

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY
4th MARCH 2021 AT 7.00PM**

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

The Clerk Sue Lewis and County Councillor Andrew Brown and 2 members of the Public were also present.

The members of the public used the 15min slot to address members of the Parish Council of their concerns.

20/PC/095 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs Stuart Sleight, Carys Thomas, Lesley Way and Kevin Shaw reasons given and approved.

20/PC/096 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

20/PC/097 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH
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Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously

20/PC/098 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported:

- Application to Rushcliffe Borough Council for Wildflowers has been acknowledged but as the closing date is not until 5th March it may be a few weeks before we know the outcome.
- Flood Warden forms have been submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council
- Speed cameras back in village.

The Chair reported:

- The Ferry – The sandblasting and painting is in hand and we hope to get it back before the season starts in April.

20/PC/099 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Andy Brown

- Budget confirmed at 2.9%
- New speed limit outside DMRC has been changed following a consultation to 40mph. Average speed cameras along the A6006 8KM from Rempstone to Zouch have been agreed in the next financial year.

In absence of Cllr Carys Thomas, the Clerk read out her report:

- Community fund for this year is all spent up, but a new year is coming up.

On Rushcliffe Borough Council Meeting agenda tonight:

- the budget, which sets Rushcliffe's 2021/22 Council Tax for a Band D property at £147.36 (increase from 2020/21 of £4.62 or 3.24%)
- Development Corporation funding and representation (nb success of bid for a Freeport at EMA announced yesterday)
- Electoral Review of Rushcliffe wards

- Planning enforcement policy
- Motion from Labour Party on Community Wealth Building
- Motion from Labour Party on the Climate and Ecology Bill
- Motion from Conservative Party on the Duty to Co-operate (This results in Rushcliffe having to find housing sites to satisfy Nottingham City Council's target)

Cabinet next Tuesday is also busy:

- Budget monitoring - we are in a better position than last quarter due mainly to government COVID-related grants.
- Management of open spaces in new developments
- Future of Edwalton Golf Course
- Use of quieter fireworks.
- Proposal to express an interest in providing a site for a nuclear fusion reactor at Ratcliffe on Soar .

20/PC/100

PLANNING

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73 Main Street

Erection of two single storey detached dwellings, new and amended vehicular accesses, erection of detached single garage.

Object on the grounds that:

- the proposed development would harm the character and appearance of the area and would have significant adverse visual impacts, albeit the extent of the harm caused would be localised and limited. In addition, the proposed development would fail to preserve the setting of the Grade 1 Listed Church of St James.
- Plot 2 is very close to a grade II listed building (75 Main Street) where the foundations may date back to as far as the 15th Century and there is concern that any delivery vehicles etc will disturb them.
- Established hedgerow being removed.
- Access to property 1 is a dangerous position close to the junction'.
- Plot 1 - big drop in front of the bungalow, the visual drawing does not represent what the actual layout is and the increase surface water would exacerbate flooding outside The Plough Public House

20/PC/101

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS

- **To consider response to email from RSVCSG including on how you see the priorities in your area** - Following a discussion it was agreed to reply to the email stating that there are still issues on Butt Lane with cars meeting up, drug dealing and smoking of illegal substances.
- **Update from ST on drainage** - The Chairman reported that following a meeting with ST work has started on trimming back and netting the hedge, there will be a further update in the next couple of days when ST will hopefully receive Commercial Approval once received the proposed works will take approx. 12/14 weeks. ST have also agreed to reimburse the Parish Council for the cost of having the trees cut down. Letters will be sent to all residents from ST once dates etc are confirmed.

20/PC/102 TO CONSIDER EMAIL FROM RESIDENT ON SPEEDING, BUTT LANE

The Chairman referred members to the email previously circulated. Cllr Andy Brown reported that the only way to get the speed limit reduced is if there have been any reportable accidents to the Police, he however agreed to request a warning sign, warning drivers of Pedestrians, the sign to be placed near to Grange Farm coming down the hill. Cllr Brown also stated that Butt Lane was an unclassified road and to get the speed limit changed you would have to get it classified to either a A or a B road. It was agreed that Cllr Brown request a speed survey to be carried out over a week during term time after Covid.

20/PC/103 TO CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD AFTER 6TH MAY WHEN LEGISLATION TO HOLD VIRTUAL MEETING WILL EXPIRE (REPORT ATTACHED)

It was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting when hopefully we should have more of an update.

20/PC/104 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

PLAYING FIELDS – Cllr Stuart Sleigh will finish replacing the boards tomorrow.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Nothing to report

SOAR LANE ACCESS – Gates are made and ready to install, and liability signs ready to go up.

UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP – Cllr Ben Fern reported that a Zoom meeting had been held with the group which had been successful and another one has been arranged for the 25th March. At the meeting it was agreed to put posters up on the noticeboards with information on what the group activities and toads.

BETTER BROADBAND SCHEME – Callum Jones, Notts County Council has informed us that Scheme 2 is being prioritised as it ends on 31st March and as Normanton is in Scheme 3 it will be looked at after that.

EMAIL ACCOUNT – More information to be sought.

20/PC/105 TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021, INCLUDING UPDATE ON UNITY BANK

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
2108	S Lewis	Salary	258.23
2109	HMRC	PAYE	64.60
2110	NALC	Annual Subscription	105.94
2111	S Lewis(Via Ebay)	High Viz & Litter Picker	59.26
2112	Zoom	Monthly Subscription	14.39
2113	Sign Shop	Signs, Slipway & Mem Plaque	91.20
2114	Unity Bank	Transfer from NW	1000.00
2115	D Smith	Chairman's Allowance	90.00
			1683.62

Receipts

		Details	Amount
28/01/21	RBC	CSF (High Viz)	61.07
12/02/21	Mr Parnell	Allotment Rent	50.00
			111.07

**Proposed Cllr Dave Smith
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe

Unity Bank Account has now been set up and opened and the £1000 cheque to be authorised tonight will be deposited in to the account and from 1st April all transactions will be transferred to Unity.

**20/PC/106 TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING –
INFORMATION ONLY**

None

**20/PC/107 ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO
REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Paul Sharpe reported that the three Flood Wardens have started to do their training and are in the process of putting together a document of queries.

Cllr Sue Ponting reported that she is arranging the Picnic in the Park, and has provisionally booked the date for 14th August depending on what the regulations if any are in place at the time.

Weight limit signs and flashing lights outside the school have been put up – thanks to Andy Brown.

Village signs are in progress and we are hoping to receive a proof shortly.

Finally, as this may be the last meeting that Cllr Andy Brown will be attending, the Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for his help over the last few years.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.