

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

Meeting opened 6:30pm

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

Cllr Smith has been advised to take a sabbatical for a few months. In his absence it was agreed that Cllr Wager would become acting Chairman.

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Tapper

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

### **20/60 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

### **20/61 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting**

- 4 Dog Bins have been ordered from N&SDC, no timeframe yet as to when they will be available; things are taking longer due to Covid restrictions.
- Via seem to have trimmed the trees on Retford Road
- The top of the Cooker has now been replaced by Ramp Electricals

### **20/62 Redecoration of the hall and its potential re-opening**

During the closure it was agreed that the hall should be kept heated.

A quote had been received to replace the fence at the front of the Village Hall car park for £550. It was agreed to leave the fence as it is for now. It was also agreed to discuss the redecoration of the entrance foyer at a later date.

Cllr Slingsby is to meet L. Hurt with regards to reframing and hanging of the large picture at the hall.

The current restrictions mean that we will be unable to open the hall before the end of this year. We will keep this under review

### **20/63 Flooding issues in the village**

There was more flooding a few weeks ago, during a heavy spell of rain. The residents on Central and Brackendale have been in consultation with the relevant organisations. Environmental Health and Seven Trent are now putting pressure on the County Council to help alleviate further issues as a blockage has been identified which Highways are responsible for clearing. District Councillor Mike Pringle has a meeting with Via later in the month and this work will be on his agenda. Some work has been scheduled to take place on Burton Rise from 27<sup>th</sup> November. Residents are co-ordinating through a Whatsapp group and do not require any further assistance from the Council at this point

### **20/64 Payments for approval**

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Slingsby

### **20/65 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications**

None

#### **20/66 To receive items for information and future meetings**

- Royal Mail have blocked the post-box at the top of New Hill. Clerk had complained and asked for an explanation. It had been blocked due to Brake Road being temporarily closed and the collection van was unable to take a diversion from its normal route. Clerk again requested that the post-box be moved to a more suitable, central location. Response from Royal Mail was if it isn't moved with 25 weeks their investigation will have concluded there is no reason to relocate it or add an additional post-box.
- Some of the village have not been receiving post on a regular basis, sometimes only once a week. Clerk has put a complaint into to Royal Mail about this and is still awaiting a response.
- Cllr Slingsby is looking into decorating the village with bows and community Christmas Cards for Christmas. Around £30 was requested to purchase fixings for the decorations. This was unanimously agreed.
- A new meeting platform needs to be sourced for future Parish Council meetings. The platform has to have the ability to dial-in. Cllr Samuel & Cllr Whittaker-Smith.
- Cllr Slingsby has been in contact with the resident regarding village gateway signs.
- There is a community radio station being set up called BOWE Radio. Cllr Mike Pringle is involved in this and has asked the Clerk to sit on the steering committee as a Walesby representative.
- Cllr Whitakker-Smith has asked about the prospect of her installing a memorial bench or similar for her grandparents. Parish Council couldn't see a problem but will decide once Cllr Whitakker-Smith has more details.

#### **20/67 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

#### **20/68 Time and date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 via a virtual meeting (details to be shared closer to the time)

**Meeting closed at 7:26pm**