

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2020 7.00PM**

Present: Cllrs Dave Smith (Chairman), Sue Ponting, Sam Kearn, Ben Fern,

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

20/PC/030 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Keith Bonser, Paul Sharpe and Andrew Brown, reasons given and accepted.

20/PC/031 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

20/PC/032 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd SEPTEMBER 2020 – PAGES 7-10**

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

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

20/PC/033 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported

- The Mobile Speed Camera outside the Village Hall will be moved in the next fortnight when the batteries are changed.
- Allotment Rents Invoices have all been sent out
- Application for 10 trees und the Tree Scheme has been submitted
- Emails have been sent to all bus companies using the bus stop at the end of Moor Lane, so far one reply has been received.

The Chairman reported:

- That he has received the rest of the old parish council records from Jenny's family.
- Thank Ben and the Environment groups for their efforts around the village at the weekend
- Ladybug Garden Services have cleared the ivy on the left hand side of Village Road but there is now a problem with the right hand side with brambles going in to the property – Another quote was received of £280 to clear the rest. - Agreed.

20/PC/034 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Carys Thomas reported:

- Energy from Waste Plant, Ratcliffe on Trent Power Station is going to the Planning

Committee at Rushcliffe next Thursday where they will be passing on their opinions to the County Council – if you wish to respond please send them to both Rushcliffe and NCC

- The Ward Councillors have submitted their response to changes on the current planning system, biggest changes is the way they calculate the housing numbers which may mean Rushcliffe have to build more houses.
- An Electoral Review is in progress for Ward Boundaries to balance all the ward numbers so each councillor has the same number of voters per ward member.
- Communities Scrutiny Committee meets next Wednesday which may be of interest as they will be discussing flooding and drainage and the Rushcliffe Nature Strategy

Cllr Andrew Brown

- School flashing lights and HGV unsuitable for using this road signs are to be put up in the next quarter.

20/PC/035 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Clerk has received email from RVSGA confirming they will not be holding a virtual meeting in October but are seeking requests and comments – email circulated

STW – The Chairman is still chasing through Ross (NCC) and STW have passed on a letter to NCC confirming they hope to commence the work in the near future. The Chairman will send them all the information he has including photographs and videos.

20/PC/036 TO ADOPT A RETENTION POLICY

It was agreed to adopt the Retention Policy

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Ben Fern

20/PC/037 UPDATE ON WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

An email has been received from the Web Master informing that the website needs updating with the latest legislation, a quote has been received of £50 to update which was accepted . Latest requirement sent to all councillors.

20/PC/038 TO CONSIDER APPLYING FOR FLOOD RESILIENCE GRANT

Rushcliffe Borough have set up a Community Flood Resilience Store Grant, the grant is up to £1050 to help provide flood protection resources directly into communities. It was agreed to apply for the grant and a resident has offered to store any sandbags, signs etc purchased with the grant.

20/PC/039 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM VILLAGE NEWS FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE

The Chairman reported that an email had been received from the Village News requesting additional grant assistance towards printing of the next few months newsletter as the company who they normal use cannot do it for the time being due to Covid. Three quotes were received but were much higher.

Following a discussion it was agreed to a grant £150.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Sam Kearn

20/PC/040 TO DISCUSS PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Some years ago there were lights in the trees opposite the Plough, which no longer work. – do you want lights in the tree? The Chairman has spoken to Blachere Lighting and there may be extra cost of closing the road and hiring a cherry picker but they would be in the tree permanently, I understand the cost of the lights would be approx. £400. East Leake Parish Council are planning to do similar and there may be an opportunity to share the cost of the call out. The Chairman is meeting with Danial from Blachere to discuss more detailed quotes.

7.31pm Cllr Stuart Sleight joined the meeting.

20/PC/041 TO AGREE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PAY SCALES, 2.75% INCREASE BACKDATED TO 1st APRIL 2020

It was agreed to adopt the new pay scales.

20/PC/042 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

- **FERRY – INFORMATION BOARD** – The Chairman thanked the Borough Councillors for the grant towards a new information board. So far the ferry takings for August and September based on working one shift a day has raised £421, the same period last year £562.
- **PLAYING FIELDS** – Following the report from RoSPA, new boards need to be ordered from Wicksteed for the multiplay, keys are also needed for lifting the old board.
- **VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Article on litter pick plus photographs and thank you to Borough Councillors for grant money
- **DRAINAGE** – See above
- **GRASS CUTTING** – no issues, Clerk to chase NCC re spraying of weeds.
- **TREE PLANTING** – Trees ordered for Butt Lane but do need to replace 3 dead trees on the hall field that have died – Agreed to DS to sort
- **BUS SHELTER A6006 – UPDATE** Reported issue of bus shelter and now considering what to do with it. Asking for update on usage of bus shelter. Clerk has written to several bus companies requesting the data.
- **FLOOD WARDEN SCHEME** – Cllrs names submitted to NCC/Via but no information received back.
- **UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP** – Banks in village hall car park seeded, newsletter to go out imminently and Leicestershire County Council along the Wildlife Trust have been running sessions for parish councils trying to involve what can be done in villages to nurture nature. Ben has joined in one and found it interesting.
- **RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICY** – Details reviewed but Ferry not mentioned in the policy which is being followed up. Slight increase of £9.92. It was agreed to pay.

20/PC/043**TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 2020 & REVIEW BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Cheque No	Payee		Amount
002070	Details	Mowing Verges	472.00
002070	Ladybug Services	Mow/Strim of Village Hall & Play Equipt	51.00
002070	Ladybug Services	Removal of Ivy, Village Road	280.00
002070	Ladybug Services	Cutting of Playing Field inc allotment	395.00
002071	Salary	June Salary	292.93
002072	HMRC	PAYE	73.20
002073	BHIB	Insurance Renewal	777.16
002074	Sue Lewis	Zoom Subscription	14.39
002075	Sue Lewis	Expenses	36.27
002076	Dave Smith	Tree Stakes & Ties	6.95
DD	PWLB	Loan Repayment	1292.27
002077	Grasshopper Hosting	Accessibility Report - Website	50.00
			3741.17

Receipts

		Details	Amount
03/09/20	RBC	Community Fund (Ferry Board Art)	195.00
17/09/20	RBC	Community Fund (Ferry Board)	745.00
5/09/20	Paul Sharpe	Ferry Takings	193.00
23/09/20	Lee Kemp	Advertising Fee for Website	30.00
030/09/20	J McGoldrick	Allotment Rent (5)	50.00
			1213.00

Clerk still in process of filling all details in the form for changing bank.

20/PC/044**TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Nottinghamshire Live Heroes Awards 2020 – Nominations requested.
2. David Ovidia, Chairman of the RSVCSG - invite to contribute thoughts through emails - circulated

20/PC/045**ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

- Trees on open space on Moor Lane have some dead branches

- Tree on Far Lane opposite no. 25/27 Far Lane touching the overhead wires – Clerk to report
- Cllr Ben Fern reported that he had received a few of complaints from local residents who did not know anything about the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, which was published on Facebook and the website. Cllr Carys Thomas reported that it is not the Parish Council's or Rushcliffe Borough Councils job to publish this. If any more information is received it will be widely publicised.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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