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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2020

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

- 20/106** **Apologies** had been received from Cllr McNally and accepted
- 20/107** Cllr Colbourne **Declared an interest** in all things planning within Sudborough.
- 20/108** **There were no members of the public present.**
- 20/109** **Policies**
The Publication Scheme was approved. It was still felt that the Fixed Asset Register still required some work.
- 20/110** Cllr Colbourne proposed that the **Minutes of the meetings held on 30th September** be accepted as a true record, and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Dixon, with everyone approving them as a true record, will be signed electronically.
- 20/111** **Matters arising**
- a) **Pathfinder II project** Cllr Dixon reported that Matthew Hunt, Chris Featherstone and himself had had a zoom meeting with Jasmin Berrill who had helped them establish the landowners for the ditch and culvert along Slipton Land. Clearance of both will help elevate the flooding. Cllr Dixon proposed that the Parish Council write to the landowners asking that they clear out the ditch and culvert, this was agreed and the Clerk will post the letters as First Class Guaranteed Next Day Delivery. The survey will not take place until after Christmas and the report will be available at some point during the summer.
 - b) **Asset of the Community – Vane Arms** --Cllr Dixon reported that Mr Richard Gordon had visited the site for a second time but had no feedback from him. Mr Andy Tudor from Fleurets has confirmed that as of 13th November there had been no interest and the price has been dropped to £370K plus VAT. It has been suggested that the Steering Group should meet to decide how to move this forward,, if the community are interested in purchasing the pub it could be run by the community on a non-profit basis. Cllr Colbourne has seen two groups of people looking round the pub.
 - c) **Cowthick Plantation** – The Clerk informed the meeting that Corby Borough Council’s Development Control Committee had met and had

accepted the report. Both the Clerk and Weldon Parish Councillor Mike Page attended a Rural Forum meeting for Corby Borough, Cllr Page gave an outline to this meeting about the issues, it has been suggested that once outline planning for each unit is put before either CBC or NNC the application is objected too. There has been reassurance that once Phase 1 is operational there will be a full traffic survey carried out. Section 106 is being negotiated. Cllr Dixon as a resident is taking legal advice to see if a Judicial Review Application would be appropriate.

- d) **Rights of Way Officer** the Clerk should write to NCC asking how the Parish Council can appoint a new Officer..
- e) **The Bollards on the village green** – the Clerk agreed should contact NCC Highways for guidance on the way forward.
- f) The Clerk confirmed that the **website upgrades** have been carried out and that there is now an Accessibility Statement on the website .

20/112 Harpers Brook/Flood Working Group: Cllr Innes informed the meeting that there has been no meeting or meeting planned.

20/113 Refurbishment of telephone box: - work on the telephone box has been completed and Fermynwood Art Group have a display on view.

20/114 Correspondence – The following items of correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting with no further action required:

- a) Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) Updates
- b) Funding Update
- c) Consultation on Term Date for 2021/22
- d) Consultation on Social Housing
- e) Flood Action week 9th November

20/115 Planning Matters:

- a) There were no objection to **20/00962/TCA** - reducing the height several trees at 1 Brewery Yard, Sudborough.

Outstanding Planning Applications

- a) 20/00260/DPA Fircroft Nurseries Stanion - the Clerk confirmed that this application will go before Corby Borough Council Development Control Committee.
- b) Sycamore (T1) canopy reduction at 31 Main Street – Approved

20/116 Finance

- a. The Budget estimates and explanation papers had been circulated to the Councilors prior to the meeting, after discussing the proposals it was proposed and resolved that the budget be set at £9835.
- b. It was resolved that the precept demand under s41 of the Local Government Act 1992 should be issued to East Northamptonshire Council for £12,000 for the year 2021/22 as calculated in the budget statement in accordance with s50 of the Act and balance of the precept is to be assigned to the general reserve.

- c. **The Bank Statement.** The Clerk reported that the current bank balance shows a credit of £16379.49, this includes the £7000 ring fenced for the purpose of acquiring land for recreational purposes along with a £171.43 VAT Refund and NCC Grass Cutting Grant of £313.49
- d. It was proposed by Cllr Colbourne that Cllr Innes should purchase Christmas Presents for the children of the village from Jolly Toys in Thrapston and that Fermynwoods Art Group should be given a sum of £100 for painting the telephone box, this was seconded by Cllr Neale and approved by everyone.
- e. It was resolved that the Parish Council should move from Barclays to Unity. The Clerk agreed to start the paperwork for this transition.
- f. The following payments were approved in line with relevant legislation.

Payee	Reason	Cheque No.	Amount	Power
Mowerman	2nd Half of Grass Cutting	200662	£984.00	
Sue Cook	Salary and Expenses	200665	£432.20	LGA1972 s112
NCALC	Course for Cllr Dixon	200663	£38.00	
Sue Cook	ICO Renewal	200665	£40.00	
Adam Curtis	Website Upgrade	200664	£360.00	
Jolly Toys	Christmas Presents for Children	200666	£137.88	S137
Fermyn Art	S137 Grant for painting phone box	200667	£100.00	S137

20/117 The following items raised from the previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

20/118 Future Agenda Items

- a) Cllr Colbourne suggested holding some sort of Summer Party with the help of the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee.
- b) To give some thought to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022
- c) Cllr Innes reported that this year the Village Hall Committee will be going round to deliver plants to every household in Sudborough. The Church will be arranging a Christingle Service remotely and Cllr Innes will be distributing the Christmas Presents to the Children on behalf of the Parish Council. Along with this Radio Northampton are organising Doorstep Carols on December 16th. There will be posters and leaflets distributed, it was agreed that the name Parish Council could be included on the posters.

20/119 Date of the next Full Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 20th January 2021

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Confirmed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman

Dated