

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday November 10th 2020 at 7:30pm

Remote meeting via Zoom during Covid-19 Pandemic

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

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

MINUTES

20/1805 **Apologies for absence** Cllr David Wright (convalescing)

20/1806 **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None

20/1807 **Minutes from previous meeting**

- i) Minutes of meeting October 6th 2020 unanimously approved. To be signed by the Chair and returned to the Parish Council Office.
- ii) Matters arising – 'Harvest of Thanks' took place on weekend of 10th October in collaboration with GBC Councillors and St Helen's Church. Volunteers were thanked for their assistance.

20/1808 **Resignation of Cllr Jeanette Johnson from the posts of Vice Chair of the Parish Council, Vice Chair of the Finance & General Purpose Committee and Chair of the Communities Committee noted and accepted.** Cllr Johnson was thanked sincerely by Cllr Hyde for her hard work and support in these important roles. Cllr Johnson conveyed that it was with reluctance that she was standing down from these positions, but would continue to remain active within the Parish Council. Noted that the new Chair of the Communities Committee will be elected at the next meeting of that Committee.

20/1809 **Cllr Robin Ringham unanimously elected as Vice Chair to the Parish Council**

20/1810 **Cllr Robin Ringham unanimously elected as Vice Chair to the Finance & General Purpose Committee**

20/1811 **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** – No members of the public present.

20/1812 **County Councillor's report** – Cllr N Brooks reported that she had new issues to address in her case work, which had been a welcome challenge and that there was still no date for commencement of the gas works. She has supported residents in their objections to the proposed 'Ashdale' development and has signed a local petition to Robert Jenrick MP voicing concerns over the proposed radical reforms in the planning system. Cllr Brooks has donated £300 from NCC's Divisional Fund to the Parish Council for new Christmas lights in the Co-op car park tree, for which she was gratefully thanked. Cllr L King queried the re-surfacing of the Burton Road from the Barber's Shop to the Gedling Access Road. Cllr Brooks had not had reports to this effect, but said she would look into it. Cllr King also raised the issue of extending superfast broadband into Burton Joyce, which Cllr Brooks will enquire about. Cllr Fife noted that the issue of broadband had been raised in the submission to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.

Cllr S Smith arrived at this point

20/1813 **District Councillor's report** – Cllr Sam Smith reported that he and Cllr Adams had supported the Festival of Thanks in the village and laid a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, along with the Parish Council. In the absence of a supply of lamp-post poppies, they had obtained a template from the Royal British Legion and made 40 large poppies to display on lamp posts around the village. They intend to produce an additional 40 next year and will be donating funds to the RB Legion. The Councillors had submitted nominations for Lesley Greaves Estate Agent for the Business in the Community Award and the Village Lunch Group for the Outstanding Community Project Award in the Pride of Gedling Awards. The Village Lunch Group won their category and Lesley Greaves were runners up in theirs. Lesley Greaves were nominated for having donated £800 to the Parish Council's 'Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground' group, from 8 house sales to help fund improvements to the playground. Cllrs Smith and Adams have donated £300 from GBC's Community Grants to the Parish Council towards replacement Christmas trees to be mounted above the shops, for which they received grateful thanks. They have also sponsored a team at Burton Joyce Football Club. Liaison over litter picking and over-flowing bins with the Parks and Street Care Team at GBC continues.

20/1814 **Finance matters**

- i) **Bills and Late Bills for Payment for October 2020** - approved via email due to postponement of meeting in order to maintain 30-day payment obligation. Formally noted and approved unanimously.
- ii) **Income & Expenditure summary to end September 2020** – received and noted. Cllr Hyde highlighted that the Poplars Sports Ground faced another month with no income from the Football Club. Cllr Smith observed that further discretionary funds were to be received from Central Government by GBC. J Sherrin to liaise directly with Cllr Smith to follow up.

20/1815 **Correspondence**

- i) **NCC** – Lowdham Roundabout Consultation 2-22 November 2020. Noted this had been discussed at the Planning Committee meeting that immediately preceded this meeting. The conclusion had been to report that the Parish Council is supportive of the proposed changes to the plan. Cllr King raised concerns about the increased volume and speed of traffic through Burton Joyce that would result from the improved flow. Agreed that this point should be included in the consultation response. Cllr Richardson requested figures regarding current and future traffic volumes on the A612. Cllr Brooks noted that this would not be possible or be a true reflection during the current Covid pandemic, but could be explored in the summer. Cllr Hyde noted the growing need for traffic calming measures in the village centre.
- ii) **GBC** – Dog Fouling Order – Noted

Cllr N Brooks left at this point

20/1816 **Committees:**

- (i) **Amenities:** Minutes of the meeting held on October 6th 2020 received and noted.
 - a) **Proposed and resolved unanimously:** To approve felling of diseased Beech Tree subject to 3 quotes being sought. Delegated authority to be given to the Chair of Amenities to approve supplier on receipt of the 3 quotes due to the urgent nature of the works required. Cllr S Smith offered to fund replacement trees. J Sherrin to liaise directly with Cllr Smith to follow up.
 - b) **Proposed and resolved unanimously:** Following receipt of quotations from 3 suppliers, to accept quote from [Supplier A] to supply and fit new slide and tunnels in Roberts Recreation Ground at a cost of £5,725.15.
- (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meetings held on 20th October 2020 received and noted.

- (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on 12th October received and noted. Agreed that formulating a strategic direction was important and should be pursued once lockdown has ended and it is possible to meet face to face.
- (iv) **Poplars Sports Ground Committee:** October minutes received at last Full Council.
- (v) **Community Engagement:** Minutes of meeting held on 7th October 2020 received and noted. Agreed that “20 Actions Parish Councils Can Take” should be considered as part of wider strategy formulation.
- (vi) **Old School Building Phase II Committee:** No meeting held in October. Cllr T Hazard proposed that part of the development of the site could incorporate a remembrance garden for the Covid-19 crisis.

20/1817 **Main Street Gas Update** – As above.

20/1818 **To review status of Parish Council facilities in light of 5th November 2020 Lockdown** – Noted that the Poplars Sports Ground has been temporarily closed due to the cessation of all non-elite sports during the second lock-down.

20/1819 **Information update:** Liaison with Steve Swann regarding the future of the Parish Magazine since the passing of its editor, Lynn Turner was reported. Steve has published on Village Facebook that he intends to give the magazine a new identity – ‘The Magazine’ and continue its production mostly in electronic form, but also 3-4 hard copies per year. The team of volunteers currently involved in its distribution will be maintained. Excess income will be used for charitable purposes within the village. As the new editor Steve wishes to develop and continue the close working relationship with the Parish Council. J Sherrin to invite Steve to next Community Engagement Committee meeting to plan a way forward.

20/1820 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday December 8th 2020 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 8:45pm

Signed: _____
Chair of the Parish Council

Date: _____