

# Hunston Parish Meeting

## Ordinary General Meeting

Held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:00 pm

Badwell Ash Village Hall

### Present:

Twelve parishioners, two visitors and District Councillor Rick Meyer

Chairman: Tony Dartnell

### 1. Apologies for absence

Mike Wylie, Anne Waddilove

### 2. Minutes of the AGM

The minutes of the AGM, held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, were approved without amendment.

### 3. Costed proposal for defibrillator installation

Jake Waddilove presented a detailed proposal with several options for installing a defibrillator and reviewed future costs.

Likely capital cost will be about £3,600 including VAT (which we cannot reclaim), followed by annual costs of about £150 for electricity plus spare parts. His report is published on the Parish website (**[hunstonpm.org](http://hunstonpm.org)**).

Councillor Rick Meyer confirmed that he would allocate £1,000 from his locality budget for this purpose.

#### **It was agreed:**

- That the defibrillator should be installed, and that the Parish Meeting would meet any costs which cannot be covered by grants.
- That the bus shelter is the preferred site.
- That Tony Dartnell and Jake Waddilove be granted authority to proceed with the project as soon as possible without further reference to the Parish Meeting.

### 4. Accounts update

Matthew D-T presented his report and the accounts for the six months to 31 October 2021 and answered parishioners' questions. His report is posted on the Parish website (**[hunstonpm.org](http://hunstonpm.org)**).

## 5. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- It was proposed that we should arrange a village celebration on Thursday 2nd June 2022.
- The Chairman thanked David Johnson for making available the land beside the Church, and welcomed news that the PCC are keen to join forces with the Parish Meeting.
- The Chairman invited suggestions for what we might organise, and encouraged parishioners to contact him with ideas.

## 6. The Cottage – long term future

There was a discussion about the cottage, it's possible future in our hands and various alternative options. Concern was expressed that our role is more that of custodians, rather than owners, and that any decision should be coloured by that view.

### It was agreed:

- That we are not well enough educated on the legal, financial, tax and other implications of changing the status quo.
- That efforts will be made to understand these matters, to allow a more informed discussion at a later date.

## 7. Meet our new District Councillor – Richard Meyer

Rick introduced himself to us all.

- He paid tribute to the Council staff who performed very well during the pandemic, especially in their organisation of the various grants that were available.
- He said that the Council is in a strong financial position.
- He explained that £4 million has been allocated to deal with the aftermath of COVID.
- He invited questions, and some points were raised about recycling; he encouraged us to visit the Materials Recycling Facility at Great Blakenham, operated by Biffa, if tours have been resumed.
- Tony Dartnell thanked him for his regular reports to us all, which are a welcome innovation.

## 8. Any other business

- **Traffic:** Concern was expressed about the restrictions that have been imposed on the bridge on the A1088 (near 'Designs on Metal') which mean that the hauliers operating from Stanton have to find an alternative route to the A14. It seems that it has been suggested that they might re-route through Hunston.  
It was accepted that this matter was not within our powers to influence, but that representations would be made to our County Councillor.
- **WhatsApp group:** Any parishioners who are not in the group, run by Meg White-Thompson, should contact her if they wish to be included.
- **Heigham Family Photograph albums:** These albums, given to us by the Heigham family, are of Hunston in 1903. They have been digitised and are now available to view on the Parish website [hunstonpm.org](http://hunstonpm.org)

**The meeting ended at 8:00 pm**