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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
18th January 2021 at 7:30pm**

Present: Cllr G Morgan (GM)
Cllr F Copsey (FC)
Cllr S Dorey (SD)
Cllr D Allingham (DA)
Cllr G Couldrake (GC)
Cllr C Turner (CT)
Cllr C Nelson (CN)

Cllr M Clarke (NCC)
Cllr s Hollowell (SNC)

3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -

Cllr C Clarke, SNC

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 16.11.20, These were corrected and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – To receive declarations made under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).
Cllrs Nelson and Allingham declared an interest in item 11 – nomination of members for CPLT.

4. MATTERS ARISING AND CLERK'S REPORT – nothing to report which is not on agenda

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In this item on the agenda of meeting residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

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6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – if available

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Cllr Clarke, NCC:

- i) Covid 19 – Northampton is following national trend. NGH and Kettering hospital are under considerable pressure. Vaccination programme being rolled out. Plea from Denton surgery not to phone enquiring when individual vaccinations are due. Patients will be contacted. This is to go in newsletter. Also sincere thanks to volunteers and NHS staff for delivering vaccination programme.
- ii) NCC ends on 31.3.21. Budget for new West Northants Council is out for consultation until 2.2.21. Council tax increase proposed of 2% and 3% for adult social care. £40 - £50million to be handed over from 2 councils to new council which starts on 1.4.21.
- iii) Council Elections hopefully going ahead on 6th May. May be predominantly a postal vote election. Encourage people to apply for postal votes.

Cllr Hollowell, SNC:

- i) Clerk has circulated latest report for this meeting.
- ii) Advised Council to be attentive of possible future strategic planning. He brought attention to the old proposal by the Joint Planning Unit which put forward plans for a 'mini town' at this side of Northampton.
- iii) Be aware that in future there may be an application for a mixed development. The Council agreed that if there is an informal contact from an applicant an extraordinary Zoom meeting would be scheduled if necessary.

7. PLANNING

A) LOCAL – Planning Register at 12.1.21 .

i) S/2020/2255/FUL, 24 Church Lane, convert part of existing attached garage into habitable space, replace windows, doors and render part of existing house.

The PC had no objections to this application. **Clerk** to submit response to SNC.

ii) NCC - 20/00074/WASFUL - Waste Transfer Station, Lower Ecton Lane

The PC had no objections to this application. **Clerk** to submit response to NCC.

Council to ensure it remains attentive to any future applications, obtaining an extension and holding an extraordinary meeting if necessary.

B) STRATEGIC – no matters

8. ESTATE MATTERS

A. **FOOTPATHS** – Clerk to receive any reports on footpaths requiring attention
Cllr Turner reported that road drain on Salt Box path needs cleaning out.
Clerk to put request to Rights of Way

B. **LIGHTING** – Clerk to receive reports of any faults with lights. Cllr Dorey is to meet director of Ayelsbury Mains to discuss arrangements. Concern that some lights are failing after repair.

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C. **BUS SHELTER ROOFING** – Cllr Copsey reported that she had some remaining shingles which she will keep for future use.

9. GROVE ROAD BENCH

- PC has agreed that the PC would purchase the bench and that the CPLT would cover the costs. The PC agreed to include it as a community asset and on Council insurance policy. Option could be that the CPLT could then agree to pay a nominal amount for maintenance.
- Photos of suggested position have been submitted to NCC Highways, Regulations Team, but greater clarity required on map. **Cllr Copsey** and **Allingham** to confirm position for **Clerk** to submit.

10. **PLAY AREA** – Council had received quote from Wicksteed for additional work on swings. It was agreed that the Council would accept the order as detailed below but request, instead of a cradle seat and a flat seat, *TWO flat seats at £146.25 each. **Clerk** to order.

2.4m 1 bay Timber Swing Lappset
1 x 00026 Flat Seat with Chains @ £146.25
1 x 000228 Cradle Seat with chains @ £368.75 *see above amendment
Delivery from Suppliers £14.50
Labour to fit above to existing Top Bar £90.00 Subject VAT
Lead time approx. 6-8 weeks

Cllr Allingham is still in process of sourcing grants for funding repairs.

11. CHURCH AND POORS LAND TRUST

- Parish Council nominated Kevin Ward as member for the Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Couldrake and seconded by Cllr Dorey.

12. **HIGHWAY ISSUES** – reports to Clerk for logging with ‘Fix my Street’. Cllr Copsey reported that the culvert at the pond is not blocked – just dealing with excessive rain.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS** – to note, not covered elsewhere in agenda

INCOMING

- Notable correspondence circulated to Councillors
- i. Northants CALC eUpdates
 - ii. NCALC - Northants CALC Training Courses
 - iii. NCALC request to appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police. Council agreed that the **Cllr Morgan** would take this role.
 - iv. SNC – Sally Andrews – request to return projector which was allocated in error (they will arrange pick up). **Clerk** to give SNC Chairman’s address to arrange.

