

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday 12th January 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, Laurence King, Nick Orders, John Richardson, David Wright and David Yates.

In attendance: Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Cllr Nicki Brooks (NCC) and Cllr Sam Smith (GBC)

MINUTES

- 20/1837** **Apologies for absence** Cllrs Jeanette Johnson (sick) and Terry Hazard (Zoom link issues)
- 20/1838** **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** None
- 20/1839** **Minutes from previous meeting**
- i) Minutes of meeting December 8th 2020 unanimously approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chair when possible.
 - ii) Matters arising (not covered by the agenda – None)
- 20/1840** **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** – No members of the public present
- 20/1841** **County Councillor's report** – Cllr Brooks noted that deer had been sighted on the A612 and it had been reported to highways. Discussions with Cadent regarding gas works indicated that other priorities were being dealt with before Main Street. Reports of flooding, following recent heavy rain, had been followed up by officers. Cllr Brooks volunteers at Netherfield food bank and in the week before Christmas over 1 tonne of donations had been received. Particular thanks are extended to the residents of Burton Joyce for their generous donations, which have a huge impact on those in need. Food is distributed to around 100 people and they are currently operating with just one third of volunteers due to the pandemic. Cllr Brooks and the group of volunteers were thanked by the Parish Council for all their hard work. Cllr King enquired on an update on superfast broadband. Cllr Brooks will chase up and report back.
- 20/1842** **District Councillor's report** – Cllr Smith reported that he and Cllr Adams had supported the village lunch group in providing Christmas Cobs, with funding through the GBC community grants. They have been resolving issues with blocked drains from the recent heavy rain. Due to the increased levels of litter from more visitors to the area, they have been ensuring the wardens are emptying the bins more frequently and carrying out litter picking during their periods of exercise. Cllr Smith has been supporting local businesses in accessing the new grants available in the 3rd lockdown and working with the local voluntary group in picking up prescriptions and proving support.
- 20/1843** **Finance matters**
- i) **Bills for Payment for December 2020** – Unanimously Approved
 - ii) **There were no late Bills for Payment for December 2020**
 - iii) **Income & Expenditure Summary to 31st December 2020** – Noted projections indicate that the accounts will break even, following successful grant applications to counteract income losses from the pandemic.
- 20/1844** **Correspondence**
- Two enquiries had been received from residents regarding budget setting for 2021/22 and CIL expenditure, both of which had been responded to by the Clerk.
- 20/1845** **Committees:**
- (i) **Amenities:** No meeting in January
 - (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meetings held on January 5th and 8th 2021 - Noted

- (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2021 received and noted.
- a) **Proposed and resolved unanimously** to approve Budget 2021-2 v6, with a precept of £188,709, equating to an increase of 4.9% or £5.84 per year for a Band D property. Form C to be signed by the Chair and 2 councillors when possible.
 - b) **Proposed and resolved unanimously** to purchase a replacement Bowls Green mower.
 - c) **Proposed and resolved unanimously** to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £42,000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the purchase of a replacement Sports Field Mower. The annual loan repayment will come to around £4,200.
 - d) **Proposed and resolved unanimously** for Cllr Y Greenfield to join the F&GP committee.
- (iv) **Community Engagement:** No meeting held in January.
- (v) **Old School Building Phase II Committee:** Cllr King provided the following statement: “This important project, that could benefit all 3,500 residents now and in future generations, remains on hold as we wait for constructive discussion and resolution on funding with the Trustees of the Old School Trust. Villagers should take the opportunity to read the ‘Grant Application to the Trust’, the ‘Presentation to Trustees Oct 2019’ and the groundwork document ‘The Neighbourhood Plan’ that set out the background, the cumulative work and deliberation, and concluding brief for the Old School Building site, all of which are available on the Parish Council’s Website”. This statement and the documents to be posted on the Website with immediate effect.

20/1846 **Main Street Gas Update** – As above

20/1847 **To review status of Parish Council facilities in light of latest Lockdown measures** – Cllr Orders noted that regrettably the Roberts Recreation Ground has been temporarily closed due to heavy recent usage combined with wet weather. The situation will be regularly monitored. The Poplars Sports Ground also remains closed during lockdown. The Grove remains open.

20/1848 **Information update:** Cllr Yates raised concerns regarding the numbers of visitors to the village during this current lockdown who were meeting in groups. Agreed that Cllr Brooks would highlight the problem to her contact in the police, as would Cllr Smith, requesting greater police presence at weekends. Noted any breaches should be reported to the police on 101.

20/1849 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday February 2nd at 7:30pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Parish Council

Date: _____