

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6:30pm. Virtually online

Meeting opened 6:32pm

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

Cllr Smith gave his thanks to the members of the Parish Council for standing in and the support he received during his time away from the Council for medical reasons.

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

Apologies were received and unanimously accepted from Cllr Samuel and Cllr Woodhouse.

2. **To receive declarations of interest**

None

**21/20 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

**Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Wager decision was unanimous**

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

- The new dog bins are now in place, a quote has been requested to look at replacing more going forward, especially the one on the fence outside the village hall.
- Clerk has emailed the new contact at Via regarding various issues in the village including, speeding, the path between Walesby & Boughton, Parking and School traffic. Waiting for a reply.
- The cupboard around the fusebox in the foyer should be completed in the next few weeks, the fence at the front of the village hall will be a little longer as it makes sense to wait for the slightly better weather.
- A cleaner has been purchased. Managed to get a 'better than half price' deal so within the budget a larger machine which will do carpets and upholstery was able to be purchased instead of one only able to be used on chairs.
- Clerk has started to purchase items to enable the hall to be reopened.
- Notification has been received from Nottinghamshire County Council that we have been successful in gaining a £500 grant from the Councillors Divisional Fund as a contribution towards safety signage, Covid signage and sanitiser stations. Thanks to District Councillor Pringle for this.
- The playground repairs are booked in with N&SDC for April, these will be paid for by some of the remaining monies which were generated by the Walesby Pocket Park Regeneration Group and transferred to the Parish Council for the maintenance and upkeep of the park when they dissolved in 2016.
- Manhole cover needs replacing around the back of the village hall. Clerk has struggled to find a replacement Cllr Wager to look into a replacement.

**21/22 Redecoration of the hall and its potential re-opening**

- Roof above the office still needs repairing, contractor now not replying to messages, Cllr Slingsby will try and get different contact details for them.
- The path from the fire exit at the hall is now levelled, thanks to go to Nathan Saunders for his help in this matter.
- It was proposed that the foyer at the hall should be repainted. It would cost approximately £200 although there may be an additional cost for gloss paint on top. It was decided to go ahead.

**Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Slingsby decision was unanimous**

- The hall needs to be ready to be used as a Polling Station for the elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May, however it was thought that due to the restrictions in place on the road map that the Government had laid out that, a wider opening of the hall shouldn't be until 21<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest.
- Clerk to look at restrictions on exercise classes taking part outside in case there is an enquiry from the groups which use the hall.

**21/23 To discuss and award Grounds Maintenance Contract for 21/22 financial year, based on tender documents received**

The tender documents, which had been previously circulated to councillors, were discussed and it was decided to award the contract to Jason Gardiner. Comment was made about the compliments that councillors had received regarding Jason's work over the previous year.

**Prop: Cllr Wager**

**Sec: Cllr Tapper**

**decision was unanimous**

**21/24 To discuss and make a plan for the trees which were received from N&SDC prior to Covid**

Cllr Tapper estimates that there are 15-20 Hawthorn hedging whips still alive and around 8 Mountain Ash and should ideally be planted within the next month. It was thought that the Hawthorn and Mountain Ash could be planted in the gaps in the hedgerow along the Tuxford Road Boundary of Pocket Park. Cllr Slingsy to contact New Beginnings Childcare as they have shown interest in being involved in the planting in the past. Cllr Tapper to then liaise with parties as appropriate. Ground Maintenance contractor could be approached if extra help is needed.

**21/25 Payments for approval**

**Prop: Cllr Wager**

**Sec: Cllr Slingsby**

**decision was unanimous**

**21/26 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications**

21/00430/CPRIOR Land Known As Briar Rose Farm Brake Lane Walesby

Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to dwelling house and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion

This has not been received as a consultation document however it is listed on the N&SDC planning website. Clerk to request clarification on the governance and restrictions on the land in question from the planning department.

**20/27 To receive items for information and future meetings**

- Public Space Protection Order (Dogs) Review & questionnaire has been received, following a discussion it was decided that the current PSPO's should be kept on Pocket Park which states, dogs must be kept on leads in the park and they are excluded from the areas around the equipment, but the PSPO which is in place to exclude all dogs from the whole village hall site should be removed.
- The draft local validation checklist consultation has been received from N&SDC, this will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

**21/28 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

District Councillor Pringle was glad that we were continuing to report issues to Via regarding the roads & paths and added that the more times issues are reported the more notice Via will take.

**21/29 Time and date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 via a virtual meeting (details to be shared closer to the time)

**Meeting closed at 7:48pm**