

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY
7th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM**

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

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

20/PC/072 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Kevin Shaw reason given and accepted.

20/PC/073 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

20/PC/074 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3rd DECEMBER 2020 – PAGES 20-23**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously

Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe

20/PC/075 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman reported:

- Christmas lights were all installed, and I would like to record a vote of thanks to Mr & Mrs Atkins for the use of their electricity, the meter has been read and we owe them £20.13 for the electric. THE electricians for the Jubilee Field are being paid by the Jubilee Committee.
- STW – A meeting was held on 22 Dec with representative from ST, NCC and the Parish Council to discuss the current position. Drawings have been done and report will go to a meeting on 19th February for agreement to go ahead. Another meeting has been arranged for 22 February for an update.
- Village gateway signs have been ordered.
- Ferry sign wording – thanks to Cllr Sam Kearn for her input, a few more details to be added and a final copy to be emailed to everyone for approval.
- Village Road – reading through some old minutes there are a couple of items to be clarified, legal advice may need to be sought.

Clerk reported

- Following the setting of the budget the Precept request has been sent to Rushcliffe and acknowledged.

20/PC/076 **TO DISCUSS NEW PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY – CONSULTATION
EXERCISE & FORMULATE RESPONSE IF NEEDED – (email previously
circulated)**

Cllr Lesley way reported that the consultation tells us what they won't do and can,t do rather than what they do do.

No comments were raised at this time but members were asked to report back to the Clerk by the closing date 29th January if they have any.

20/PC/077 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

Butt Lane – blocked drain reported again to NCC. All other drains in village have been cleaned today, for some reason Butt Lane was not on their schedule.

- **SOAR LANE** – As previously report o more vehicles have been using this land for access to the river and have churned it up, plus they have been parking on the Wildlife Area. A resident has offered to make a set of gates or barrier to go across if the council decide to erect one, but we may have to check this legally if we can do this
- Following a discussion, it was agreed to erect no parking signs, with access only to launching of boats. Clerk to make enquiries with Borough Solicitor if Soar Lane be closed off.

20/PC/078 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

- **FERRY** – It is hoped now the river has gone down to get the ferry moved on Sunday morning. Photographs still need for the ferry noticeboard.
- **PLAYING FIELDS** – Nothing to report. Check with Cllr Stuart Sleight if the repairs to play equipment had been carried out.
- **VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS** – Nothing to report
- **DRAINAGE** – Reported earlier in minutes.
- **UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP** – Woodland Areas - Cllr Keith Bonser has spoken to Amy at Mather Jamie who was quite keen and was going to speak to landowner about Loseby Field or anywhere else.

More substantial stakes need to go on Soar Lane to protect the wildlife area. Banks in the Village Hall car park are finished so seeds can now be planted.

- **BETTER BROADBAND SCHEME** -The Chairman has been trying to contact Callum Jones to see if he knows how far Open Reach have gone down Far Lane, and then we go back and look at the grant scheme.

20/PC/079 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2020 & REVIEW BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
2094	Essex Abel	Sage Software	72.00
2095	Morris Cast Signs	2 x Boundary Signs (deposit)	3390.00
2096	D Smith	Mr & Mrs Atkins Gift	23.00
2097	S Lewis	Zoom Subscription	14.39
2098	S Lewis	Salary	258.43
2099	HMRC	PAYE	64.40
2100	S Lewis	Postage & Card	11.21
2101	NCC	Landscaping Contract	378.14
2102	M.L.E. Services	Installation of Xmas Lights	612.00
2103	Mr & Mrs Atkins	Electricity used for Xmas Lights	20.13

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Receipts

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3/12/20	Bank Transfer	Business A/c - Current A/c	4000.00

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously.**

The Clerk reported that all the paperwork required for opening an account with Unity Bank has been submitted.

**20/PC/080 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –
INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Rushcliffe Borough Council – Planning application for Home Farm has been granted.
2. Copy of email sent by Ward Borough Councillors – Re Conservation Areas and Areas of Outstanding Beauty – Agenda item

**20/PC/081 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO
REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Andrew Brown

- Budget meeting in 3 weeks where the precept is set for the council.
- The Flashing lights for the school and HGV signs to be erected in final quarter of this year.

Cllr Carys Thomas

- Apart from the Conservation Area email sent by myself, we are seeking a meeting with the Conservation Officer to talk about Conservation Areas in general and updating the East Leake one, and to support Stanford on Soar, if Normanton is interested in acquiring a Conservation Area we can ask about that as well, the benefit of Conservation Areas is that it does put in extra planning hoops which people have to go through in sensitive areas and Normanton does have quite a lot of character.
- Boundary Review of the Ward Boundaries in Rushcliffe. First stage is to look at the sizes and number of electorates each ward member represents. Leake Ward coming out high and quite likely will equalise the numbers, it may be suggested that Normanton moves from Leake Ward to Sutton Bonington Ward. If you have a view it is worth expressing it.

Cllr Lesley Way

- Community Support Funding - Having checked on what's left I noticed that Normanton's request for a grant which was submitted on 25th October was outstanding and on checking Rushcliffe maintain they have not had it so it has been resubmitted. There is some money left if you have any projects which need funding.

Cllr Paul Sharpe asked about the building work at Normanton House – Clerk has checked with the Planning Enforcement Officer and was told that the footprint is less than 50% of the area and are quite happy with it as it is for outside buildings for storage.

Meeting dates for the year to be circulated only date which may be a problem is the 7th May as there may be in elections. Only date to be added is the APM which will be set nearer the time due to Covid.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm
Next meeting Thursday 4th February 2021

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