



Raynham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 25 May 2021, 7pm , West Raynham Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: David Sidell (Chairman), Andrew Buck, (Vice Chairman), Richard Brooke, Tim Mudd, Barry Sergeant, Tracey Fenn, Tom FitzPatrick (County Councillor).

Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), there were no members of the public.

1. **Chairman's welcome and introduction**

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

Clr Sidell noted that the Parish Council has managed to continue to function over the past year despite the Coronavirus and Government restrictions. The new village gateways have been installed now and the boundary review is in the pipeline. There has not been much else to note.

2. **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Nigel Housden. Apologies accepted.

3. **To approve the minutes of meeting held on 14 May 2019**

The minutes were approved without amendment.

To hear from:

4. **NCC & NNDC Councillors, if in attendance**

Clr Fitzpatrick reported that he is pleased to be re-elected and gave thanks to those who voted for him. A quarter of the County Council is new, following the elections.

Work continues with the commitment to provide 100% network coverage for all of Norfolk.

The Norfolk & Suffolk Innovation Network are working with long range network which can be used for things like social care and farming. The Network are working with Ben Burgess, marking vehicles so that they can be traced. Also, devices can be loaned out for adult social care homes, which is especially useful for people with onset dementia.

The proposed Norwich Western Link onto the A47 is expected to improve ambulance response times by 20-22 minutes. Clr FitzPatrick is in full support of the link...there will be some disruption to wildlife, but an overpass will be built to help accommodate this and 'human life is more important than wildlife'.

Clr Sidell asked for an update on the proposed Hempton roundabout.

Clr Fitzpatrick petitioned for funding after it was withdrawn about 10 years ago.

The plans are available online and the public consultation is open until 6th June 2021.

The budget has now been increased to £1.67million

Clr FitzPatrick has been in conversation with PCC Orpen-Smellie regarding speeding through built up areas, and on open stretches of road and the police have said they will do more speed control checks.

Clr Fitzpatrick has been approached by South Raynham Residents who are keen to see a speed reduction on A1065 and asked the Parish Council for their views on this, which he would support.

CLlr Sidell and CLlr Brooke explained that this was attempted in the past, but the County Council would not support it since 'no one had died, and the statistics did not warrant a speed reduction'. CLlr Sidell advised that the speed limit would have to be reduced in both East and South Raynham. CLlr Fitzpatrick advised that there are plans to install a roundabout at the Fourwinds junction of the A148.

The NHS and County Council websites include the most current information so please refer to them for the latest information.

Thanks were given.

5. Receive any other reports from Parish Organisations, if attending

There were none.

6. AOB

There were none.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Signed: Date: