

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes



Date: Monday 27th July 2020
Time: 7.00 pm
Present: Cllr Golder (Chair), Cllr Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Cllr Gayton, Cllr Waterton, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Grimes, Cllr J Collett (HBBC), Cllr I Ould (LCC), A Perkins (Clerk)

07/20/1 APOLOGIES

None

07/20/2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

07/20/3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2020 and the ordinary meeting held on the 15th June 2020 were agreed by the Parish Councillors present and signed as a true record of the meeting.

07/20/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Further to his monthly report emailed and forwarded to all present, Cllr Ould informed us that no further communications had been received from Ann Carruthers re government grants for footpath improvements ref the Nuneaton Lane footpath issue. He confirmed that due to Covid-19 LCC are £30 million in the red expected to rise to £60 million in 2021 and that redundancies are imminent.

He commented on the issue of parking and that he is waiting for confirmation regarding the ownership of The Green in Higham on the Hill with a view to parking bays being created. He confirmed that if/when the 850 homes, for which planning has been granted on the A47 by the Triumph factory, but which have not yet been built, traffic volume through the village will increase. Still no response re the lighting issues on Hilary Bevins Close since adoption.

Cllr J Collett informed us that HBBC echoed Cllr Ould's comments that finances remain a worry. He confirmed that the application on Wykin Lane had been turned down but that it would likely go to appeal. His advice to all Parish Councils remains to keep watch for speculative applications. He commented that Sheepy Parish Council are looking to buy The Cock at Sibson and Stoke Golding to buy The Baxter Hall as Community Ventures and that he had suggested both Parish Councils contact us for advice.

07/20/5 CLERKS REPORT

- (i) Eyesore on Nuneaton Lane – landowner not contacted as yet.
- (ii) Kissing gate on T49 – permission obtained from Mr M Stew, the landowner.
- (iii) Open Field – Leics & Rutland Wildlife Trust contacted for advice but no reply as yet. Documents and correspondence relating to this area have been scanned and a digital file created for future reference.
- (iv) The lane from Mill Gardens to Cherry Orchard is unadopted.
- (v) LRALC Clerks ¼ly meeting had been attended online on 10th July by the clerk.

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- (i) Tree Survey – Cllr Jenkins had received the Tree Survey from Stuart Marshall. Two trees in the old churchyard need attention and one in the Open Field will do in the next 12 months. A faculty may be needed. Clerk to investigate **Action: Parish Clerk**
- (ii) Open Field – Cllr Golder stated that due to Covid-19 it had not been possible to arrange a gathering to discuss future management of the area so this item to be deferred until a later date and time. ROSPA SUDS had been contacted again to request a Risk Assessment on the balancing pool. Cllr Jenkins to liaise with the clerk to arrange. The field will be mown in August. Cllr Jenkins also confirmed that £6000 had been received from David Wilson Homes for the maintenance of the area however this money had not been set aside. Clerk to create a separate spreadsheet within the accounts to show expenditure and remaining fund as set aside in the 2020-2021 accounts.
Action: Cllr Jenkins/Parish Clerk

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ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO PRIVATE SESSION

None

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PLANNING

20/00604/FUL Dated 1 July 2020. Change of use to B8 storage and distribution of goods
LOCATION: Rowden House Farm Fenn Lanes Fenny Drayton Nuneaton Leicestershire
Cllr Jenkins confirmed that no objections were necessary.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION

- i. Football Team and use of King George's Field – Cllr Golder asked whether a list of games for the 2019 – 2020 season had been submitted. The clerk confirmed not. Clerk to contact Higham FC and request a fixtures list for the 2020 – 2021 Season and confirm that a fee of £10 per game is payable to help with maintenance costs of the grounds. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- ii. Parking on Main Street/Nuneaton Lane – Cllr Whitehead again raised concerns about the increase in parking on the bend opposite the junction and on the junction itself, and the very poor visibility issues this creates. This in an ongoing problem but now getting much worse and it is feared that a very bad accident will happen there. Cllr Ould suggested the clerk contact Fiona Brockley at the Road Safety Team and also to contact LCC Road Safety Team, copying to both Cllrs Ould and Collett. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- iii. Proposal to refurbish the twin turrets and bridge play equipment – It was agreed by all present that this work go ahead at a cost of £295.00
- iv. Proposal to refurbish/repair of Parish Council Notice Board – A quote for £125 had been received. It was felt that due to current spending commitments, this be deferred to 2021. Cllr Gayton agreed to look at the broken locking mechanism and fix if possible. **Action: Cllr Gayton**
- v. Proposal to change stile to kissing gate on footpath T52 – All agreed that if the bid to Highways Parish and Community Funding for a grant of £5000 is successful that this go ahead and that 3 more stiles be converted to kissing gates. Clerk to submit application for the grant and to contact landowner re potential stile conversion locations. Cllr Gayton had already gained agreement from a landowner to change one stile to kissing gate on footpath T52. **Action: Parish Clerk**



- vi. Weight Limit signage on Wood Lane, Nuneaton Lane and canal bridges – Clerk to report online and to raise an email to Cllr Ould for his information so that he may assist in ensuring action is taken. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- vii. White lines in front of Pump Row drive – It was agreed that the clerk contact LCC Highways and request the white lines be repainted. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- viii. Hedge cutting and damage to signage – **as vi. Above.**

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- i. The Clerk had met with Nik Krtna from HBBC Clean Neighbourhoods Team and walked the village to establish the location of the bins on the Bin Contract, as 3 had recently been missed and 2 complaints had been received from residents.
- ii. The Clerk had asked that the HBBC road sweeper visit the village and Cllr Waterton confirmed that this had happened.
- iii. Cllr Waterton informed the council of an increasing issue with cyclists riding on the pavements and the danger to those whose front doors open directly onto the pavement. It was felt that nothing could be done to prevent this.

Cllrs Ould and Collett left the meeting at 8pm.

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FINANCE

Payee	Method	Dated	Net Amount
Unity Bank -- Service Charge	DD	30.06.20	£18.00
HBBC - Qtly Litter Bin Service Agreement	Trf	06.07.20	£214.50
Pilgrim & Farmer - Bench painting	Trf	06.07.20	£180.00
Plunkett Foundation re The Oddfellows	Trf	16.07.20	£200.00
Zoom Subscription	Trf	20.07.20	£119.90
Viking Stationers	Trf	22.07.20	£58.51

It was agreed by all present that the following three payments be made:

D Waterton – plants for flower tubs £40.00

Balance at bank £21,594.65

The clerk as Responsible Financial Officer confirmed the Council's commitments to reserves, spending powers and budget setting.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st September at 7.00pm via Zoom.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

Signed:  Dated: 06 / 10 / 2020