**MINUTES OF SANTON DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY, 4th November 2019**

**Present**

**Michael Mackender, Chairman Debbie Cock**

**Andrew Butcher, Vice Chairman George Radford**

**Sylvia East, Parish Clerk Paul Brown**

**Gareth Rees**

**Cllrs Victor Lukanuik and Phil Wittam**

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

1. **Apologies**

None were received

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none received

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 16th September**

These were duly signed as being a true record

1. **Parish Clerk**

Advised that that the balance in the Bank stands at £10,000.

1. The budget for 2020 was discussed :

Parish Clerk salary and expenses £1,500

HMRC 298

Website 110

Salc Subscription 135

Accountant (Payroll) 174

Accountant (Audit) 180

PC Insurance 160

(the above based on averages)

Obviously potholes and trees remain issues that could arise at any point.

The issue of 2020/2021 Precept was then put forward and after some discussion it was agreed to raise this by 5% in an effort to keep up with the cost of living.

It was reported that the project for the flashing speeding lights although an excellent idea is one that requires to be considered carefully since the cost is rather prohibitive. Cllrs Lukanuik and Wittam undertook to look into what assistance they may be able to offer under their Locality Budgets.

 The Parish Clerk raised an issue about having a small stock of salt in for the winter to be kept as an

 emergency over and above that deposited by Highways. It was agreed this should be purchased at the

 cost of £200 for a small pallet. The salt would be held by a small number of Parish Councillors to be

 used when necessary for the village, not for individual houses. Although the issue of Grit bins had been

 discussed in the past it was now the general consensus of opinion that these would be unsightly as the

 positions agreed by Highways would be a little unattractive., ie one on the opposite side of the Church

 entrance and close to the War Memorial. It was agreed not to take this further at this point.

 A notice of repair to the footbridge over the river was passed around, the work to be carried out by

 Norfolk County Council during November. This has been posted on the website and notice board.

7. D**istrict and County Councillors**

 Apart from agreeing to look into possible financial support there was nothing to report.

**8. Parish Councillors**

Apart from the mention of a very large pothole on the highway there were no other

 matters put forward. This of course is not within the responsibility of the Parish Council

 therefore the usual report will be submitted to the Highways Authority

**9. Chairman**

 The Chairman had nothing further to add

**Next Meeting**

This was agreed for Monday, 16th December 2019

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm