

**MINUTES OF NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Paul Sharpe, Sue Ponting, Sam Kearn, Ben Fern, Keith Bonser

The Clerk Sue Lewis and County Councillor Andy Brown and Borough Councillors Cary's Thomas and Lesley Way were also present

**19/PC/134**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Stuart Sleight and Kevin Shaw (RBC) reasons given and approved

**19/PC/135**      **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**19/PC/136**      **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 – PAGES 29-32**

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith      Seconded Cllr Ben Fern**  
**Agreed Unanimously**

**A) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (NOT INCLUDED IN THIS AGENDA) INFORMATION ONLY.**

19/PC/126 Clerk reported that Soar Valley Bus have agreed to a defibrillator going on the bus building therefore an application for funding will go to Cllr Andy Brown under his Councillors Divisional Fund at the beginning of April.

19/PC/127 – Highway & Traffic Matters. The Clerk reported that she had written to the Boat Club and they have agreed to clear the dyke.

**19/PC/137**      **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a resident who had contacted the Police on 101, they were asked for their post code, and were then directed to Leicestershire Police, even though they told the operator that they are in Nottinghamshire, it then took over 15minutes to get put through to Nottinghamshire Police. A letter of complaint has been sent to Paddy Tipping, Police and Crime Commissioner to date no acknowledgment has been received.

**19/PC/138**      **POLICING MATTERS INCLUDING COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The Clerk reported that an advert has been circulated for a Speed Watch Co-ordinator but so far there have been no takers.

**19/PC/139**      **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Carys Thomas reported:

- At the Cabinet meeting the budget had been set at the maximum limit.
- She had attended an Emergency Planning Session and that there is a register for vulnerable residents in times of flooding to access sandbags, STW also have a register for water bottles.
- HS2 – 3 sites have been clumped together for development – Power Station/Toton/Airport.

- All Borough Councillors have been lobbied on fireworks and the noise effect on animals

Councillor Andy Brown reported

- The County Council tax rate is expected to go up by 1.99%, 2% for adult social care, Fire Authority 1.95%. The Police part of the budget is to go up by £10 across the board part of costs to be met from disposal of other property.
- £28million is to be spent on refurbishing County Hall, this will be a 5-year project, part of costs to be met from disposal of other property.
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- A new Assistant Chief Officer for the Fire Authority has been appointed.

#### **19/PC/140      TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Nothing to report

#### **19/PC/141      TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON REDESIGNING THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Chairman reported that the website was just about ready to be relaunched and that there were just few items that needed looking at for example calendar and contact details.

It was also agreed to keep the .co.uk domain name which enables us to have adverts on the website

#### **19/PC/142      TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER IF ANY PROJECTS FOR NCC LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME** <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-budget/local-improvement-scheme/capital-fund>

Cllr Paul Sharpe reported that he had investigated various projects for which we could apply for funding, but we would have to match fund it and demonstrate the need.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to ask our Rushcliffe Borough Councillors for money through their grant scheme for the ferry information board.

#### **19/PC/143      TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The Chairman gave an update on the finances and reported that:

- Expenses were up due to drainage repairs and legal fees.
- Estimated that there will be a £2800 surplus which is mainly from the income of the Ferry and Jubilee Field

#### **19/PC/144      TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:**

- **FERRY** - There is a meeting next week for volunteers. It was agreed to leave the ferry maintenance now until the end of the season which gives plenty of time to organise.
- **ALLOTMENTS** – There is only one allotment now with outstanding rent. A small piece of rough ground at the allotment needs clearing brambles it was suggested a working party be set up to clear the plot.
- **PLAYING FIELDS** – Still no reply from Mark Walton at VIA, Clerk to chase and request an extra cut.
- **VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Nothing to report

- **DRAINAGE** – Far Lane We understand that STW have contractors dealing with this and that a new dyke is to be installed.
- **GRASS CUTTING** – Nothing to report.
- **TREE PLANTING SCHEME** – Waiting to hear from Nottinghamshire County Council re planting of trees on Butt Lane.
- **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS** – Arrangements are going well with various events arranged with Sutton Bonington, with the main event being here in Normanton.
- **NOTICEBOARD** – It was agreed to publish a set of minutes on the noticeboard on Moor Lane

**19/PC/145      TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2020**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
002016	Dave Smith	2000 Doggy Bags	40.25
002017	Royal British Legion	50 x Poppies	150.00
002018	Salary	January	251.87
002019	HMRC	PAYE	62.80
002020	Ladybug Services	Planting of trees/hedge quicks	130.00
002021	Sarah Sleight	Ferry Phone Line	120.00
002022	Notts County Council	Landscaping Contract 1/1/20-31/3/20	367.16
002023	Dave Smith	4 x Posts (Harlow Bros)	69.55
002024	Sue Lewis	Expenses (Stationer/Postage)	30.30
002025	Jubilee Hall Comm	VE Day Expenses (CDF)	400.00
			<b>1621.93</b>

**Receipts**

		<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
16/01/20	Mr G Parnell	Allotment 6 Rent	50.00
15/01/20	H Turner	Allotment 7 Rent	50.00
22/01/20	J Hellier	Allotment 1 & 4 Rent	100.00
23/01/20	NCC	Councillors Divisional Fund	400.00
			<b>600.00</b>

**19/PC/146      TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Stella Trussler, Nottinghamshire County Council – Invitation for Chairman and members to attend the VE Day Service of Commemoration and Remembrance at Southwell Minster on 10 May – Noted

2. Streetwise Environmental Limited – Great British Spring Clean 2020 – To be an Agenda Item in March

**19/PC/147**      **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Ben Fern circulated a paper that he had prepared on setting up a Community Environment Group. Following a discussion it was agreed that it be an Agenda item on the meeting in March.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.