

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7:30pm

Remote meeting via Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic

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

In attendance: Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Cllr Nicki Brooks (NCC)

MINUTES

- 21/1862 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Terry Hazard (Prior Engagement) and David Yates (Sick)
- 21/1863 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None
- 21/1864 **Minutes from previous meeting**
- i) Minutes of meeting February 2nd 2021 – unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
 - ii) Matters arising. Cllr Fife noted that the Parish Council's submission for the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan needed to be re-submitted as there had been a technical error at GBC. J Sherrin to action. Cllr Hyde noted that a further discretionary grant has been received for the closure of the Poplars Sports Ground during the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr Wright noted that further grants may be available specifically for Sports Grounds.
- 21/1865 **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** – No members of the public present
- 21/1866 **County Councillor's report** – Cllr Brooks reported on a successful meeting with residents of Willow Wong, NCC Highways and Rights of Way she had organised to address the issue of the road surface at the top of Willow Wong. A mutual agreement had been reached in which the residents and NCC would jointly fund the resurfacing of this stretch of road. Cllr Brooks has donated £500 from the Divisional Fund to the Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground as part of the fund-raising activities to apply for FCC funding – see item 21/1870 (i) below, for which she was thanked.
- 21/1867 **District Councillor's report** – No District Councillors present.
- 21/1868 **Finance matters**
- i) **Bills for Payment for February 2021** – Approved unanimously to pay
 - ii) **To approve Late Bills for Payment for February 2021** – Approved unanimously to pay
 - iii) **Income & Expenditure Summary to 31st January 2021** – Noted finances are on track following receipt of government discretionary grants to cope with income loss from the closure of the Poplars Sports Ground during the pandemic.
- 21/1869 **Correspondence** – Notification of the 21st March 2021 Census has been received. An information leaflet from the County Council, explaining riparian responsibilities and what to do in case of a flood had been received. Both these will be added to the Website. A press release from GBC regarding a successful FCC funding bid for Onchan Park in Carlton had also been received.

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Committees:

- (i) **Amenities:** Minutes of meeting held on 23rd February 2021 received and noted. Cllr King suggested that the Amenities Committee compile a list of items that need substantial work, which could be sourced from local developers. Agreed discussions should take place with STW in the first instance and then for a plan to be made. J Sherrin to contact J Jackson to request an on-site meeting.
Proposed and resolved unanimously to submit the FCC grant application for £100k for improvements to the Roberts Recreation Ground. Completed application form previously circulated. J Sherrin, as Responsible Finance Officer, to be the authorised signatory for the application.
Proposed and resolved unanimously to accept in principle the retention of 8-10' of the beech tree being felled in The Grove to enable a suitable carving to be commissioned as artwork for the park. J Sherrin has contacted 2 local sculptors. Cllr Brooks suggested contacting GBC's Parks Development Officer to ascertain who they use. Agreed for the chosen sculptor to discuss design ideas and short-list of designs to be circulated for public vote. Cllr Fife requested for the wood chippings to be delivered to the allotments if possible.
- (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meetings held on 11th February 2021. Received and noted.
- (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2021 received and noted.
Proposed and resolved unanimously to give delegated authority to Cllr R Ringham to negotiate best deal with the bowls mower and sports field mower supplier, in order to enable the early purchase of the bowls mower whilst delayed confirmation of the PWLB loan for the sports field mower is awaited.
- (iv) **Poplars Committee:** Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2021 received and noted. Poplars Committee currently responding individually to BJFC proposals. A Working Group of the Committee to meet to discuss the detail. Notes from 3G Steering Group meeting held on 18th February received and noted. Updated quote for repairs to sewage pump to be requested by D List. J Sherrin to review Poplars maintenance budgets to ascertain if this may be included in this financial year.
- (v) **Community Engagement:** No committee meeting held in February. Environment Working Group meeting held on 16th February 2021 - Environment / Biodiversity Plan reviewed and approved unanimously.
- (vi) **Old School Building Phase II Committee:** Article for The Magazine to provide update on status to be included in March edition.

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Main Street Gas Update – Cllr Brooks reported there are no dates from Cadent yet.

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Information update: Cllr King to contact local developers regarding their 'social value' obligations. Cllr Greenfield has queried the developers as to whether the grass verges by the Mill Field Close development will be re-instated after works complete, if so, request to be included in verge mowing regime.

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Date of next meeting: Tuesday April 6th at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 8:20pm

Signed: _____

Chair of the Parish Council

Date: _____