

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

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

The Clerk Sue Lewis and County Councillor Andrew Brown were also present

20/PC/061 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Stuart Sleight and Sue Ponting and Rushcliffe Borough Councillors Carys Thomas, Lesley Way and Kevin Shaw reasons given and approved

20/PC/062 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

20/PC/063 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH
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Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously

Seconded Cllr Keith Bonser

20/PC/064 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported:

- Following receipt of a complaint about large structures being built on the paddock of Normanton House, the Enforcement Officer at Rushcliffe was contacted, and he confirmed it was permitted development.
- Reply received from Environment Agency following a complaint in July about erosion of the flood bank and the repair work will be carried out next year. The Pennywort along the bank was sprayed last week.
- Pest Control, RBC have been contacted about a complaint of rats near the school.
- Letter of thanks sent to Jubilee Committee for their contribution towards the Christmas lights.
- Several emails received from a resident on flooding offering help to solve the problems.

The Chairman reported

- ST were coming out to clear the culvert in November, but they never arrived. Cllr Andy Brown sent an email to chase and we understand they are coming out next week to clear out tree roots and are to install open dyke.

20/PC/065 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Borough Council

- Rushcliffe officers continue to be deeply involved with COVID related work, including distribution of grants. The grants available from government change frequently and businesses needing support are advised to check the Rushcliffe Website to see what is available.

- The Rushcliffe budget position is looking a bit healthier, and constant work being done on this as changes in the COVID rules impacts on both income and expenditure. The capital plans for the Bingham Leisure Centre and new Crematorium at Stragglethorpe are going ahead.
- Free trees are being delivered to households requesting them.
- At East Leake Parish Council there has been a change of Chair and Clerk and councillor vacancies are being filled, along with the post of Assistant Clerk. Congratulations to Sue Lewis on becoming the Clerk.

Cllr Andy Brown

Each year we have severe weather information details sent to us with a list of numbers, if you have an emergency in the village etc please contact me. Numbers are not for public use.

In conversation with the CEO at ST it seems to have hit home as a few hours after receiving email things have started to move.

20/PC/066 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Mobile Speed Camera – there have been issues of getting results due to software being out of date, however traffic movement through the village when cameras were facing towards Stanford were 8400 vehicles going through the village. On the week commencing 27 August to 7 September the percentage speeding is 26.5% with the highest being 70mph. On average there are not many speeding. There are other ways of monitoring the speed such as the Police speed but we would have to meet certain criteria, which would be done by an official survey.

Cllr Andy Brown reported that NCC are hoping to fit average speed cameras on A6006 from Rempstone to Zouch in the New Year.

20/PC/067 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

- **FERRY** – The Ferry is to be sandblasted and the steel measured to check the thickness and the chain ferry chain is to be tested for weaknesses etc. Clerk to check if there is a weight bearing load for the chain. The estimate received for shotblasting the ferry is £700 and hopefully it will be taken out of the water and taken down to Redhill Marina over Christmas and the New Year – Agreed to accept the estimate.
- **PLAYING FIELDS** – Bits to repair equipment received.
- **VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Item on update on drainage and flooding
- **DRAINAGE** – Several emails received from a resident on Far Lane who is willing to offer his services to help with the drainage. Chairman to visit him and bring him up to date.
- **GRASS CUTTING** – Noting to report
- **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – The lights on the 'conker' tree have been erected and well received by residents and the Village Hall tree lights will be installed tomorrow
- **UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP** – Woodland areas - problem is finding appropriate space for planting trees, more investigation is needed and suggested check with landowners/agents to see who owns what land. Keith to speak to Jamie Mather, Agents.
- **BETTER BROADBAND SCHEME** – *email previously circulated.* Thanks to Cllr Sam Kearn for information. The Chairman has spoken to Callum Jones from NCC and he is happy for the Parish Council to apply for the money. The 59 names on the list are properties which do not get broadband in the village - mainly buildings in the Ferry Field and the cottages etc. A grant for each property can be applied for with industrial units getting a larger grant. Someone comes out and costs out installation of Broadband into properties and can get a grant to pay for it. We can

include in the application properties who are not getting up to 50mb per second based on that they will upgrade it. The Government are giving these grants and It is worth taking forward but we need more information for the rest of the village. It was agreed to do a targeted leaflet drop for the properties affected. A leaflet to be drafted and run past Callum before sending to those properties in the village without Broadband.

20/PC/068 **TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR 2021-2022 AND SET PRECEPT FOR RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Chairman referred to the draft budget previously circulated and requested approval.

RESOLUTION

That the precept requirement for 2021-2022 be set at 14208 which equates to a 2.4% increase with a Band D property.

Proposed Cllr Paul Sharpe Seconded Cllr Keith Bonser
Agreed Unanimously

20/PC/069 **TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020 & REVIEW BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously

Update on Unity still ongoing

20/PC/070 **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Nottinghamshire County Council – Severe Winter Weather Booklet – circulated.
2. Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – post hearing consultation on Main Modifications - circulated

20/PC/071 **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Paul Sharpe reported:

- that there had been a theft from the Boat Club and 3 canoes stolen, it seems access was gained from the Pumping Station field.
- Email from Andy Oughton, British Canoeing confirming that the Soar Tours website will be updated advising that there is no parking on Soar Lane except for loading and unloading.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm