



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Councillors Present	Robert Dixon, Jacqui Colbourne, Jenny Innes (Chair) Angela McNally and David Neale
Also Present	Sue Cook (Clerk)

20/075 **There were no Apologies**

20/076 **Cllr Colbourne Declared an interest in all things planning.**

20/077 **No members of the Public attended the meeting**

20/078 Cllr McNally proposed that the **Minutes of the meetings held on 20th May, 16th June, 9th July and 14th July** be accepted as a true record, Cllr Innes seconded the proposal, with everyone approving them as a true record and will be signed electronically.

20/079 **Matters arising:**

- a) **Pathfinder II** Cllr Dixon had nothing to report .
- b) **Asset of the Community.** Cllr Dixon reported that a Steering Group has been formed, the 1st meeting decided it was time to approach the brewery. A zoom meeting was held with Cllr Dixon, Mr P Colbourne, Mr M Ringrose and Tim Ward (Property Director for Everards), the asking price of the Vane Arms is £425000 based on a valuation in December 2019 before the pub had been made an AVC and pre Covid-19. It was felt by Mr Ward that an offer beginning with a 2 would be difficult to negotiate, the brewery would prefer it if any offer began with a 3 . It was agreed at the meeting on Monday 20th July that the next steps should be to view the property and cottage with a builder to assess the state of repair. It has been suggested an individual who has recently disclosed an interest in running the pub may be interested in the site visit. It is also thought that the time is right to approach the Plunkett Foundation, who specialise in helping rural communities in the take control of the issues affecting them through community acquisition of pubs.
- c) **Cowthick Plantation**, the Clerk has today received an acknowledgement to the request letter for the SoS to call the application in. It appears that CBC has still not submitted anything to the SoS.
- d) Cllr Innes will report the **over grown footpaths** on Fix my Street
- e) Cllr Colbourne has emailed the **Rights of Way Officer** at ENC to find out more information as to who has the power to appoint and manage a rights of way officer for Sudborough. Cllr Colbourne has only received an acknowledgement email back.
- f) **The Bollards on the village green** are in a poor state, it was proposed by Cllr Colbourne that the Parish Council purchase some via Glasdon which are Highway Approved with a budget of £150, this was seconded by Cllr Innes and approved by everyone. Cllr McNally will ask Mr McNally to install them.
- g) **Land Owned by the Trustees of Mrs Giffin** – Cllr Innes has now spoken to one of the Trustees who will ask the other Trustees about the Parish Council's enquiry.

20/080 **Harpers Brook/Flood Working Group:** Cllr Innes had attended a zoom meeting, were instructions on how to use the interactive map was given, there were a few technical difficulties with it and as soon as these are resolved it will be shared with the other Councillors. Field trips are to be organised. Soil erosion is a problem and hopefully a volunteer can be found from Sudborough to carry out some field walking.

20/081 **Refurbishment of telephone box:** - the Art Group are ready to display their art and have volunteered to paint the telephone box free of charge. Cllr Neale will provide them with the paint.

- 20/082 Correspondence** – The following items of Correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting with no further action required:
- a) Northamptonshire's Community Resilience Service launches new Coronavirus Support Line
 - b) ENC & NCC Changes to Services
 - c) NCALC Updates
 - d) CPRE Updates
 - e) Joint Standards Complaints Committee
 - f) NCALC Membership Survey

20/083 Planning Matters:

- a) There were no objections to 20/00790/TCA T1 Sorbus Section fell as close to ground level as possible, T2 Willow reduce height and reduce laterally to balance at The Round House.

Outstanding Planning Applications

- a) 20/00174/FUL single storey extension at School House, Main Street – approved
- b) 19/01909/FUL – detached single storey loggia and DIP pool at Brook House, Main Street – approved

20/084 Finance

- a. **The Bank Statement.** The Clerk reported that the current bank balance shows £14617.76, although Cllr Innes is unable to print the statement off. This will include a VAT refund of £113.72 minus £704.23 for the PWLB Loan. The Clerk has also ring fenced £7000 for the purpose of acquiring land for recreational purposes.
- b. It was agreed to wait until September meeting before making the following payments in line with relevant legislation, hoping that the meeting can take place in the Francis Giffin Hall.

Payee	Reason	Cheque No.	Amount	Power
E-on	Street Lighting	DD	£128.13	PCAct 1957
Sue Cook	Salary and Expenses		£438.09	LGA1972 s112
NCALC	Zoom course for Clerk		£38.00	
PWLB	Loan	DD	£704.23	

20/085 The following items raised from the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

The Clerk has still to work on the Data Map and the Fixed Asset Register which will be ready for review at the September meeting.

Both the Media Policy and the Publication Scheme will be adopted at the next meeting. Cllr Innes will confirm to David Sparks that the Parish Council agrees to publish future editions of The Link newsletter and to make him aware that Cllr Dixon must be given the text of each edition to approve before any paper copies are printed. It was agreed that as the Parish Council will be publishing the newsletter, it should be the Council rather than Sandra Roberts who in future circulate it by email. The Clerk advised that 42 residents are now on the Parish Council's email database. However, as this is only half the number on Sandra's database, the Clerk was asked to circulate (via Sandra) a further invitation to people to join the Council's list especially if they want to receive future copies of The Link.

Cllr Colbourne agreed to devise a list of the Councillors contact details for the noticeboard

The Clerk confirmed that all Councillors are covered by the Insurance Policy be they elected or co-opted.

20/086 Future Agenda Items

The Clerk has received an email from Curtis website design who maintains the website for the Parish Council, informing that there is new legislation regarding website

accessibility starting on 23rd September. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact NCALC for their advice.

20/087 Date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 30th September 2020
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Confirmed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman

Dated

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