

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL NORMANTON ON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 1st APRIL 2021 AT 7.00PM

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

The Clerk Sue Lewis and Borough Councillors Carys Thomas and Lesley Way

20/PC/108 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Andy Brown, reasons given and approved.

20/PC/109 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Dave Smith in item 20/PC/113, 7 Main Street

20/PC/110 **TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4th MARCH – PAGES 32-35**

Proposed Cllr Dave Smith Seconded Cllr Paul Sharpe
Agreed Unanimously

20/PC/111 **CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

20/PC/112 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Carys Thomas

- New round of Community Funding will start soon if there are any applications for small grants
- Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – still assimilating feedback. Another consultation in September.

Rushcliffe has more than enough housing sites to meet its own demand but may have to find more sites for Nottingham's target under "Duty to Co-operate". However they are unlikely to put forward a large site for a new settlement.

20/PC/113 **PLANNING APPLICATION –**

21/00721/TPO 7 MAIN STREET

TREES: T1 (OAK) - REDUCE THE CANOPY BY 2M USING REDUCTION VIA THINNING LOCATION:

No Objections Agreed by 6 in favour with 1 abstention.

20/PC/114 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON POLICING, HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Update from ST on Drainage – The Chair reported that the netting had been removed at the farmer's request because he wanted to put cattle in the field. We will hopefully know the final decision by next week.

Speeding on Far Lane – Following complaints from residents on Far Lane, the Clerk contacted NCC/VIAEM requesting if there was anything, they could do to alleviate the situation by installing warning signs. A reply was received informing us that there was nothing they could do with it being a dead end and a residential road. It was agreed to do a leaflet drop to every house on Far Lane to highlight the problem.

Speed Camera – Volunteers needed for charging and changing of battery whilst situated in Normanton. Cllr Keith Bonser agreed to help. It was also agreed that when we request the camera again at the end of April it be placed on Far Lane if we can find a suitable position.

20/PC/115 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE QUOTATION FOR REPAIRS TO FERRY & FERRY SIGN UPDATE

Several Quotes have been received.

Quote 1 – To repair Ferry Boat as agreed, to remove the bottom of the boat and plate it and paint with red oxide - £1454 plus VAT

Quote 2 – To replace the ribs and hull sides and steal gunnel, replace the floor with a waterproof non-slip buffalo board, grit blast the new steel black plus entire boat inside and out to give a 10 year plus protection from corrosion and apply uv protection coat on top and side and anti-slip surface on the decks £4250 which includes the tupac painting.

Quote 3 - To replace the boat like for like £9290.

Quote 4 - To plate the bottom and sides to height of 275ml with 5ml thick steel replace the angel ribs and replace the roller mounting joints repaint with a tupac primer and tupac black topcoat and fit a new floor and side rails and anti-slip resin plywood £3588 (extra £55/600 to cut away and replace the bottom of the boat)

Cllr Paul Sharpe has researched grants through the Heritage Lottery Fund which we could apply for but it could take a few months to get a decision or we could get a Public Works Loan.

It was expected to get approx 20years out of a repaired ferry.

Following a discussion where all options were discussed it was agreed to go down the repair route and accept Quote 4 but to cut the bottom off and pay extra to have it welded back on and squared up.

Cllr Carys Thomas confirmed that we could request funding towards the boat out of their Community Fund and approach the County Councillors for funding out of their discretionary fund once the elections are over.

Ferry Sign draft to be updated and sent out for agreement.

20/PC/116 TO DISCUSS DRAFT ARTWORK ON NEW VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGN

A mock-up of the proposed sign had been previously circulated and various comments received. It was agreed to alter the picture as the ferry was narrow, church dominant, no signs of life. It was agreed to go for one overall sign with people on it and the church made smaller.

20/PC/117 TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES ON:

PLAYING FIELDS – All repairs done except for bearings on spinning piece of equipment. Playground Inspection due next month. The seat in the picnic area of the field needs some more bark chippings – Cllr Sue Ponting agreed to purchase the bark and the Parish Council approved a budget of up to £80.

VILLAGE NEWS ITEMS – Items on Far Lane and Barrier on Soar Lane to be submitted.

SOAR LANE ACCESS – Barrier gate fitted and a sign to be erected “No Parking – Access Required at All times” and “Access for launching boat please contact.....for anyone wanting to launch a boat from the slipway” A suggestion was made to use a pay as you go sim phone. It was agreed that all councillors should give thought to this idea and we will discuss again at the next meeting.

UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENT GROUP – Cllr Ben Fern reported that they had another successful

Zoom meeting with the group which included a talk from Ben Driver, Notts Wildlife Trust. He has also had a meeting with the Rushcliffe Conservation Strategy Group who would like to visit the village to see what they were doing. Numerous people are interested in being a Tree Warden and have contacted Paul Philips at Rushcliffe for more information. Contact has been made with Rushcliffe Conservation Officer who has put us in touch with to Cropwell Bishop Parish Council to seek their views on how it works. Tree planting mapped out for Jubilee Field which was circulated earlier will be an Agenda item in May.

BETTER BROADBAND SCHEME – Carry forward to next month if we have not heard from Callum Jones, NCC.

20/PC/118 **TO APPROVE CHEQUES, DIRECT DEBITS, & BILL PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2021, INCLUDING UPDATE ON UNITY BANK**

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
2116	S Lewis	Salary	258.23
2117	HMRC	PAYE	64.60
2118	Ladybug Garden Services	Mowing of Verges & Play Equip	261.50
2119	Stuart Sleight	Postconcrete for Barrier Gate	40.26
2120	Grasshopper Hostings	Website Management	90.00
DD	ICO	Data Protection Renewal	35.00
			749.59

20/PC/119 **TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – INFORMATION ONLY**

1. NCC Local Minerals Plan – now adopted – Noted.
2. Cllr Carys Thomas, re Holme Farm confirming not in Conservation Area and is not listed – Noted.

20/PC/120 **ANY OTHER MATTERS ON WHICH THE CLERK OR MEMBERS WISH TO REPORT. INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chairman reported that tomorrow is the 100th Birthday of Jessie Appleby on Butt Lane and on behalf of the Parish Council has arranged a card and flowers.

Queens Platinum Jubilee is next year with extra days bank holiday – do we as the Parish Council want to organise something in the village – Future Agenda item.

Brian Elliott has offered to look after the trees on the Playing Field particular along the hedges on where the new car park is.

Butt Lane – Signs Cllr Andy Brown looking to having a sign erected warning of pedestrians.

Potholes, Butt Lane – Clerk to report.

Face to face meeting will commence again after 6th May with social distancing etc to be adhered to.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th May 2021 – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING