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| **ALBY WITH THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**  **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.00 pm in the function room of the Spread Eagle Public House Erpingham Norwich NR11 7QA**  **Present:** Chairman Barry Fitzpatrick (BF), Vice Chairman Will Cutts,(WC)  Councillor’s Stephen Jordan(SJ), Sheila Goodley(SG), Angus Mackenzie(AM) Clare McNamara(CN)  And 3 Parishioners  Absent : Parish Clerk – Rosalyn Dawson (RD)   1. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2019 were agreed and signed by the chairman as an accurate record of the meeting . [ No meeting took place in 2020 due to the Global Pandemic (Covid 19).] 2. Chairman’s Annual Report for 2020/2021   *2020/21 was a challenging year especially with the impact of the pandemic on our local services.*  *We should acknowledge the efficiency of the NHS and local medical services in delivering the Covid vaccine throughout the parish and surrounding villages.*  *As a parish council we have managed to hold several zoom meetings with mixed success. I hope that we shall soon be able to hold normal meetings as I know that we have lowered participation especially by parishioners.*  *I wish that I could report that the District Council services have been maintained to an acceptable level. Planning enforcement has ceased to be implemented even when regulations have been deliberately broken.  This last winter we have seen several episodes of storms with high winds and heavy rainfall, this has led to many established trees being damaged and blown down together with flooding in the parish. Highways have been slow to deal with these incidents and the parish has needed to deal with some of the flooding at our own expense.*  *We had two small cases of burglary and I am disappointed to report that despite notifying this to the community police officer we received no visit from him. Given the large increase in the police community charge I am concerned that it represents poor value from our police services.*  *Thwaite Common continues to require much attention. The management meetings that the late Norman Smith created have at the suggestion of the District Council now been reduced to a once a year walk about with no formal meeting in Cromer. I agreed to this suggestion but already I think that it is a mistake and denies the local community an opportunity to take part in the management of the common. I intend to seek to revert to the twice-yearly format that existed before.*  *I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors especially my Deputy Will Cutts for all their hard work in the past year.*  **Open discussion with electors**  ***Flooding on Thwaite common***  This problem occurs between Thwaite Hall and the cottage Wayside. SJ informed the meeting that Lord Walpole relinquished responsibility for owning this land in 1965. Nobody seems to want to take responsibility although it is thought ultimately responsibility lies with Norfolk County Council. The chairman agreed to try to get this matter resolved.  ***Management of Thwaite common***  The Chairman reported that he was disappointed that discussion with North Norfolk District Council had changed from an extensive meeting twice a year in the office to a less extensive once a year meeting on the common. He resolved to try to get North Norfolk District Council more involved.  ***Lack of response from Norfolk police***  Following the disturbing and disappointing instances of minor theft the chairman reported that he had been informed by the Constabulary that our community policeman would visit. No such visit took place and the chairman undertook to notify the supervising officer of the community policeman of the council’s dissatisfaction with this broken promise.  ***Junction of School Lane with Middle Hill-flooding***  SG reported that regular flooding after heavy rain still occurred. A parishioner commented that she had seen the roadsweeper go by not just once but twice within a short period of time. The roadsweeper is not going to solve this problem. It needs the drain to be sucked clear. This matter will be reported yet again.  ***Marking the Queen’s Platinum Anniversary of her succession to the throne***  A parishioner suggested that this significant milestone should not go by unmarked by the parish. Amongst other suggestions put forward were bench seats in the parish or a two-dimensional bird hide on Thwaite common. This item will be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.  ***Risk assessment of the ponds***  This matter was raised as some time ago a four year old girl had fallen into one of the ponds. SJ remarked he had lived therefore 85 years and nobody had drowned yet. It seemed that this matter was held in abeyance.  ***Bus shelters-ownership, insurance and lighting***  BF confirmed that the parish now owned the bus shelters? The question arose whether there was a responsibility to insure these shelters however the chairman felt it was not our responsibility to do so. Lighting-this matter and installation of same was to be covered in the Parish Council Meeting that followed.  ***The Three Horseshoes Pub***  This matter was raised by WC. He felt and all the other councillors agreed with him that now that public houses were opening up again to serve their customers indoors as well as outdoors that the matter should be raised with the new owners of this pub to discover their intentions.  This meeting was closed by the chairman at 8 PM. | Action  BF  BF  BF  AM?  RD  WC |