**REPORT OF MEETING WITH CROWN AGENTS SAVILLS & BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022**

PRESENT: P Paget, P Collins, R Amor, J Butler R Humphries. Savills: Bertie Greedy, Jonny Alderson

Discussion took place regarding the following:

**HAWKSTREET DRAINAGE**:

Although the PC agreed not to pursue this due to the cost of providing the pipes and the cost of an Easement with legal fees, the Crown are willing to explore existing drainage on JT Paget’s land, it was agreed that they would contact J T Paget to look at any old maps etc.

**NETHERSTREET DRAINAGE**:

Discussed with J Butler and Habershauns

**PROPOSED RENT INCREASE DATED AS FROM OCTOBER 2021:**

A rent increase was received from £13331.00p/a to £14460.27 and increase of 1129.27/annum reviewed in line with the Retail Price Index and the agreed PC 3 year lease review. This is approx. a £10.00/acre increase.

The Affordable Rent claim for tenants was discussed; this is being claimed by the 3 larger tenants. Concern was raised regarding the current increase of prices for farmers. Savills felt that the proposed increase was comparable with open market prices.

Following further discussion the PC proposed that the increase to take effect from April 2022 and not October 2021 so that tenants would not have to have the increase back dated – the PC has given notice of the increase to tenants as from April 2022. (The review correspondence was not received with sufficient time to pass on to tenants for October 21–review letter was dated 26th October 2021).

BG agreed to put this proposal to the Crown Estate Commissioners.

**LAND AT THE POUND:**  The PC requested that this land be used for tree and wild flower planting.

This could be agreed under the Queen’s Jubilee tree planting scheme.

JB reported that this piece of land has been put forward in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and discussed with the Crown.

It was reported that there is also a scheme in place with Devizes Lions who have donated trees for an area which is part of Bromham Parish.

**LIGHTS FOR THE POUND FOOTPATH:**  RH reported that this had been agreed by the Crown with the PC agreeing to take responsibility for the lights. Solar Lights have been agreed by the PC but they are having difficulty finding a contractor to supply and fit.

RH Left the meeting at 11.30am.