Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 March at 7.30 pm in Corringham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. D Semley (Chair), P Arthy, P Hardwick, J Eyre, J Sims, M Parr, J Saxon, Cty Cllr. Perraton-Williams, Dist. Cllr. Howitt-Cowan and A Hayward (Clerk). Members of the Public: None

01.03.18 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A letter had been received from Cllr. Bacon tendering her resignation but no reason given.

02.03.18 Apologies for absence and reasons given Cllr. Blades (no reason given) PCSO J McFaul

03.03.18 **Declarations of interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllrs. J Sims and S Blades – village hall matters (Committee members) Cllr. M Parr and Cllr. Hardwick – allotment matters

04.03.18 Presentation from Steve Eason-Harris, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer

Mr Eason-Harris sent his apologies as he was unable to attend. It was suggested that he is given Mr Drury's (LCC Prevent Officer) details with a view to organising a joint meeting. The Clerk agreed to forward on his details to ClIr. Sims.

05.03.18 Public Discussion

None

06.03.18 Notes of the last meeting of the Council

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018 were discussed and <u>resolved</u> as being a true record.

07.03.18 Police Report

PCSO McFaul sent in the following report:

Suspicious person seen on Middle Street on 06/02/18, Police attended area but with negative results. PCSO McFaul was pleased to see the new SID on the High Street. Due to bad weather she has not been able to place the mobile SID board in any of the village. PCSO McFaul asked for suggested locations for it to be used on Middle Street. Three addresses were provided.

08.03.18 District and County Councillors' reports

District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Howitt-Cowan gave the following report:

- WLDC Full Council has agreed a Precept increase of 3%
- WLDC is to engage four apprentices.
- One of the properties on Market Street in Gainsborough has been renovated this includes a shop and flat.
- Refuse Collection re-doubling efforts to catch up after bad weather.
- Subscription to the green bins collection has been extremely good.
- WLDC has approved a lot of land for planning but developers are not there at the moment. Cllr Semley queried what was happening with areas such as around Foxby. It appears all efforts are going into the Northern Extension.

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Perraton-Williams reported as follows:

- There had recently been two further bad accidents on the Thorndyke Way junction. Cllr. Perraton-Williams in discussions with both Highways Officers and Planners at WLDC, she is to ask what plans are in place to improve the safety of the junction.
- The farmers did a fantastic job clearing the snow during the recent adverse weather.

• Pot holes are clearly an issue – again in discussion regarding this. There will be extra money available and the strategy is to work on the 'amber' work to get it up to the 'green' standard.

Cllr. Semley asked for up-to-date poster from both the County and District Councillors to display on the Parish Council notice board.

09.03.18 Clerk's Report

The following update was given:

- Clerk to add new laptop to the insurance
- Savills have put forward dates to meet to discuss planning application 136937. It was agreed to arrange a drop-in session to be held on 27th March from 2.30 am until 6.30 pm. Clerk to confirm arrangements with Savills. Cllr. Semley agreed to hold a session on the following Saturday for those who were unable to make it on the 27th. Dates to be included in the newsletter.
- LCC Highways suggested a date of 27th March at 2.00 pm for the 'walkabout'. This now clashes with the drop in session. Cty. Cllr. Perraton-Williams to look at diary and forward alternative dates.

10.03.18 <u>Reports</u>

Village Hall

Cllr. Sims reported as follows:

- The 'Not a Valentines' evening was poorly attended.
- A fashion show is to be held on 12 March.
- The quiz nights continue to be successful.
- Work to the new heating system is virtually completed.
- Price for a bench plinth to be sought.
- The village hall really does need new volunteers (losing two more members).
- Thank you on behalf of the village hall committee for the recent donation.

Pocket Pond Initiative

There was nothing to report due to resignation of Cllr. Bacon. Cllrs. Saxon and Sims agreed to take up the project and following up the leads generated by Cllr. Bacon.

