

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 6:30pm. Virtually online

Meeting opened 6:45pm

Present: 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 Smith and Cllr Woodhouse.

2. **To receive declarations of interest**

None

21/01 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

21/02 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- There have been no more updates on the dog bins.
- Clerk has been in contact with Dale Briggs regarding the roof repair, hopefully may be able to start in next few weeks.
- Two quotes had been received for replacing the cupboard around the fuse box in the foyer of the Village Hall. Clerk to clarify a few details to enable a decision to be made at the next meeting.
- Still awaiting a second quote for replacing the fence at the front of the car park.

21/03 Redecoration of the hall and its potential re-opening

It was decided to put a hold on any more spending on redecoration at the present time, only essential work would be done.

The Clerk reported that a fire bell and break-glass unit needed to be replaced.

It was thought realistically it would be at least Easter before it could reopen however this will be kept under monthly review.

21/04 To decide on Precept request for the coming financial year to include a review of the year so far

Following a review of the financial year so far and a discussion around the lack of income and potential spending in the year to come it was unanimously decided to request a precept of £40,300.00 for the year 21/22. The small increase is just under 2.7% compared to 20/21.

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Tapper

21/05 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Slingsby

21/06 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

20/02452/FUL New Development next to Marylyn , Central Avenue, Walesby

Following a discussion the Parish Council decided that they would neither support nor object to this application however they would comment that neighbouring properties must not be adversely affected and that any comments submitted by the neighbouring properties should be taken into account fully.

20/75 To receive items for information and future meetings

- The Clerk reported that they had received an email from an allotment holder who had recently taken over a plot, informing the Parish Council that a shed had been left on the plot by the previous tenant and they were still using it. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to the previous tenant stating that they had until the end of the month to remove the shed and its contents or the Parish Council would take action to dispose of the shed as they saw fit.

Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Tapper

This action was unanimously agreed

- **Speeding;** The Clerk has been in touch with the Police, County Councillor Pringle and Via (Highways) again regarding speeding in the village especially along Retford Road following a recent accident which occurred. The Police have been and assessed the road with a view to conducting a speed check. They have concluded that it would be unsafe for them to do so due to someone having to stand at the side of the road with a speed gun and another further along the road pulling vehicles over. They have requested that Police Camera Safety Partnership look at conducting a speed check in Walesby. Still waiting for a reply from Via. Cllr Pringle will keep us informed of any relevant schemes in the area and will also chase Via for a reply.
- Newark & Sherwood District Council have made a provisional booking of the hall for 6th May for the local elections if they go ahead.
- It is believed that the Carpenters Arms has been sold and the current landlord will be moving out very soon. The Clerk was asked to write to the landlord expressing their thanks for everything they had done for the village during their many years at the pub and offer their best wishes for the future.
- The road to the cemetery may need some repairs during the coming year, Cllr Whitakker-Smith to speak to a contact to request a rough quote.
- Cllr Slingsby reported that during the recent heavy rain, no flooding had occurred in the Central Avenue / Brackendale Road area of the village. It is hoped that the recent works carried out by Via may have helped to alleviate the problem.

21/08 To suspend standing orders for public participation

None present

21/09 Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 4th February 2021 via a virtual meeting (details to be shared closer to the time)

Meeting closed at 7:34pm