14. PAYMENTS AGREED

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Total	Net	Vat
V Hartley	Microsoft Office sub	141	59.99		
Green leaf Garden Services	Grass cutting, Inv1283	142	80.00		
Wickstead Leisure Ltd	Repairs to play area	143	2585.08	2154.23	430.85
Sargeant Mem Hall	Hall hire 2020	144	20.00		
E-on credit £126.16	Supplies – Oct – Dec 20	145	366.67	348.34	18.33
British Legion	Remembrance wreath S 137 payment	146	50.00		
V Hartley	Salary Oct -Dec	147	727.68		
R Aldridge	Salary Nov and Dec,	148	156.00		
HMRC	Tax Oct -- Dec	149	205.20		
S Gautrey	Salary Oct - Dec	150	117.00		
B Osborne	Payroll services	151	66.00		
Aylesbury Mains	Repair of PL28, Elm Close	152	72.36	60.30	12.06
R Aldridge	Salary for Jan	153	78.00		
Sgt Mem Hall	March meeting	154	20.00		
ICO	GDPR	DD	35.00		

Total £4618.78

15. OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Bank Balances - current A/C at 18.12.20 – £17930.97
Less above payments - £13312.19
- **Clerk and Cllr Allingham** to hold a zoom meeting by way of carrying out an internal control check of the accounts prior to the year end.
- It was agreed that from now on **Clerk** to use First Class postage for cheque payments.

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16. **AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2021/22** – Agreement and Resolution to apply for Precept for 2021/22 – The Clerk had circulated a draft budget. (below) The PC agreed that based on inflation and the expected increase of certain suppliers that the precept for the new year will be set at £15,000. Cllr Allingham proposed, and Cllr Dorey seconded this decision. **Clerk** to apply for precept from SNC.
17. **SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS FOR COUNCILLORS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING** – action points mainly for Clerk and Cllr Nelson.
18. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**
- DA** – Jubilee committee had suggested funding a plaque could be added to the Village Sign in recognition of the work done by the Covid key workers in 2020 and 2021
- GM** – PC to consider funding wifi access for village hall (particularly useful for Council to review planning applications at meetings).
- CN** – Reported that new printing company required for newsletter. Various suggestions made.
19. **ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER** – Cllr Nelson listed items for inclusion.
20. **DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETING** – Zoom meeting at 7.30 pm, 15th March 2021

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BPC - Precept for 2021/22

Figures For perusal at January 2021 meeting
Estimates for 2020/22 based on a 1% increase

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated costs:</u>	
	<u>for 20/21</u>	<u>for 20/22</u>
Fees and Subs	450	455
Clerks salary	3518	3618
Insurance	1018	1028
Expenses	177	240
Mowing	2300	2323
Lighting Supplies	1876	1896
Light Repairs	200	202
New Lights	0	700
Section 137*	500	500
Audit	180	182
Play area check	60	61
Litter pick of Play area	494	499
Newsletter/website	375	380
Village Hall Rent	20	160
Pond / Green	759 inc dredge	255
Clean shelter	988	998
General Repairs	150	150
Pay roll	264	267
Allowance for election (£1 per elector)		546
Total	<u>£13329</u>	<u>£14460</u>

*** Maximum allowance for Section 137 £8.32 x 546 = £4543. (At time of writing).**

Agreed Precept - £15,000

Last year's precept - £14,250

Bank balance at 18.1.21- £13444.19

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SNC below, District Council Report: Brafield, 17.1.21

Dear Viv,

1. Covid 19

Because the situation regarding the pandemic is so fast-moving, I have stopped sending out reports from the weekly Covid-19 Oversight and Engagement Board. If you are not already following the local data, it can be found on the Government's link below. Just scroll down to the interactive map and, blow up the area of interest. We are in "Cogenhoe, Hackleton and Denton". Feel free to pass this link on to anyone who is unaware of it as it provides other Covid data as well.

Most of the local areas are below the national average but that is because the national average is now so high. If the link doesn't work (at best, it is slow), just Google 'Covid-19 Interactive Map'.

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

2. Reorganisation of Local Government in Northamptonshire

The West Northamptonshire Council's first draft budget has been produced and placed on public deposit for consultation. The consultation document can be found using the following link.

https://futurenorthants.citizenspace.com/west/budget-2021-2022/supporting_documents/WNC%20Draft%20Budget%20202122%20Consultation%20Group%20Feedback%20Collection%20Form.pdf

If anyone wishes to see the full Report, it can be found at:

<http://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cm5live/>

3. South Northants Council

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SNC is now entering its final months before dissolution. This is the first time that the Council has not had to set a budget or approve a tax base both of which are now the responsibility of the new West Northamptonshire Council.

The majority of SNC officers are still working from home because of the Covid-19 virus and most of the Councillors have not attended the Council offices at Towcester for nearly a year and may not again. All Council and committee meetings are by Zoom and You Tube and this has generally worked well although there have been occasional technical problems. The coming weeks and months will prove challenging with some of us trying to keep SNC on the road until May while others are concentrating on establishing the new Council.

If there are any questions or matters anyone wishes to raise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Cllr Steven Hollowell

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