

## MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:30pm

Remote meeting via Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic

**Present:** Cllrs Paul Hyde (Chair) Jeanette Johnson (Vice-Chair) Richard Fife, Yvonne Greenfield, Terry Hazard, Laurence King, Nick Orders, John Richardson, Robin Ringham, David Wright and David Yates.

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) Cllr Nicki Brooks (NCC) and Cllrs Michael Adams and Sam Smith (GBC)

### MINUTES

20/1768 **Apologies for absence** - None

20/1769 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None

20/1770 **Minutes from previous meeting**

i) Minutes of meeting held March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 unanimously approved

ii) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council held March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 unanimously approved

iii) Matters arising – None

20/1771 **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** – No members of the public present

20/1772 **County Councillor's report** – Cllr Nicki Brooks reported that the gas works on Main Street are programmed to be undertaken 3<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Issues reported to her recently include overgrown trees, Millfield Road crossing concerns, speeding and antisocial behaviour in the village. Notice of 5 temporary road closures have been received. Capital / Revenue projects for 2020/1 include partial re-surfacing of Lambley Lane, a bus stop and a gateway upgrade on Nottingham Road and a lighting column replacement on Church Road. Severn Trent Water were quick to respond to problems caused by the burst water mains and contacted Cllr Brooks immediately. Cllr Brooks praised them for their emergency response and work in ensuring residents, particularly vulnerable people, had bottled water whilst repairs were being made. NCC has been holding virtual committee meetings, with the next Full Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The staggering generosity of residents in donations to the foodbank was noted. Cllr Brooks has been working with volunteers to make NHS face visors for care in the community including doctors' surgeries and care homes.

20/1773 **District Councillor's report** – Cllr Sam Smith reported that the Chief Exec of GBC had been made aware of concerns from the Parish Council and residents over the proposed 'Ashdale' development for 12 new houses off Mill Field Close being determined during lock-down. The application is now being considered in August to allow time for residents to comment. Cllrs Smith and Adams judged the village scarecrow competition and enjoyed the opportunity to get involved in community activities. A great deal of time has been spent by them liaising with the GBC Parks and Street Care team and litter pickers have been donated to the village "Wombles" voluntary group. All businesses eligible for Covid-19 grants through GBC have been personally contacted by the Councillors. Cllr Michael Adams noted that 14 blocked drains had been reported to NCC over recent months. Cllr Greenfield added that by reporting on-line and building a case history, it was more likely that action would be taken.

- 20/1774 Annual Audit**
- i) Year-end accounts, income and expenditure statement and balance sheet were presented to the Council and unanimously accepted.
  - ii) Report of the Internal Auditor for year 2019-20 was presented and noted.
  - iii) Consideration, approval and authorisation unanimously given for the Clerk and Chair to sign to sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019-20 on the Annual Return.
  - iv) Consideration, approval and authorisation unanimously given to the Chair and RFO to sign Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019-20 of the Annual Return.
- 20/1775 Finance matters**
- i) **Bills for Payment for June 2020** – unanimously approved
  - ii) **Late Bills for Payment for June 2020** – unanimously approved
- Noted that a new nominal code will be added to the accounts for Covid-19 related expenses.
- 20/1776 Correspondence** – No correspondence to report outside any directed to sub-committees
- 20/1777 Committees:**
- (i) **Amenities:** Verbal update on decisions made during lockdown. Noted allotments have become particularly popular. Decision to be made regarding re-opening of Roberts’ Recreation Ground. Facebook account to be created for sole purpose of making announcements on Village Facebook.
  - (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 received and noted. Cllr Hazard highlighted that the proposed Ashdale development is in contravention to policies and principles of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Development Plan. Concerns raised regarding the protection of green belt with latest government policy.
  - (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 received and noted. Cllr Hyde highlighted that losses from the temporary closure of the Poplars Sports Ground to date amounted to £10,787.
  - (iv) **Poplars Sports Ground Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 received and noted. Cllr Ringham reported that Bowls Club has recently requested access to the Pavilion. To be reviewed at next meeting. 3G pitch has been approved by the FA for the next 3 years.
  - (v) **Community Engagement:** Verbal update on decisions made during lockdown given. Three more near misses have occurred on the rail crossing by the Nelson Pub. Flood resilience measures to be picked up at next meeting.
  - (vi) **Old School Building Phase II Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 received and noted. Email response from Old School Trustees has been received with grant application form attached. Sub-group to discuss. J Sherrin and Cllr L King to write proposal and circulate to committee for comment.
- 20/1178 Main Street Gas Update** – As per report from Cllr Nicki Brooks
- 20/1779 Information update:** Cllr King identified the need to engage the Cross Keys Pub regarding improvements. Cllrs Smith and Adams noted they will be meeting the manager so suggested Cllr King to put forward any issues to them to be addressed in their discussions.
- 20/1780 Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting closed 8:40pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Parish Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_