**MINUTES OF SANTON DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Mr Michael Mackender (Chairman) Mr Kim Daplyn (Parish Councillor)

Mr Andrew Butcher (Vice Chairman) Mrs Debbie Cock (Parish Councillor)

Mrs Sylvia East (Parish Clerk) Mr Paul Brown (Parish Councillor) Mrs Ann Landells (Parish Councillor)

Members of the public: Mrs Christine Field) Ms Eleen Howard Ms Dot Sayer (Village Residents)

1. Chairmans Welcome
2. There were no comments received from the public relating to the Agenda but the Parish Clerk was advised by a member of the public the Parish Council Website was once again down. The Parish Clerk stated she would look into this.
3. Apologies received from Mr Baugh
4. Declaration of Interest there were none

5) Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, 22nd January 2024 were signed as a true record

6) **Parish Clerk’s Report**

* A copy of the recent Bank Statement was given to all Councillors, the account is £12,738.93 in Credit
* The Parish Clerk advised there was a need to have a short meeting in April in order to sign off sections of the AGAR form which cannot be completed until after the end of March. It was agreed this meeting will take place on Monday, 15th April.
* The Parish Clerk handed all Councillors copies of correspondence from a village resident in relation to problems experienced with the track to his property. The Parish Clerk laid out the two identical Title Deed Plans relating to ownership by the Parish Council, one plan was as registered with the Land Registry and the other as sent by Forestry England. All concurred this track does not belong to the Parish Council. It was however, agreed as soon as better weather prevails, the Parish Council will instruct a company to jet the gulleys on the part of Marks Lane that tend to affect the soakaways down this track, for which the Parish Council do have responsibility.

The village resident involved will be advised of the outcome of the decision.

* The issue of speeding through the village was briefly discussed and it was agreed it seemed possibly pointless going down the route of speed cameras since we are already aware speeding is a problem. It was generally agreed flashing signs do work elsewhere and that this should be the direction to take. Finances of course are always at the root of all problems for our small village and the Parish Clerk was asked to follow up on the possibility of some assistance via our County and District Councillors.
* The Parish Clerk stated she would be seeking to get a sign made up for the Village Green advising that overnight parking on the green was illegal.

7) **Parish Councillors Reports**

 There was nothing to report

8) **County and District Councillors Reports**

None being present there was nothing to be reported

9) **Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman raised the issue of the roads and asked if any of the Councillors had anything to report.

 It was agreed the Parish Council needed to clarify any potholes in existence.

10) The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm but did ask the Parish Councillors to remain as there was

 a personal and confidential matter to be discussed.

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