

At the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 2021, it was agreed that a resident forum would be set up to try and escalate a resolution to the problems that we have been experiencing with waste water in the village. Following this, the West Deeping Drainage Action Group was formed and its members, including our Chairman, Cllr Colin Blagrove, have met to discuss the purposes and activities of the Group. However, in order that the Group can function effectively, it has asked the Parish Council for a mandate, allowing them to liaise with residents, Anglian Water and any relevant parties. Consequently, Cllr Colin Blagrove called this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting to enable councillors to discuss and approve this request.

Cllr Colin Blagrove had provided councillors with the Group's 'Terms of Reference' for their consideration in advance of this meeting. These were discussed in depth and it was confirmed that it is the Group's intention to regularly report back to the Parish Council so that we can work in tandem with them to resolve the waste water management issues. Mr Iain Gowans suggested that our interaction with the Group and relevant parties could be defined by means of a flow chart and he agreed to forward this through to Mr Ian Coles for circulation to councillors. It was also agreed that a parish councillor should be present at the Group's meetings and Cllr David Ward volunteered to represent us.

For the benefit of councillors, Cllr David Ward confirmed that he had discussed the current issues with Anglian Water contractors who have been in the village and they have informed him that it is likely that the pump recently installed in the village will be removed within 3 months. Furthermore, they may have identified an area of leakage which could be sealed to reduce problems in the future and the fitting of a new filter within the system. As we have not been officially advised of this by Anglian Water, Mr Ian Coles will contact Rose Shisler, who attended our last meeting for an update of the current position and will advise councillors of this.

Agreement to the Group's Terms of Reference were proposed by Cllr Colin Blagrove and seconded by Cllr Maggie Ashcroft with everyone voting in favour of them. Mr Ian Coles will send a copy of these to Rose Shisler at Anglian Water for their information.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____