

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2020 at 6:30pm. Virtually online

Meeting opened 6:36pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Wager Cllr Slingsby
Cllr Samuel Cllr Tapper Cllr Whittaker-Smith

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Woodhouse
2. **To receive declarations of interest**
None

20/51 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Wager

20/52 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- The accounts have been sent to the Auditors
- We have had acknowledgement from Miles King of our feedback on the affordable housing scheme proposed on Haughton Way. It is unlikely that they will consider our opinions
- The COVID-19 grant has been received from NSDC
- No responses have been received for the fencing or lead replacement at the hall
- Requests were sent following the last meeting to Robert Marshall and N&SDC for quotes for replacement of dog bins, but due to Covid restrictions and leave the Clerk is still waiting for these. It was decided that some should be replaced and a decision will be taken by the Parish Councillors via email during the next month if the quotes are received before the next meeting.

20/53 Redecoration of the hall and its potential re-opening

Electrical work has been completed at the hall including the urgent replacement of the circuit breaker under advice. The cooker hob was accidentally damaged by the contractors and will be replaced. The remaining painting (rear corridor and kitchen) will be started this coming weekend. The large picture (that was previously in the main hall) will need to be reframed for hanging in the committee room. Cllr Slingsby will ask for a quote

The current and most likely tightening restrictions mean it is unlikely we will be able to open the hall before the end of this year. We will keep this under review

20/54 Flooding issues in the village

The residents on Central and Brackendale have raised complaints are receiving updates from the Severn Trent manager for flooding in this area. A blockage has been identified on Brackendale which Highways are responsible for clearing. The Environment Agency have also been engaged. Residents are co-ordinating through a Whatsapp group and do not require any further assistance from the Council at this point

20/55 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Wager

Cllr Smauel left the meeting 19:00.

20/56 To receive items for information and future meetings

- There are a number of dog bins that need to be replaced around the village. Two are definitely end of life, and a further 3 are in poor condition. The contact at NSDC is on holiday, and nothing has yet been received from Robert Marshall. The last quote in 2015 was around £250+VAT (including post and installation)
- Notification has been received from Highways that the trees on Retford Road will be cut back
- Five bags of grit have been ordered for the winter
- The defib at the hall has been fully serviced and the battery and pads replaced
- We have received an email from a resident complimenting Jason Gardner for his work on grass cutting this season. He also requests that we remind the allotment holders that they are responsible for trimming their side of the hedge, this will be done as during the renewal process which will take place in October
- The poplar trees on Brake Road have been reported to Highways for investigation following the branch that came down earlier this year
- The planning application for Marina (Retford Road) has been amended and any feedback is to be submitted by 13 October. Cllr Wager will review the new submission and advise the council on recommendations for feedback to NSDC
- The subject of replacement Village Gateway Signs has been raised by a resident. Clerk has shared previous minutes with the resident as requested. Cllr Slingsby will continue to be a point of liaison with the resident however the Parish Councils view remains that they can't justify the cost at the present time but would support initiatives from the village to push this forward.

20/57 To suspend standing orders for public participation

20/58 Confidential item to discuss staff

NALC updated pay scale was unanimously agreed

20/59 Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 5th November 2020 via a virtual meeting (details to be shared closer to the time)

Meeting closed at 7:30pm