Neighbourhood Planning (NHP) Meeting with WLDC

Cllr. Semley reported back from her meeting with Dan Evans/Nev Brown of the NHP Team as follows:

- The NHP Team at WLDC were pleased that the NHP was to be re-started
- The designated area was the parish however housing would be in the village of Corringham only. As well as housing the NHP could look at other aspects including green areas and renewables.
- Funding would be through Locality (9K-£15K) with top up from WLDC if required. Locality funding closed until 1st April 2018.
- The plan will not influence on the Northern Extension proposals. The plan has to be evidenced based and positive (cannot say no houses)
- Can also carry out character/landscape appraisals.
- The plan sits alongside the WLDC Plan.
- CIL increases from 15% to 25% if a NHP in place

The main issue is how to kick start the plan. Cllr Semley suggested that the NHP could be promoted at the Savills drop-in event. Cllr. Semley read out a draft article about the need for a NHP to be included in the newsletter. This was agreed. The newsletter to be prepared as soon as possible advertising both events.

11.03.18 Matters for consideration

Grass Cutting Contract

To date no tenders had been returned. The existing grass cutter has confirmed that he will not be tendering. Clerk agreed to chase up outstanding tenders. Cllr. Semley to put a notice in the newsletter asking if anyone would be interested in tendering for the contract.

Installation of Benches

Cllr. Semley reported that the two new benches will be installed on the High Street. The old benches will be removed, refurbished and relocated. A bench is to be placed in the Cemetery and a bench for the village hall will sited at a later stage.

Woodland Trust - Free Tree Packs

Cllr. Saxon reported that the tree/shrub packs came in packs of 30. Around 43 are needed for the pond area. It was suggested that the remaining trees could be planted at the back of the village hall. The Woodland Trust requires assurances that the plants will be planted and maintained. Cllr. Saxon has also sourced free seeds from another organisation.

12.03.18 Financial Matters

Financial Report:

Income to date: £7,486.37 Outgoings to date: £13,297.60

Funds available as at 06/03/18: £5,548.72

The following payments were proposed, seconded, voted and agreed.

Cheque Number	£	Payee	Reason
100155	185.51	A Hayward	Salary/Exps
100156	179.99	P Arthy	Reimbursement of cost of Laptop for SID

13.03.18 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

NALC/LALC – GDPR Update LCC Highways – Online Fault Reporting System Update LCC – Update on the Fairer Funding Campaign WLDC – Press Release: Council Investment Plans to Tackle Health and Wellbeing Concerns

All noted

14.03.18 Planning Matters

137308 – Planning application to erect a single storey pre-fabricated classroom Location: Corringham C of E School, Middle Street, Corringham

Resolved: Object

Material Planning Reasons/Comments:

- The proposed classroom is to be situated at the front of the school. This would obscure the front and detract from the character of the building. If was felt that this was inappropriate and detract from the street scene.
- The original school building is historically important to the village and consideration should be given to its heritage
- Disappointment that the Parish Council was not invited to comment of the proposal in its early stages. The Parish Council would have been minded to support if the class room had been located on the south side of the school.

137293 – Planning application for two storey rear extension Location: 40 Middle Street, Corringham

Resolved: No objection

Screen Opinion - Reference 137434

It was understood that a screening opinion had been issued by WLDC for a solar farm proposal on land north of Corringham Road. The Parish Council had not been informed of this. Cllr. Howitt-Cowan to investigate further. It is understood that this proposal was in the parish of Corringham.

15.03.18 **Councillors' reports and items for inclusion on the next agenda** The following items were reported:

- A sign on Middle Street is on a tilt
- Potholes on Pilham Lane (Cllr. Parr to report)
- SID has been repositioned to the west side.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council employ someone when it is snowing to clear and grit. Cllr. Semley suggested purchasing a grit spreader. Clerk to investigate further.
- There was a query as to whether or not dogs were allowed in the Cemetery.

16.03.18 Date of next the meeting confirmed as Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.30pm on Corringham Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed Date