

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2020 7.00PM**

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

The Clerk Sue Lewis, Borough Councillors Lesley Way and Kevin Shaw were also present

20/PC/017 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Sue Ponting, Stuart Sleight, County Cllr Andrew Brown and Cllrs Carys Thomas reasons give and approved

20/PC/018 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

20/PC/019 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH JULY 2020 – PAGES 1-6**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith

Seconded Cllr Keith Bonser

Agreed Unanimously

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

20/PC/020 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Normanton House, Butt Lane – several complaints have been received about building work being carried out, Planning at Rushcliffe have been contacted and they have confirmed that the work is permitted development and does not need planning permission.

20/PC/021 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- **UPDATE ON RATCLIFFE ON SOAR POWER STATION**

Cllr Kevin Shaw

- Over the last 2/3 months several Scrutiny Groups and the Planning Committee have met which has approved a massive Porsche garage/showroom at Wheatcroft Island, Edwalton.
- The Community Scrutiny group will be meeting to consider a proposal put forward by me to ban fire works and the equality scheme.
- Briefing have been held on law changes regarding planning.
- Rushcliffe Budget in a mess due to a loss of income the projections are £1.8 -£3.4 million deficit, the Community Fund is still continuing.
- Remembrance Sunday - the Borough as a whole have decided against having Remembrance Sunday in normal format due to Covid and there is some controversy over refusing to buy plastic copies, British Legion are trying to work on an alternative, no street collections this year.

Cllr Lesley Way

My Community Fund is untouched so have full quota left if there are any other projects

Cllr Andy Brown via the Chairman

- Confirmation received that NCC/VIA are going to install the flashing lights at the school in third quarter of the financial year plus the Signs for unsuitable HGVs and redo all gateway signs coming in to the village.
- There is a possibility that Andy Brown may be able to obtain funding for new picture gateway signs coming in to village if we can put some costings together
 - Ratcliffe Power Station – not going to planning until New Year. Kingston on Soar Ratcliffe on Soar, Gotham, Barton and Thrumpton are all against the incineration plant being built on the site

20/PC/022 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

The mobile speed camera has been put in the village by the Village Hall and Sutton Bonington have agreed that we can have it for 4 weeks on a regular basis.

Policing Stakeholder Newsletter and Crime Figures circulated.

Highways - drainage on Main Street plans have been agreed but we are waiting for the contractors date when they are going to start, the last correspondence received was that they are going to do it before the end of the financial year. Cllrs Andrew Brown is chasing up an exact date. The ditch is going to be dug out from approx cross the road from No. 5 Main Street down towards the corner and will be concrete lined and left as an open ditch.

Ruth Edwards, MP - Her assistant has been in contact to seek the Parish Council views on flooding in the village which will be taken forward.

20/PC/023 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLAN – GROWTH OPTIONS CONSULTATION

It was agreed to discuss this item further down the Agenda when Cllr Cary's Thomas joins the meeting.

20/PC/024 TO AGREE THE UPDATED ALLOTMENTS AGREEMENT AND INCREASE IN ADMIN FEE

The Chairman reported that the main items that had been changed were no large fruit trees to be planted without permission from the council, allotment holders responsible for anyone who is present on the allotment plus refundable deposits and to take their own rubbish and not to use large bins at the hall. A map to be included in the agreement and the admin fee to be increased

It was proposed to accept the new Allotment Agreement plus the increase in Admin fee going forward

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously

20/PC/025 TO RECEIVE A QUOTATION FOR REMOVAL OF IVY OFF THE WALLS ON VILLAGE ROAD

A resident has contacted the Parish Council with regard to a problem with rats coming from the River, he has cleared the shrubbery on his walls but as its common land and owned by the Parish Council we need to get our bit cut back as well. A quote has been received from Ladybug Garden Services for £280. Brambles to be left at the end.

Cllr Keith Bonser declared an interest in this item and took no further part in the discussion and vote.

