

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 18th JANUARY 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Hawton Parish Council held on Monday, 16th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: **Councillor T Pykett, in the Chair**
 Councillor D Adams
 Councillor Mrs K Adams
 Councillor K Sutton
 Councillor Mrs H Tyrer

Also present County Councillor Mrs Saddington, District Councillor I Walker and one member of the public

HPC20-013 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Councillor K Walker.

HPC20-014 Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

HPC20-015 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 21st September 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2020 were accepted as a true and correct record.

HPC20-016 **County Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow Councillor Mrs Saddington to present her report.

There was not a lot to report, only a query on whether the resurfacing had gone as planned on Hawton Lane. The Chair confirmed that a road closure had been in place and work was in progress.

Regarding Network Rail, Councillor Mrs Saddington had a remote meeting planned on Thursday when the problems along the route would be discussed further. It was hoped a resolution could be reached to the recurring problems at Newark Castle Station and along the line.

HPC20-017 **Nottinghamshire County Council**

(a) Recovery Action Plan

The Clerk referred to a 25 page document received from Nottinghamshire County Council setting out what the Council were going to do between 2020 and 2022. Due to the format it was in it could not be circulated to Members, neither could it be scanned easily and circulated. It was disappointing to note that it had not been

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circulated as a pdf for ease of distribution.

Members also expressed concern at the cost implications, especially if every parish council in the county had received one through the post.

Councillor Mrs Saddington agreed to raise the Parish Council's concerns with Councillor Knight, Chairman of the COVID-19 Resilience, Renewal and Recovery Committee, whose department had sent the document.

HPC20-018 District Councillor Session

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Councillor I Walker to present his report.

Councillor Walker confirmed that Newark & Sherwood were the first District Council to get the Local Restrictions Support Grant in place for businesses during the current lockdown.

It was hoped that CCTV coverage could be put in place to redress the issue.

The Chair asked Councillor Walker if he would remain for Agenda Item 9(c) regarding issues at the Church car park.

Councillor Sutton referred to the condition of the roads adjacent to the solar farm development that had seen a lot of mud dragged on them from off the fields. They had been dangerous for traffic until the sweeper had been deployed.

The Chair confirmed the surfaces had been poor, but the developers had taken steps to make improvements by deploying a water tanker and now retaining the road sweeper for a full day, rather than just half. Traffic lights had also been used to control traffic and allow the roads to be cleaned after every vehicle movement from the field. It was noted that the time of year and wet weather had not been helpful.

Councillor Walker advised that he would make a note and if the matter got worse Members should bring it to his attention.

(a) Parish Council Conference Presentation Document

Members received and noted the presentation document which outlined the topics covered during the Parish Council Conference held on 14th October. Members noted that the Clerk had attended and found it useful.

(b) Parish and Town Council Initiative Fund

The Clerk drew Members attention to the District Council's Parish and Town Council Initiative Fund. The 'safer' element of the initiative would be open for applications between April and October 2021, with the grant providing up to 50% of the amount applied for. Any application had to tie into the District Council's Community Plan.

Members considered that there was a requirement for a monitoring camera either at the Church, or at the end of Hawton Lane.

The Clerk explained that cameras could either be permanent or temporary. For a temporary camera the Parish Council would be required to fund the bracket, at a cost of £400, which would be sited on a suitable lamp post. With a temporary camera monitoring could be undertaken for a period of time, and then repeated when and if there was a need. The District Council's Community Protection Team would work with the Parish Council to identify suitable sites, dependent on the monitoring required.

If a permanent camera was required the costs were significantly more, but could be provided through the District Council and tied into their monitoring system and policies. The Parish Council would have to cover the cost of the camera and any licensing fees.

The Chair referred to a number of issues that happened in the last few weeks which would have benefitted from having evidence from a CCTV camera.

The Clerk would liaise with the District Council's Community Protection Team to establish whether a viable lamp post was available and, if so, current prices for a temporary bracket, together with costs for a permanent camera and all associated prices.

HPC20-019 Public 10 Minute Session

A resident was concerned at the recent joy riding incident in the village, which demonstrated the need for better surveillance.

The Chair commented that it was understood under age drivers were involved.

HPC20-020 Parish Council Matters

(a) Lightsource - confirmation of signed documentation sent

The Clerk confirmed that amended documentation had been received and returned. A query had been raised regarding Cotham, with Lightsource confirming that documentation had been issued but not yet returned.

A timeline for receipt of funds had been requested and would be circulated to Members when received.

The Chair asked if Members would like to invite Lightsource to a Parish Council meeting next Spring or Summer to explain how the solar farm worked in more detail. Members AGREED this would be of benefit and the Clerk was asked to liaise with Lightsource to deliver this.

Members also considered that a presentation with Urban & Civic, developers of Middlebeck, would be advantageous.

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The Clerk to liaise with Planning Officers at Newark & Sherwood District Council to identify contact details and extend an invitation to a Parish Council meeting in Spring 2021.

(b) Village Survey

The Clerk referred to the request from Members to put this on the agenda for consideration. A substantial sum of money would be received from Lightsource and Members wanted to have a clear understanding of what the community would like to use the money for.

After discussion it was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Adams would work with the Clerk to generate an information flyer to include a number of questions on what residents may wish to have implemented. This would then be circulated to Members for consideration. Once agreed it would be hand delivered to every house in the village. Members also considered that a specific email address would be required to ensure all responses were captured in one place, which the Clerk was asked to arrange.

It was considered that the flyer should include a brief description of where the funds were coming from and what they could be used for. It was also considered important to include the words 'the Parish Council had negotiated with' to ensure the community realised the involvement of the Parish Council in securing these funds.

(c) Car Park Surveillance

The Chair referred to anti-social behaviour that had been experienced in the Church car park.

Councillor Walker was asked to help the Parish Council in securing a temporary mobile camera for monitoring and AGREED to liaise with the Clerk to take the matter forward.

(d) Maintenance of Church Yard

Maintenance of the garden the other side of the wall, together with the dedicated bell garden, was currently undertaken, on a voluntary basis, by Councillor Mrs Tyrer. Councillor Mrs Tyrer enquired if any further support could be provided to help with that maintenance. It was noted that a sum of £200 was donated annually to the Church to help with gardening.

Members AGREED that an approach be made to the current gardener to establish if they would be able to include the garden maintenance with the grass cutting, and if so, what the annual cost would be.

It was considered that the question of maintenance could be included within the flyer to be circulated around the community funds. A request for a volunteer could also be included as there may be someone in the village that would be willing to do the work.

The Chair noted the discussions and asked that it be included on the agenda for discussion early next year.

HPC20-021 Planning

Decision Notice - 20/01432/S73M – Land at The Grange, Cotham Lane, Hawton - Application to vary conditions 2, 5, 7, 15 and 18 to enable northern field to be removed from site area by submission of revised plans and supporting documentation, relating to planning permission 20/00118/S73M; Variation of conditions 3, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 19 attached to planning permission 19/01408/FULM (solar farm) to enable the sub-station only to remain on site permanently including minor amendments to the substation design.

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission to vary conditions.

HPC20-022 Financial Matters

(a) To consider accounts for payments

Members considered and approved the following invoice for payment:

- Final invoice from Elliott News Services - £19.18

(b) To note any receipts

There were none to note.

HPC20-23 Correspondence

There was none to report.

HPC20-24 Items for Notification

Memorial Seating

Discussion took place around providing memorial bench(es) or trees for past service of Parish Councillors and Chairmen.

Members AGREED that these could be provided as part of the community initiative from the Lightsource funds.

FPC20-025 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm