

## MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 11.00am  
On-line meeting via Zoom

### MINUTES

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

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) and D List (Grounds & Amenities Manager)

Cllr M Adams (GBC) and J Devonport (BJ Climate Change Group)

**CE21/271**      **Apologies for absence** - None

**CE21/272**      **Declaration of Councillors' interests for items on the agenda** - None

**CE21/273**      **Minutes of the previous meeting** – December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 – Unanimously approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair.

**CE21/274**      **Emergency Plan and Flood Plan** – Cllr J Richardson reported that progress with the Plans and seeking flood wardens was still stalled due to the pandemic. A training session had been organised by NCC in March 2020 but this had been cancelled. J Sherrin to get update on when this might recommence. It is estimated that around 10 wardens are required, covering areas both prone to flooding and in non-flood risk areas in the village. Despite Environment Agency information tending to be regarding the Trent, which cuts off roads such as Stoke Lane, the flooding mostly affecting homes is from surface water run-off and blocked drains, dykes and gullies. Cllr Adams reported that the Flood Group at GBC is trying to close the gaps in responses to flooding and holding direct discussions with the relevant departments and agencies including NCC, The Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water. Clearing leaves from blocked drains following a severe weather warning is effective and the recommendation is for anyone to report blocked drains and gullies to NCC on their Website or App. An information sheet for the whole of Gedling Borough is currently being drafted, based on the Environment Agency's 'Living on the Edge' which includes details of riparian responsibilities and ways for individual home owners to protect their homes from flooding. Longer term solutions to slowing water-flow during heavy downpours by the use of 'leaky dams' is something to be explored. Flood prevention packs are going to be acquired with the need for a central location in the village. Cllr Adams to send information to J Sherrin. Cllr Adams was thanked for his input and left at this point.

**CE21/275**      **Litter Picking and Bins** – Increased litter in the village due to more visitors and villagers walking near the riverside noted. Cllr Greenfield proposed that another Parish Council litter pick should be organised, in liaison with existing groups – the Wombles and the Anglers. Cllr Greenfield to contact the Wombles and J Sherrin

to contact the Anglers Group to ascertain their next planned litter-picks. Cllr Johnson to co-ordinate the Parish Council's litter pick. Once date set, J Sherrin to include in The Magazine. Noted that the bin at the back of the Nelson was unsightly and often over-flowing. Cllr Greenfield to discuss with pub staff. Cllr Fife noted the bin at the end of St Helen's Road had been knocked over and therefore removed. J Sherrin to find out when a replacement will be installed.

- CE21/276 Use of River Trent and Environs** – Noted that the condition of permissive paths was in a poor state due to recent heavy usage during the pandemic. Cllr L King suggested that a conversation with STW should be opened to explore how the Parish Council may collaborate with them, with the anticipation of growing numbers of users from the nearby housing developments. J Sherrin to contact STW.
- CE21/277 Climate Change Group** – Awaiting review of Plan circulated to Councillors. Decision required to enable short-term planting for spring. Working group to meet to discuss detail. To reconvene meeting with Wildlife Trust as soon as pandemic subsides.
- CE21/278 Green spaces** - Bulbs planting – to be reviewed with input from Wildlife Trust when possible.
- CE21/279 The Magazine** – Noted the 'Trades' edition has been printed and circulated. Cllrs Fife, King and Richardson to review the old 'Village Plan' (which has been superseded by the Neighbourhood Plan) and consider requirements to update it for inclusion with The Magazine in 'Welcome Packs' for new residents in the village.
- CE21/280 Highways and transport** - Main Street Gas Works – J Sherrin now has a direct contact with the Operations Area Manager at Cadent to make any enquiries. Recent update has been posted on Facebook. Cllr King suggested mitigations from the extreme disruption caused to the village be explored. Footpaths working group to send reports to J Sherrin to collate.
- CE21/281 Patient Participation Group** – No current updates.
- CE21/282 Liaison with Burton Joyce Primary School** – No current updates.
- CE21/283 Village Society** – No current updates.
- CE21/284 Information update** – Cllr Richardson raise concerns over the boat which is now half on dry land near the Fisherman's Car Park. Canals & Rivers Trust have been notified and are investigating. J Sherrin to find out latest actions.
- CE21/285 Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am

Meeting closed 12:15pm

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

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