**RYBURGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Minutes are in draft until approved at a subsequent meeting

**12th January 2021**

**Parish Clerk and RFO: Patsy Adams**

**Church View Farm, Church Road, Aylmerton, NR11 8PZ**

Present: Cllr Elizabeth Savory (Chairman), Cllrs: N Dandy, I Wilson, J Binstead.

In attendance, P Adams (Clerk) Vincent Fitzpatrick, District Councillor

The meeting began at 6.52pm and was held remotely, by Zoom

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**. Cllr Plattin, Cllr Burr and Cllr Buxton Apologies from Cllr Buxton were NOT accepted. Cllr Burr has requested leave until May and this was approved.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RESPECT OF THE CURRENT AGENDA.** None
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** None present
4. **County Council Report -** Cllr Fitzpatrick had previously issued a report to the Members but reiterated the current covid advice to members The District Council offices are currently closed but can still be contacted by telephone or online.
5. **To consider whether to accept Cllr Buxton’s apologies for the meetings held on 17th November and the 30th November 2020**. After consideration members agreed not to accept Cllr Buxton’s apologies for either meeting.
6. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November and the 30th November 2020.** Approved.
7. **To receive an update about the illegal building work in progress at 19 Station Road and the implications this has for the Parish Council.** An update was received and, after much discussion, the following course of action was agreed:

**Ryburgh Parish Council no longer has confidence in Councillor Christopher Buxton to carry out his role.  His allegiance to Article 61 of the Magna Carta\* has meant that he is unable to support elements of our legal system.  Councillor Buxton has not given the electors the opportunity to either support or reject his new-found allegiance but he has created anxiety and unhappiness within the parish and risks bringing the Parish Council into disrepute    He is therefore, required to stand down immediately from his office to allow a new candidate to be elected/co-opted at the very soonest opportunity.**

(Article 61 of the Magna Carta is not recognised by our legal system or any offices of governance) \*

In the intervening period it was also agreed that there would be minimal contact with Cllr Buxton.  The Clerk was instructed to issue statutory documents and items of correspondence only, until Cllr Buxton’s resignation is received.

1. **To consider the Receipts and Payments for November 2020.** The documents were considered and approved
2. **To Consider the Budget Monitor.** Considered and approved
3. **To receive an update from the Chairman about the Memorial Hall Noticeboard.** Problems with the noticeboard continue. Cllr Savory (The Chairman) has asked the manufacturer to repair the door catches and Cllr Dandy offered to apply waterproof strips to prevent water getting in. The situation will be considered again at the next meeting.
4. **To consider items that have arisen since the publication of the agenda.** The general state of the roads was discussed. The Chairman agree to contact Adrian Howe to ask if he could sweep the road in Little Ryburgh. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer about the Maltings applications and Cllr Dandy reported a serious lack of volunteers in the village shop.
5. **TO CLOSE THE MEETING** There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm

The next meeting will be held on 23rd February 2021 at 7pm