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**MINUTES of the NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL (Held via Remote Meeting Technology)**

**20th April 2020 at 7.30 pm**

**Members present:**

Councillors Godfrey

Clarke

Edwards

Pocock

Rees

Pringle

Somervail

Holditch

Others Present:

Clerk/RFO Usha Kilich, County Councillor Douris and three members of the public.

**MINUTES**

**63. To receive Apologies for non-participation**

There were no apologies to record.

**64. To receive declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda**

There was no declaration of interest to record.

**65. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd March 2020 (previously circulated) were

received and approved in principle. These will be signed at a Full Council meeting once meeting

in person are permitted.

**66. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2020**

1. HSBC Bank Mandate; unable to complete the mandate due to Virtual Meeting. The item will

be on the agenda once meetings in person are permitted.

2. Cllr Douris informed members that the “wrong facing” sign on Hamberlins Lane has been

reported, however, Covid 19 has caused major disruptions on works relating to Highways.

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3. Cllr Douris reported that speed and volume device has been ordered, depending on the

results, the whole of the Mandelyns area will have 20 mph restriction, the implementation is

likely to be 2021/22.

4. Cllr Douris informed members that the “refreshing” of white lines on Mandelyns and Herons

Elm is scheduled to take place.

**67. Report from County/Borough Councillor (s)**

**68. Chairman’s Report & Correspondence**

**68.1 Road Safety Working Group (authorise the limit on expenditure).**

Cllr Clarke reported that any Road Safety Working Group expenditure will need to be submitted to Full Council for approval of the expenditure.

**68.2 HSBC changes**

Cllr Clarke informed members that there has been changes to bank interest rates.

**68.3 Moles at the Rec Ground**

Cllr Godfrey informed members that the issues of the mole are still there, David Dumpleton

has sent an invoice via Ali Fantham, Cllr Godfrey suggested there will be another invoice

coming directly from David Dumpleton.

The Rec Ground pathway needs to be drained; it is currently water logged at both ends. Cllr Pocock will obtain a quote from Adam Mega.

Cllr Somervail informed members that NPC should agree a set of principles for deciding whether to donate funds.

**68.4 Raiders and Tornadoes meeting with Cllr Somerville**

Cllr Somervail reported that Berkhamsted Tornadoes have made good progress and are

hoping to re-instate their second team. Cllr Clarke thanked Cllr Somervail for producing a

report which informed members on the recent development between Berkhamsted Tornadoes

and the Raiders.

**68.5 Verge Hardening on Mandelyns (Cllr Clarke supports VH)**

Cllr Clarke informed members that it was **RESOLVED** that NPC wishes to go ahead with double

yellow lines on Mandelyns. The correct procedure would be to write to Cllr Douris identifying

where the double yellow lines need to be implemented. Cllr Rees asked if Darrs Lane could

also be included. Cllr Douris will request Highways Officer to liaise with NPC, Cllr Douris made

it known that Northchurch Parish Council will fully, part or match fund the scheme from

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

**Action: The Clerk to write to** **Cllr Douris requesting for double yellow lines on Mandelyns and Darrs Lane. Update the website about the request.**

**68.6 Herts HCC £1300 Locality Budget received for the Entry Gate**

Cllr Clarke reported that the sum of £1300 has been received from Cllr Douris for Go20’s Entry

Gate Project, Cllr Douris confirmed further £700 will be awarded towards the project from 20/21

Locality Budget.

**Action: Cllr Pringle and the Clerk to ascertain Herts Highways or NPC to implement the Entry Gates into Northchurch on Tring Road and New Road.**

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**68.7 Speeding on High Street**

Cllr Pringle reported that speeding through Northchurch in recent weeks has been extreme.

Residents have indicated that emptier roads during lockdown have resulted in vehicles

travelling at even more excessive speed than usual. A local resident reported feeling unsafe

walking with her pram on the pavement near the Cricket Club at the junction of Dudswell Lane

and Tring Road. Speed Indicator Device indicated many vehicles travelling at excessive speed.

**Action: Cllr Pringle and the Clerk to write to Police requesting police attendance to Northchurch High Street to discourage the recent spate of speeding cars and motorbikes. Place the request NPC website.**

**68.8 SSRT Monthly Invoice**

Cllr Godfrey will liaise with Sunny Side Rural Trust (SSRT) to ascertain what essential work needs to be carried out due to Covid 19 such as emptying of the bins in playgrounds. To discuss the reduction of payments to possibly 80% and the impact this may have on their finances. Cllr Godfrey to report to council members via email.

**Action: Cllr Godfrey to liaise with SSRT re the above.**

**68.9 HAPTC membership**

Cllr Clarke proposed whether Northchurch PC should re-join Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for NPC to renew the subscription.

**68.10 Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**

The Clerk informed members this was for information only as the email was previously circulated.

**68.11 Website Compatibility**

Cllr Clarke informed members that NPC’s website is extremely slow, the Clerk to inform Mark

Cronin of the issue. Mark to report on how he is getting on with Website Compatibility which

is being implemented in September 2020. All Councillors to provide the Clerk with their

photos and short bio for the website.

**68.12 Double Yellow Lines**

Please refer to point 68.5.

**68.13 Grant for scrubs**

Peter White, a Northchurch resident is running a local volunteer program to supply scrubs to

local hospitals and care homes. The program raised £7500 and were able to supply 650 scrubs,

there is a potential to follow up on this; however, further funding is required. Pert White has

requested that Northchurch to consider future funding.

**Action: The Clerk to obtain documentary evidence from Peter White to establish his credentials e.g. references and confirmation of his work from local hospitals and a suitable bank account.**

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**68.14 RoSPA Inspection**

It was reported that RoSPA would be carrying out the inspection in May 2020.

**69. Finance and YTD Summary**

The Finance Summary was circulated prior to meeting taking place, there were no questions raised.

**69.1 Authorising Invoices**

Due to Virtual Meeting taking place, it was not possible for invoices to be authorised for

payments, these will be signed at a Full Council Meeting once meeting in person are permitted.

**69.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL)**

The Clerk informed members that the sum of £12,026 has been received from Dacorum

Borough Council on the 6th April 2020, the sum will be Earmarked.

**69.3 Year End Summary**

The Year End Summary (previously circulated) were approved for audit purpose, there were

no questions raised form council members.

**70. Allotment Update**

Nothing to report.

**71. Next Council Meeting 11th May 2020**

**The meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

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