

HAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the parish council held in the Parish Church on Monday November 11, 2019 at 7.00pm

Coun. Tom Pykett (chairman)
Helen Tyrer(A) Ken Sutton Daniel Adams Kimberley Adams

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott, Newark and Sherwood District councillor Ivor Walker and one resident.

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Helen Tyrer
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT
The clerk said he had obtained a copy of Winston Churchill's 1945 war- over speech and still trying to obtain an actual recording. Coun. Adams (D) said it could be downloaded.
- 5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Walker said there was little to report at present but work was continuing as normal. There had been numerous flooding problems over the last week or so following persistent and heavy rain.
- 6] QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL BY THE PUBLIC
There were none
- 7] ACCOUNTS
a] Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list
b] Budget and precept 2020 / 2021. Members discussed a budget report prepared by the clerk which apart from an additional item to cover expenditure for any activities organised by the council to mark the VE75DAY celebrations in May 2020 –a figure of £250 was allowed for that – differed by under £10 more on the previous year.
In respond to comments on the cost of administration, the clerk said that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) both agreed that the minimum payment for a clerk should be four hours a week.
After discussion the council unanimously adopted the budget and a precept for 2020-2021 in the sum of £1,250.
- 8] CORRESPONDENCE
Marie Curie wrote asking for a donation for their funds but members felt unable to assist. No action was taken in regard to the appointment of a snow warden for the village for Notts County Council
The Notts ALC annual meeting will be held on November 21, at Epperstone.

9] PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND VEDAY 75

Planning 19/01408/ful. Land at Grange Farm, Hawton, to install solar farm, a 132kv electrical substation and associated infrastructure. The application will be dealt with under delegated powers and not the committee. Hoped for date is November 28.

Currently the applicants are repositioning some of the panels and when details are submitted to the District Council these will be sent out for consultation.

Cotham parish meeting have objected to the application.

There is no new information in regard to the financial payments that may be paid if the scheme goes ahead. That is not a planning matter. Coun. Walker was asked to verify the arrangements for payment of the fees for development of the panels.

The meeting were reminded of the scheme by Newark and Sherwood District Council to make free trees available, to both residents and parish councils.

10] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 23 2020
VE75Day.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-05pm.