

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 7th October 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) D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager) and J Savage (Deputy Clerk). J Devonport (Representing Burton Joyce Climate Change Group) and Insp. Chris Pearson (Notts Police)

CE20/240 Apologies for absence - None

CE20/241 Declaration of Councillors' interests for items on the agenda - None

CE20/242 Minutes of the previous meeting – August 5th 2020. Approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair.

CE20/243 Neighbourhood Policing – Insp. Chris Pearson provided a comprehensive report on policing activities in the local area. The team has expanded recently and Carlton Station now has 5 police officers and 6 PCSOs. The increased staffing has helped significantly with response times and had a positive overall effect. Crime rates in Gedling, including Burton Joyce and surrounding villages has seen a reduction of 13%, with burglaries down 35.7% and auto crime down 68%. This has been attributed to people being at home more due to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as the increased police presence. Reports of speeding have been a particular issue for Burton Joyce during and since lock-down and the Police have responded by running operations to focus on this, with support from Gedling Borough Council in providing equipment. Burton Joyce volunteers are also keen to re-start the speed monitoring scheme. A new “what matters” survey is being launched online to allow residents to have their say, with a “you said / we did” priority-based approach. This can be found at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/neighbourhoods/what-matters. Quarterly reports go to Chris, giving a break-down by area. The plan is to increase regular ‘patch’ walks once the Covid restrictions are lifted and the force is already working in partnership with licensed premises regarding enforcement of Covid regulations. Cllr T Hazard enquired about enforcement of double yellow lines. Requested to provide Chris with details of where and when issues arise and he will follow up. Cllr King requested advise on non-emergency calls. It was noted that the 101 number can be busy, with waiting times of 40 minutes. The team can be emailed at gedling.southnpa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk as an alternative. Cllr Fife reiterated that the local volunteer group for the speeding campaign is keen to re-start, having stopped during lock-down. Carlton Police

Station is now in the Ambulance Station and the front desk is in the Fire Station. Many officers work from their vehicles. Any concerns, Chris can be contacted directly. Chris was thanked for his very useful contribution and invited to attend a future Full Council meeting for further updates.

Insp. Chris Pearson left at this point

- CE20/244** **Climate Change Group** – Julia Devonport reported that a meeting had taken place with Tom Randall MP in the Grove during August to discuss the Friends of the Earth plan. The potential impact on the environment to the proposed changes to planning regulations by central government were raised at this meeting. The Group is keen to act locally by investigating how the management of grass verges could be changed to encourage more pollinators. J Devonport, D List and Cllrs L King and Y Greenfield to meet and visit sites managed by the Parish Council to take forward ideas. J Devonport was thanked for her valuable input to the meeting and invited to attend the next meeting for updates.

J Devonport left at this point

J Savage joined at this point

- CE20/245** **Christmas Light Switch-on** – Agreed unanimously that it would not be possible to hold the annual festivities under the current Covid-19 restrictions. The fair will therefore not be going ahead this year. The lights will still be switched on during the first week of December. Cllr J Johnson to contact John Jackson to update. J Savage to contact usual contributors to advise the fair is not going ahead. J Sherrin to publish cancellation in Parish Magazine and Facebook. Agreed that new lights were still needed and that budgeted funds could be spent on improving the display. J Savage to contact Cllrs N Brookes (NCC) and Cllrs S Smith and M Adams (GBC) to request donations towards new Christmas Trees over the shops and new lights in the co-op car park.

- CE20/246** **Codicil to Parish Council from resident for ornamental deer** – Noted that a resident of Main Street has a legacy in her Will to give her bronze stags, together with the doe and baby deer in her front garden to the Parish Council and that she expresses the wish that “the councillors choose a place within the village for the statues to be placed together so that they can be enjoyed by the villagers”. The Council appreciates this donation greatly and will explore options when the legacy comes to bare.

- CE20/247** **Emergency Plan** – Cllr J Richardson will liaise with volunteers identified before Covid-19 to firm up the Emergency Plan. Regarding the Flood Plan, he has started this and will now follow up. At least 10 volunteers are needed to provide hands-on support in case of a flood emergency. Will update at next meeting.

D List left at this point

- CE20/248** **Highways and transport** – Roads sub-group have not met to date; will follow up after this meeting to produce report to send to NCC. Noted that gas works at Langham Drive have left the road surface in a poor state. Cllr King has been

liaising with Cllr N Brookes (NCC) regarding improvements to the A612 and cycle paths and will be contacting Balfour Beattie re potential funds from the Gedling Access Road for road improvements.

- CE20/249** **Rail crossings** – J Savage noted that a call had been received from a member of the public to report an emergency stop at the Nelson crossing. J Sherrin to contact Network Rail to enquire about the incident and to seek progress on planned investment to improve the crossing. Also to publicise in the Parish Magazine the need for greater vigilance when crossing the track there.
- CE20/250** **Art Trail** – Agreed that it would not be viable this year due to Covid-19 restrictions, but to consider it again next year.
- CE20/251** **Patient Participation Group** – Nothing to report.
- CE20/252** **Liaison with Burton Joyce Primary School** – Cllr T Hazard reported that the school has a waiting list of pupils. Also because it is now part of a wider Trust, it is able to share staff, which is of benefit.
- CE20/253** **Village Society** – Cllr Fife reported that a paper newsletter is being circulated to members, which includes a stance on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. Cllr Fife also attended the meeting with Tom Randall MP at the Grove in which changes to planning law were also raised by members of the Village Society. The AGM is on 3rd December 2020. J Sherrin noted that there were a number of subscriptions in the office for the treasurer to collect.
- CE20/254** **Information update** – No further information.
- CE20/255** **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday December 2nd at 11am, via Zoom.

Signed: _____
Chair of Communities Committee

Date: _____