

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HEMSBY

Which took place virtually on: **Wednesday 5th May 2021 6.30pm**

Present: Cllrs, Kyriacou (Chair), Cllr Bowgen, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Bennett, Cllr S Bensly, Cllr Tucker, Cllr Mogford & Cllr Kern.

Also present GYBC Cllr James Bensly. GYBC Cllr Noel Galer. NCC Ron Hanton

Clerk: Mrs Kerrie Wilton.

Fourteen members of the public were in attendance.

- 1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF HEMSBY PARISH COUNCIL** Keith Kyriacou Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everybody in attendance.
- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2019 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. ANNUAL REPORTS – (These had been circulated where provided in the week prior to the meeting & displayed on the website).**

3.1 Councillors reports

- 3.1.1 GYBC Cllr James Bensly confirmed that he had already submitted a report to the clerk which had been circulated & another report would be circulated after the meeting.
- 3.1.2 GYBC Cllr Noel Galer commented on the coastal erosion & the proposed rock berm.
- 3.1.3 NCC Cllr Ron Hanton was thanked by the Chairman for the new bollards that had been installed at Kingsway on the day of the meeting.

3.2 Chair's report, update of the last 18 months, what can I say it has been a challenging year, lockdowns, change of Cllrs, Clerk & RFO, It has been a breath of fresh air it has been a breath of fresh air getting us on track, operating legally & transparent & adopting policies. We have listened to the things that the people wanted to see in Hemsby, we have installed New gate ways, extra SAMS signs to slow cars down, benches, adult exercise equipment, refurbished our aged public toilets, phone box refurbishment to house a defibrillator. We have listened to the residents through the NHP & registered the Kings Head, two new planters, boat planters, common road hedges, work around the village on trees has also been done. He reminded everyone that if you work together more gets done. We have spoken up at the GYBC Planning Committee meeting with a member of the NHP to speak out against the proposed development at Highfields Equestrian Centre on Newport Road. He dismissed the negativity that surrounds the Parish Council on social media platforms, so be it, but again acknowledged the hard work of the Parish Council & the many projects that they have been able to achieve with the hard work & effort of the Parish Council. He thanked all of the Councillors & reminds everyone that they are all volunteers.

- 4. Hemsby in Bloom** – no report received, but Cllr Jan Taylor thanked the PC & businesses in the village for their help, thanked the parishioners for their support. They hope to plant some more trees at the Playing field. They have also been

- recipients of a grant from the Great Yarmouth Tourism Board which they have used to purchase a water bowser.
5. **St Marys Church** – no report received
 6. **Neighbourhood Plan Group** -circulated. The Chairman thanked them very much for their efforts.
 7. **Village School** – report received & circulated
 8. **Village Hall Committee** – report received & circulated. They have placed a book case in the entrance of the Village Hall for a book swap, which will be available during the opening hours.
 9. **Sports & Social Club Committee** - report received & circulated
 10. **Football Club**- report received & circulated
 11. **Poor's Trust** – report received & circulated. A resident asked how much the befriending service spends on the visiting service. The Clerk advised that this is not in any way connected with the Parish Council.
 12. **Save Hemsby Coastline Group** – circulated. Ian Brennan advised the meeting that he is part of a group that has since 2013 being trying to seek a resolution to the coastal erosion along the Hemsby coastline. They have been working with GYBC & Coastal Partnership East & they now have a rock berm planned with costings that will be presented shortly at online public consultation from 10 May 2021. The longest rock berm will still mean that 12 houses could be lost as well as part of the Marram Road. If no solution is found 92 homes, two businesses & the whole of the Marram Road are at risk of being lost in the next 20 years or earlier. He also talked about the roll-back but does not think that this is suitable for Hemsby & thinks that HPC should refer to Happisburgh for how they dealt with that. Cllr Bensly also urged everyone to take the time to view the online consultation when it goes live on 10th May 2021. Cllr Noel Galer advised that many years ago Hemsby PC gave £20,000.00 towards purchasing the Hexi blocks at the beach & these will be reused in the new berm & count towards the costings. Ian advised that there is approximately £32,242.12 in their funds at present & that last 12 months has not enabled them to do their fundraising events. He also advised that there are now several external agencies contributing to this project such as Natural Action England.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for all the work they have done & that they have achieved a lot over the last 12 months.

Meeting ended 7.13pm