

## MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 11.00am

On-line meeting via Zoom

### MINUTES

**Present :** Cllrs J Johnson (Chair) T Hazard (Vice Chair) L King, R Fife, Y Greenfield and J Richardson.

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) J Savage (Deputy Clerk - for final item) and J Davenport (Representing Burton Joyce Climate Change Group).

**CE20/226**      **Apologies for absence** - None

**CE20/227**      **Declaration of Councillors' interests for items on the agenda** - None

**CE20/228**      **Minutes of the previous meeting** – March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair when next possible.

**CE20/229**      **Climate Change** – J Davenport reported on the activities of the climate change group. Request was made to the Parish Council to re-consider mowing regimes and earmark specific areas in the village to plant / seed nectar-producing plants as part of a “blue heart” scheme. Suggested that the flower beds – Princess Diana and Millennium Sundial for example could have bee-friendly flowers next time and new trees should be native and blossoming, such as hawthorn and rowan. Discussion took place regarding possible areas where this could be implemented. Agreed that the Parish Council needs to invest time in agreeing on a green policy for all areas of activity. The roads subgroup will look into the planting suggestions further. The item will remain on the agenda and an update given at the next meeting.

**CE20/230**      **Art Trail** – Cllr J Richardson reported that no further progress had been possible due to Covid-19 lockdown, but will be picked up again in mid-September.

**CE20/231**      **Highways and transport** – J Sherrin reported that Cllr N Brooks (NCC) had provided an update on the gas works on Main Street, stating that they would be delayed. Cadent are revisiting their prioritisation in line with expectations from the HSE and OFGEM and Cllr Brooks will keep the Parish Council up to date with any developments. Cllr L King raised concerns about the delay to the gas works and the safety implications. J Sherrin to request safety report from Cadent (through Cllr N Brooks / VIA) and to seek reassurance that the budget for the re-surfacing will remain as previously promised.

Cllr P Hyde had received an email from a resident concerned with speeding on Church Road. She has reported it to the police and welcomed the Parish

Council's views. Cllr Richardson noted that a speed awareness group has been set up, but stopped due to Covid-19. J Sherrin to forward to the speed awareness group and copy Cllr Richardson in to follow up. J Sherrin to ask police to join next committee meeting for village updates. Roads sub-group had been unable to meet due to lockdown restrictions, but will individually carry out inspections to identify 2-3 priority items and convene a meeting. Cllr Y Greenfield to organise date.

- CE20/232**      **Rail crossings** – 3 near misses were reported by Network Rail in June. J Sherrin had requested update on plans for improvements to Chestnut Grove crossing, but none received. To chase. Possible purchase of Lee Road car park discussed. J Sherrin to investigate how to purchase. To go onto September Full Council agenda for approval to pursue.
- CE20/233**      **Patient Participation Group** – No updates.
- CE20/234**      **Liaison with Burton Joyce Primary School** – Cllr Hazard reported on his attendance at remote meetings. Most discussions were regarding the measures to cope with Covid-19. The School has been kept open for vulnerable children and children of key workers. Plan is to re-open fully in September. PTA have funded 2 new classrooms. A “continuous improvement” grant has been received to improve the heating system. The school is twinned with Cropwell Bishop, where there has been a case of Covid-19 – raising awareness that it is still an issue.
- CE20/235**      **Village Society** – Cllr R Fife reported on the activities of the Village Society. There have been no virtual meetings, but communication has continued via email. A noticeboard is to be installed in front of the old classroom at the Old School Building, as previously approved. The AGM has been postponed and may be further postponed – decision to be made end of September. Lucy Huckerby is now the secretary, replacing Angela Davis. Current discussion is regarding the changes in the planning law. Main concerns are: Green Belt / Mineral Extraction and Powers of local councillors. They seek the support of the Parish Council and have been discussing with Borough Councillors who may involve the MP. They have also been considering the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – Cllr Fife has emailed current thoughts to J Sherrin who will forward to Planning Committee for further discussion.
- CE20/236**      **Emergency Plan** – Cllr J Richardson reported that no further progress had been possible due to Covid-19 lockdown, but will be picked up again in mid-September.
- CE20/237**      **Picnic in the Park** – Cllr J Johnson had spoken to the Brass Band. As they are unable to rehearse due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it is unlikely that a concert would be possible.
- CE20/238**      **Christmas Light Switch-on** – Cllr Greenfield had researched GBC and Newark & Sherwood Websites regarding plans for Christmas light switch-ons and all

references had been removed. Elsewhere other events were cancelled. Agreed to review Covid-19 status in October and make a decision at the next meeting.

**CE20/239**      **Information update** – Cllr T Hazard noted some repairs needed at the Grove. J Sherrin to advise D List, Grounds & Amenities Manager.

*J Savage joined the meeting at this point*

J Savage noted phone conversation with K Taylor regarding community market. Request has been made for a market to be held in May 2021 in the car park of the Old School Building. Agreed to be a good idea in principle. Cllr J Johnson to call K Taylor to discuss. J Savage to advise that it will be put on the agenda nearer the time and to request further details of proposed layout and access at that point.

Cllr King noted the recent government scheme to investment in cycle path improvement. Cllr J Johnson to contact Cllr N Brooks (NCC) to enquire re possible investment in poor provision on Burton Road.

**CE20/240**      **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am

**Meeting closed at 12:15pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chair of Community Engagement Committee**

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