

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 6:30pm. Virtually online

Meeting opened 6:51pm

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

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Smith and Cllr Samuel.

2. **To receive declarations of interest**

None

20/69 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

There was an error on the minutes as the date of the meeting stated 1st October rather than 5th November due to an admin error.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, following the correction :

Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

20/70 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- The 4 Dog Bins which have been ordered are on back order and unlikely to be in the country until at least January due to the issues around the ports.
- Clerk has received a reply from Royal Mail regarding the issues part of the village had about not receiving post daily. They advise that the only way they can investigate this is on a household by household basis and only if the household contact Royal Mail directly.
- The top of the Cooker has now been replaced by Ramp Electricals

20/71 Redecoration of the hall and its potential re-opening

A quote has been received from Dale Briggs of £420+VAT to replace the lead at the village hall. It was unanimously decided to go with this quote. It had not been possible to secure other quotes for this work as although the Clerk had met with approx. 6 other roofers Dale Briggs was the only one to return a quote.

Prop: Cllr Slingsby

Sec: Cllr Tapper

During some clearing work outside the hall a tree root was found to be growing across a drain and also it had caused a pathway which is part of a fire escape to become uneven. Following a discussion it was decided that Cllr. Whittaker-Smith would in the first instance speak with a contact for their advice on the best way to level the pathway and a rough cost to do so.

L. Hurt is to supply a quote to repair/replace the fence at the front of the car park.

L. Hurt and S. Grise also to be asked for quotes to replace the cupboard around the electric panels in the foyer.

Clerk suggested the purchase of 2 whiteboards to be used as noticeboards at the hall at a cost of around £50. This was unanimously agreed.

Wood preserver to be purchased for the fence at the side of the carpark.

The current restrictions mean that we will be unable to open the hall before the end of this year. It was thought realistically it could be at least Easter before it could reopen however this will be kept under monthly review.

Cllr Woodhouse left the meeting 7:18pm

20/72 Flooding issues in the village

Cllr Slingsby read an extract from an email which had been received from Via, which Cllr Pringle had forwarded.

“Following recent investigative works, it was found that the main system which drains Brackendale Drive was silted and needed jetting and cleaning. The system in Walesby has several connections that provide overflow systems. However, the issues on Brackendale Drive were being exacerbated as there is a broken crossover connection in the overflow system on Main Street.

Following the cleansing works the system, which runs from Brackendale Drive to Ash Vale Rd, is now clear and operating as it should.

The broken connector situated on Main Street will require a repair at some point and will be prioritised for works in the coming new financial year (from Apr 2021 onwards). Unfortunately all works for the remainder of this financial year are already been programmed in.

In addition to this we are looking to increase the frequency of our cyclical drainage maintenance because the drainage system within the village itself has limited fall (land levels) which means pipes can be more susceptible to silting up.”

The Parish Council were glad that at least something had finally been done, given that the flooding issue has been going on for years, however they thought that the only way of knowing if this work had been successful in alleviating the flooding issue would be to wait and see if the flooding happened again.

Cllr Woodhouse re-joined the meeting 7:28 pm.

20/73 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

20/74 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

20/02339/HOUSE Roof alterations at Javen, Pump Lane, Walesby

Cllr Wager and Cllr Slingsby declared an interest on this application as they know the applicant socially. They therefore took no part in the discussions of this application. Following a discussion it was agreed to support the application with no objections.

20/02130/FUL Change of use at Clovelly, New Hill, Walesby

Following a discussion it was unanimously decided that this application should be fully supported as it provided a much needed invaluable resource for the village which has long been required. It was also noted that the Parish Council had not received any negative comments since the venture had commenced.

20/75 To receive items for information and future meetings

- The utilities broker had been in touch about locking in prices for when the contracts end next year. It was decided that this would be a good idea as prices usually only go up.
Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Woodhouse
- An email has been received from childcare providers, New Beginnings, regarding joining the Parish Council tree planting for National Tree Week. Clerk to email a reply informing them that at the present time and with the current regulations The Parish Council were not planning any tree planting at the moment. If this changed they would be informed.
- Cllr Tapper still has the tree whips which were collected from N&SDC earlier in the year. Cllr Tapper will investigate the best positions for those which are still surviving.

- It was decided that park repairs will be added to the agenda for the February meeting.
- It appears a group of villagers have decided to arrange carol singing with a band around the Christmas Tree at The Carpenters Arms. The Parish Council would like to state that they have no involvement with this event at all.
- Cllr Slingsby has been in contact with the resident regarding village gateway signs and provided the information that LIS funding is not currently available.

20/76 To suspend standing orders for public participation

None present

20/77 Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 7th January 2021 via a virtual meeting (details to be shared closer to the time)

Meeting closed at 7:58pm