It was agreed to accept the quote.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Ben Fern
Agreed by 4 in favour with 1 abstention**

7.28pm Cllr Carys Thomas joined

20/PC/026 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

- **FERRY – INFORMATION BOARD** – Applications to Borough Council for funding under Community Fund.
- **PLAYING FIELDS – RE-OPENING & TARMACING OF PIECE OF LAND - AT SIDE OF THE VILLAGE HALL** - The Village Hall is opening with smaller events this week, the overflow car park drainage and resurfacing has been completed, but a piece of land at the side of hall could do with being tarmaced as it has been hardcore and drained for couple of years and is full of weeds, a quote has been provided by the contractors who resurfaced the overflow car park - £3872, this piece of land is basically to service the allotments and the playing but do not think the Jubilee Field should be responsible to pay for it. Do we as a council want to fund this?
 - Following a discussion, it was agreed to carry this item forward to next year and discuss with the Jubilee Field to see if they will part fund it.
- **VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – If funding is received from the Borough Councils we can request an article to be published
- **DRAINAGE** - Mentioned above.
- **GRASS CUTTING** – Contact Mark Walton re spraying contact details
- **TREE PLANTING – LETTER FROM PAUL PHILIPS, RBC** – Annual Letter from Paul Philips it was agreed to apply for the trees and replace the dead trees on the field.
- **BUS SHELTER A6006 – UPDATE** – This was reported a few weeks ago and a response has been received informing the council that they want to take bus shelter away as it is not being used. It was agreed to fight to keep the shelter.
- **FLOOD WARDEN SCHEME** – It was agreed that Cllrs Dave Smith and Sue Pointing attend the course for training to put the signs out in the event of flooding.
- **UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP** – The next edition of the newsletter has been sent out with a result of recruiting new volunteers, The September Spring Clean for the village is to be tied in with another couple of jobs planned for the 13th September. Streetwise are to drop off litter pickers and bags to Cllr Ben Fern with East Leake Parish Council loaning their High Viz jackets.

20/PC/023 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLAN – GROWTH OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Carys Thomas had previously met with members from Stanford on Soar Parish Council to discuss this plan and notes had been circulated.

Cllr Cary Thomas gave a brief description of the area R17 in the plan. The study done is that they have gone round Nottinghamshire and randomly picked this bit of land and said you can put a new settlement there! The whole plan is about providing housing for Nottingham and will effect residents in Normanton and the roads will be impacted by it.

It was agreed to object to Strategic Plan and if councillors have any further objections to make along with the those already listed please let the Clerk know by Sunday 13th September.

20/PC/027 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 2020 & REVIEW BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
002063	Ladybug Services	Mowing Verges	236.00
002063	Ladybug Services	Mow/Strim of Village Hall & Play Equipt	51.00
002064	Salary	June Salary	251.67
002065	HMRC	PAYE	63.00
002066	John Ollivere	Website Management	90.00
002067	Sue Lewis	Zoom Subscription	14.39
002068	N Thompson	Clearing of Ivy etc at Allotments	55.00
			761.06

Changing of Bank – Clerk is working her way through filling the form for Unity Bank and is just waiting for councillor contact details to progress.

Budget – up to end of June we are ahead of the budget, the reason being the main items is £2800 in surplus part of which £1500 is the funding for Covid but this may be repayable, £200 donation from the village shop towards seat and the rest mainly down to expenses which are down eg grass cutting and the Sutton Bonington Playscheme and expenses for the AGM, we will have a better idea at the end of the next quarter.

20/PC/028 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY

None

20/PC/029 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY

- A complaint has been received about the parking of cars at a weekend when the Kegworth Imps have a match on Moor Lane that the cars are obstructing the pavement. Two emails have been sent to the club asking them to put up 'no parking' signs on the road or failing that inform visiting teams etc not to park on the road but use the car park.
- Complaints have been received that people using the slipway are not properly equipped – and that a sign needs to go up saying 'people use the slipway at their own risk' plus no parking signs except for loading and unloading, the Plough are happy for the signs to go up on their outside wall - agreed
- The Clerk is having one or two problems with emails – do we want to change the provider? We have looked into costs with John Ollivere who has sent out costings which the Clerk will forward and it will be agenda item at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.