

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2020 7.00PM**

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

The Clerk Sue Lewis, Borough Councillors Lesley Way and Carys Thomas and County Councillor Andrew Brown were also present

20/PC/046 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Ben Fern, Stuart Sleight and Kevin Shaw reasons given and accepted

20/PC/047 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

20/PC/048 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1st OCTOBER 2020 – PAGES 11-15**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting
Agreed Unanimously

20/PC/049 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- The donation of £150 requested by the Village News was paid from the out of Covid Community Fund
- The renewal Insurance Renewal Premium as reported in last month's minutes has been reduced from £777.16 to £580.03
- Following the monthly check of the defibrillators in the village a new battery and pads were purchased for the phone box defibrillator.

20/PC/050 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Andy Brown reported that:

- The County Council has been looking at ways of reducing the risk of flooding in the Far Lane / Moor Lane / Main Street area for a number of years now and, despite a number of hurdles has identified a proposal that will help improve the situation. In the meantime Severn Trent are due in November to do root clearance & jetting of the drain by a specialist contractors, this work will not affect the plans for an open channel but it does mean the system should work more effectively in the meantime.

Cllr Carys Thomas reported:

- Officers are very busy with Covid restrictions, precautions, and grants. Details of support available for lockdown will be out soon.
- Planning on 8 Oct - I spoke against the Ratcliffe on Soar incinerator - mostly on account of the amount of CO2 it will put into the atmosphere. It was supported by a majority, however. It will be decided by NCC Planning Committee – in Feb I understand.

- Development Corporation to grow the East Midlands economy by developing at EMA, RoS Power station site, Toton. Work is ongoing – a report is going to cabinet next week and then to December council. Rushcliffe will be supporting "the interim vehicle" financially for 3 years along with other councils. This is while the Development Corporation is being set up.
- We got agreed earlier in the year that there would be a publicity campaign about impact of noisy fireworks on people and animals. It hasn't been very prominent, but the message has been going out.

20/PC/051 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Speed camera results are still awaited as the person who does the downloading has just come back from holiday.

The drain on the corner of Butt Lane has been reported Nottinghamshire County Council.

Following the reporting of an incident on Butt Lane the police have requested pictures of the vans involved plus their registration numbers.

20/PC/052 TO DISCUSS INFORMATION RECEIVED ON VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGNS

The Chair referred to quotes received earlier in the month and circulated to members, for two signs one both ends of village £6,300 of which Cllr Andy Brown has contributed to. We may get a reduction in Installation costs plus the artwork costs. We are £2600 light on funding which we need to find out of budgets

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Sam Kearn would coordinate the images for the signs which may save some money. If we are short on funds, the Jubilee Field Committee have said they would contribute towards it. It was agreed to go ahead.

RESOLUTION

That with the help of funding from the Jubilee Committee and Cllr Andy Brown it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase and installation of the village gateway signs.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe

20/PC/053 TO DISCUSS PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas lights in the past have been in tree opposite the plough. A quote has been received to fix permanent lights in the tree opposite pub and large walnut tree outside village hall. The cost of the lights in trees approx. £4000 including fitting. As the cost is above £750 a second quote was required and 2880 exc vat

RESOLUTION

It was agreed in principle to purchase and erect Christmas light with the help of a contribution from the Jubilee Field Committee.

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Sue Ponting

20/PC/054 TO SET A DATE TO DISCUSS 2021/2022 BUDGET

Thursday 26th November to discuss the budget at 7.00pm

20/PC/055 TO DISCUSS GIGABITE BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME
(<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/better-broadband-for-nottinghamshire-programme/nottinghamshire-gigabit-broadband-voucher>)

The Chair reported that certain parts of the village is not covered by fibre broadband and Nottinghamshire County Council have a 'Voucher Scheme' where you get so much per household towards capital costs of putting it in.

It was agreed in principle to try and get the rest of the village covered by fibre to the property. Cllr Sam Kearn agreed to investigate it.

20/PC/056 TO DISCUSS COVID-19 AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED

As you are aware, we had grant earlier in the year from first lockdown which was hardly used, do we of anyone know who might need assistance. The school has been contacted but no reply received. If you know anyone, please contact the Clerk especially families who have been hit by redundancy and may be struggling.

20/PC/057 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

- **FERRY – ARTWORK FOR NEW NOTICEBOARD** – Cllrs Dave Smith Paul Sharpe has agreed to put together the text for the board and Cllr Sam Kearn the design/artwork. Cllr Stuart Sleight to investigate ferry repairs, such as shot blasting. Cllr Keith Bonser knows a person at Gotham who may be able to do it and ideally, we need it painted at the same time.
- **PLAYING FIELDS** – Play Equipment parts ordered. £200 has been donated by the community shop for seat to be sited by the play equipment for parents to sit on – Cllr Sue Pointing to investigate a suitable seat. The tree commemorating Jenny was planted during last lockdown and a quote has been received for a plaque. Once completed the family will be contacted.
- **VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Next deadline in Jan/Feb
- **DRAINAGE** – As above
- **GRASS CUTTING** – An extra cut has been requested and the Clerk to chase up about the weed spraying
- **BUS SHELTER A6006 – UPDATE** – reply received from Soar Valley bus who do not pick up from that stop.
- **FLOOD WARDEN SCHEME** – It was suggested that there may be others in the village who may wish to take this up – Cllr Paul Sharpe to put invitation request on to Facebook, website and noticeboards once the jetting of the drain has been carried out if needed.
- **UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP** – In the absence of Cllr Ben Fern the Clerk read out his report and a suggestion was made that there could be space for more trees in corner of playing field or strip. It was agreed that we need to see the slides referred to in the report before making any suggestions.

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

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
2080	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing, Strimming & Clearing	739.00
2081	NCC	Landscaping Contract	378.14
2082	Community Heartbeat	Battery & Pads for Defibrillator	324.00
2083	Salary	Oct Salary	258.23
2084	PAYE	HMRC	64.60
2085	Sue Lewis	Zoom Subscription	14.39
2086	D Smith	Cable ties for poppies	18.00
			1796.36

Receipts

		Details	Amount
5/10/20	P Sun	Allotment Rent (9)	50.00
5/10/20	P Sharpe	Ferry Takings	295.50
5/10/20	Plough	Website Advertising	100.00
.	J Derbyshire	Allotment Rent (3)	50.00
30/10/20	NCC	Cllr Divisional Fund - Village Entry Signs	3700.00
			4195.50

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Keith Bonser

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**TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –
INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Email from Village News appreciation letter for £150 grant.
2. Email from Kegworth Imps informing the council that hedge is to be cut imminently and they are aware of the parking problems and are trying to address them.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council – Recovery Action Plan – Advertise on Noticeboard, circulate to members.

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

None

The meeting closed at 8.10pm