GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7.00pm via Video Link

Present: P Roberts (Chair), N Cox, G Becker, A Crane, A Dixon-Smith, R Cheeseman, R Jones (Notes)

1. **Apologies for absence** - None
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interests in any item on this Agenda** - None
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of 6 May 2020** - Agreed
4. **Planning Matters**

4.1. To consider Planning Applications - DC/20/02415 - Wedgwood, Park Corner. Erection of single storey side and rear extensions – The Council resolved to support this application

4.2 Planning Decisions Received - DC/20/01628 The Forge, Church Street - Conversion of and extension to existing outbuilding to form 1No dwelling (including extension to existing parking area to the north of The Forge). The Forge – The council noted that planning permission had been refused by Babergh DC.

4.3 Other Planning Matters – DC/20/01634 and DC/20/01264 Mannings Farm Barn – An exchange of correspondence had taken place with a resident regarding the Council's decision to take a neutral and cautious approach to this application. The correspondent had suggested that a number of fellow residents had supported the application. It was suggested that some of these residents may wish to put themselves forward to fill the vacant position on the GPC Committee. The Committee agreed that its' stance was the correct one based on current available information.
Local Housing Development – Start delayed due to covid-19 but work expected to commence in late Summer.

5. **Financial Matters**

5.1 The Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment were approved as follows:

Reserve Account as at 1 June 2020	£3,532.00
Current Account as at 1 June 2020	£4,355.64
Total	**£8,073.88**

Payments received:
Interest on Reserve Account £2.30
1st part of precept from BDC £2,187.50

Cheque No	Amount £	Payee	Purpose
000825	£20.00	R J Jones	Clerk's Expenses Apr – Jul 20
000826	£439.84	R J Jones	Clerks Salary Apr – Jun 20
000827	£109.80	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Salary

5.2 Other Financial Matters - None

6. **Highway and Footpath Matters** – Invoice for first cut had not been received by the Clerk. A Dixon-Smith to speak to A Adams.

7. **Other (Urgent) Business** - None

8. **Next meeting** –Wednesday 2 September at 7.00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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