

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 7.30 pm

Meeting was held under the guidelines outlined by the Government for Zoom meetings.

Members on Zoom: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), R Honess, R Settle, A Belgrove and the Clerk

Apologies: Councillor B Hallam & RBC Councillor E Crane

Declaration of Interest – None declared

1. Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 February 2021 were approved as a true record.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - 2.1 Boundary Stones – As yet still no feedback from Grandborough Parish Council regarding these Stones – Clerk asked to chase.
 - 2.2 Gel Bags – Councillor Settle is completing the list of Villagers who it is believed still needed them together with other Villagers who would be prepared to pay for some. Once completed the amount of Gel Bags required can be established together with costs.
 - 2.3 Playing Field Equipment – Council agreed that the Playground Equipment from ESP which was slightly over budget should be the preferred option and purchased when funds allow. The WEF had been approached for a possible grant and they have indicated that one would be available but could not give amount until the next meeting of the WEF takes place. Councillor Belgrove had contacted RBC for funding and they have advised an application to the National Lottery be made.
 - 2.4 Adult Equipment – Councillor Settle reported that 133 leaflets had been distributed with 44 responses of which 22 were in favour of such equipment. The preferred location indicated by the responses was the Playing Field. Agreed that we await the return of any further responses and then circulate Villagers with final results with costings for a final assessment. The Council believes that consideration should be given to other means of exercise indoors or outdoors which could be facilitated by the Council as an alternative. Clerk requested to look into the Public Liability of any equipment if provided and Insurance implications.
 - 2.5 Longdown Lane/A45 Junction - Councillor Thomas reported that he had been able to agree with WCC Councillor Roberts that the funding of the road marking alterations at this Junction and the provision of lighting that these would be met from Councillor Roberts budget with the work scheduled to be carried out in April.
 - 2.6 Footpaths – An additional two members of the public have indicated that they would be prepared to work on improving the Public Footpaths around the Village bringing the total to three.
Council agreed to request WS Gardens to cost out repairs required on these footpaths and Councillor Honess agreed to meet with WS Gardens to assess the amount of work required by walking the footpaths. Council to consider next

actions when these costings are available.

Clerk requested to check Public Liability of volunteers carrying out work on behalf of the Council.

2.7 Zoom Meetings – Councillor Thomas has established that the cost of Zoom Meetings with a wider audience will be £119 plus VAT. Council agreed to Implement.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

R21/0071 Old Smithy – Conversion of redundant barn and outbuildings to create one residential unit. – Council is to raise no objections provided that WCC Highways raise no issues regarding access

4. 4.1 Willow Trees – The planting of new Willow trees at the pond to replace the existing trees held until the future.

4.2 Playing Field – Councillors are concerned at the number of people who are exercising their dogs in the Playing Field or allowing them to be “off lead” when waking through on the Public Footpath. Clerk requested to look into the cost of providing additional notices indicating that dogs must be kept on a lead and no exercising of dogs allowed – four required for each entrance.

The gate to the Village Hall grounds is to be fitted with a new lock.

4.3 Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Settle continues to have problems with communication with the Neighbourhood Watch set up.

5. FINANCIAL

On the proposition of Councillor Honess seconded by Councillor Settle the following payments/grants were approved:

E.ON	£ 96.89
Zoom	£ 143.88
Leaflets	£ 39.00

5.2 Grants

Village Hall	£ 450.00
W.P.C.C.	£1650.00
CAB	£ 100.00
Air Ambulance	£ 100.00

5.3 Precept – The Precept was agreed to be increased to £14,517 an increase of 2%.

5.4 Abeyance – Agreed by Council to hold back £5000 towards the purchase of Playground Equipment in 2021/2022.

6. OTHER MATTERS

Play Sessions – Councillor Belgrove agreed to contact the Play Rangers regarding the holding of the Play Sessions in the Summer as in previous years.

Date of Next Meetings

Parish Council Zoom Meeting – 13 April at 7.30 pm.

Annual Parish Meeting – Provisional Date by Zoom Tuesday 18 May at 7.30 pm.

Clerk *Oliver* Chairperson.....Date