

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday December 8th 2020 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, David Wright and David Yates.

In attendance: Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Cllr Nicki Brooks (NCC) Cllr Michael Adams (GBC) Steve Swann (The Magazine) and Insp. Chris Pearson (Nottinghamshire Police).

MINUTES

20/1821 **Apologies for absence** Cllr Terry Hazard

20/1822 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** – None

20/1823 **Minutes from previous meeting**

- i) To approve minutes of meeting November 10th 2020 – previously circulated
- ii) Matters arising (not covered by the agenda – for information only)

20/1824 **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)**

Steve Swann presented to the Parish Council his work to date in launching the new publication, *The Magazine*, following the decision by the St Helen's Parochial Church Council to cease publishing *The Parish Magazine*. The new publication will continue to cover the villages of Burton Joyce, Bulcote and Stoke Bardolph and will be run on a voluntary basis. The first publication, in January 2021 will be a full colour printed "Local Trades and Services Directory" which includes community contacts and will be delivered to every household in the 3 villages. The first of 4 printed *community news* editions will be published in March 2021 and will be delivered to those who have requested a copy. In addition, each month there will be an on-line magazine featuring the news and activities of the Parish Councils, schools, community groups and other local organisations, in which contributors can post their submissions directly onto a dedicated Website, with editorial control of the content posted. These will be available via an email request. There has been a high level of interest and support in continuing and improving this hub of local information. It is anticipated that the whole scheme will be self-financed. In the longer term there is the desire to re-institute the provision of a 'Welcome Pack' to all new residents to the village, which will include 'The Magazine' as well as an updated version of 'The Village Plan'.

Standing Orders were suspended and subsequently reinstated to allow Item 20/1830 to be brought forward for discussion at this point.

Unanimously agreed that posters for 'The Magazine' could be housed in the Parish Council's own noticeboard by the bus stop to help support the launch. At this point no funding support was required but could be at the second phase in creating a 'Welcome Pack'. J Sherrin to continue to liaise directly with S Swann regarding content from the Parish Council. S Swann was thanked sincerely for his hard work in getting 'The Magazine' up and running and for his time and commitment in this vitally important community project.

20/1825

Report from Nottinghamshire Police - Inspector Chris Pearson provided an update on policing activities for both the village and the borough. A total of 61 crimes have been reported between 1st April and 8th December in Burton Joyce, which represents a 22.7% reduction in the same period last year. There have been 8 burglaries (from dwellings and sheds) with no burglaries in the past 3 months; 4 auto crimes (theft of and from a motor vehicle) 3 incidents of shop lifting and 3 of criminal damage. Covid-19 and the increase in police staffing have resulted in an overall reduction of 40% in crime across Gedling. This is mirrored in other boroughs in the county. Known offenders have been targeted recently as part of the knife crime and drugs crimes operations. Regarding speeding on the A612, there has been an incident in which a member of the public was injured whilst videoing a speeding vehicle, which stopped and took the phone from them. The victim was treated for minor injuries. This is an ongoing investigation with the Robbery Team. Chris emphasised that resources are being put into the problem of speeding in the village and that trained staff are being allocated to monitor the issues and have the tools and equipment to do so. He therefore actively discourages members of the public from putting themselves in danger. On a recent operation on the A612, 10 drivers were reported for excessive speed. The Safety Camera Team is supporting their work and Chris hopes to have the Community Road Safety volunteers deployed as soon as it is safe to do so within Covid-19 restrictions. Chris was sincerely thanked for his informative input into the meeting.

Steve Swann and Insp Chris Pearson left at this point.

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County Councillor's report – Cllr N Brooks thanked Parish Council staff for the wonderful Christmas lights display and for organising the mini-switch-on in a Covid-safe way. There was no news to report regarding the gas works on Main Street. Regarding the coring / resurfacing of the A612, there are no imminent plans other than surface investigation. No response to date regarding superfast broadband information request. Despite objections to the Ashdale development of 11 new houses off Mill Field Close, the plans had been approved by GBC. Concern remained regarding the fact there were no objections from Highways, despite serious concerns regarding access to the development and pedestrian safety. A traffic survey will however be carried out once the development is completed and occupied. A speed camera on entering the village from the direction of the City has been requested as there have been many concerns raised regarding speeding. As described above, the police are supporting this through their speeding operations and are also working with the Highways Department. Cllr Brooks wished all a Happy Christmas.

20/1827

District Councillor's report – Cllr Smith (GBC) had given his apologies. Cllr M Adams reported that he is now the Chair of the GBC Flood Group and discussions have opened with some of the relevant agencies, including the staff who physically carry out the work during floods. Severn Trent Water have a Webinar briefing which provides contact information. Concerns regarding the danger of members of the public intervening in crimes dealt with by the Police were supported by Cllr Adams following the above incident of videoing a speeding vehicle. Parish Council staff were thanked for the great Christmas lights display and organising the mini-light-switch-on.

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Finance matters

- i) **Bills for Payment for November 2020** - Unanimously approved
- ii) **Late Bills for Payment for November 2020** – Unanimously approved

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Correspondence – Rural Community Action Nottingham

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Committees:

- (i) **Amenities:** Minutes of the meeting held on December 8th 2020 received and noted.
- (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meetings held on December 2nd 2020 received and noted.
- (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of the meetings held on 10th November and 3rd December 2020 received and noted.

- a. **Successful conclusion of External Audit** - noted
 - b. **Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground**
Proposed and resolved unanimously: To supplement any shortfall of funding raised by the Friends of Roberts' Recreation Ground to bring the balance to £10,750 to allow for application to FCC Community Action Fund, contingent on the group raising funds totalling £5k before the project commencement.
- (iv) **Poplars Sports Ground Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on 7th December received and noted. Cllr Ringham noted that all outdoor activities have recommenced following the second national lockdown.
- (v) **Community Engagement:** Minutes of meeting held on 2nd December received and noted.
- a. **Request from Climate Change Group considered** for Parish Council "to formulate a pledge to make all future planting and landscaping in village with pollinators in mind and to improve biodiversity as well as looking aesthetically pleasing". **Unanimously approved** with the addition of "where practicable".
 - b. **The Magazine** – Refer to item **20/1824** above.
- (vi) **Old School Building Phase II Committee:** No further change since November 2020.

20/1831 **Main Street Gas** – No update.

20/1832 **To review status of Parish Council facilities in light of Tier 3 restrictions** – Outdoor sports have re-commenced at the Poplars Sports Ground, but indoor room hire is not possible. The Parish Council Office remains closed to members of the public, but staff may be contacted by phone and email. Roberts Recreation Ground, The Cemetery, The Allotments and the Grove are all open, with 2m social distancing and appropriate Covid-19 signage in place.

20/1833 **Information update:** Burton Road junction at the Gedling Access Road works has re-opened. Lendrum Court demolition commenced.

20/1834 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday January 12th at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 8:35pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Parish Council

Date: _____