

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 13 April 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

Declaration of Interest – None declared

Questions from the Public – None

1. Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 March 2021 were approved with the addition of an item on Footpaths i.e. Councillor Honess was requested to contact WCC Transport & Highways regarding the upkeep of bridle pathways in the Village. Councillor Hallam to be requested for the Maps of footpaths around the Village.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - 2.1 Boundary Stones – Clerk reported that Grandborough Parish Council were yet to make a decision on the Boundary Stones. Clerk asked to chase in particular to the Boundary Stones on the Willoughby/Grandborough Boundary.
 - 2.2 Gel Bags – Councillor Settle reported on interest from some Villagers on the provision of Gel Bags either provided free or to be charged for. Clerk asked to look up the supplier of these bags.
 - 2.3 Playing Field Equipment – The WEF has still been unable to indicate if a grant for this equipment would be forthcoming or as to how much if granted. Councillor Belgrove has been unable to follow up Grant applications until the grant from the WEF was known (if any).
 - 2.4 Adult Equipment – Councillor Settle had received one further response to the circular regarding the purchase and location of outdoor Adult Exercise Equipment. Councillors agreed not to follow through with this project. They are, however, to look at providing an alternative exercise option in the form of Adult Exercise classes possibly in the Village Hall. Councillors Honess, Settle and Mrs Geddes to research options available and to report to the next meeting. It is envisaged that if viable then possible taster sessions could be held for a limited period prior to any permanent commitment. Council would consider subsidising the sessions.
 - 2.5 Longdown Lane/A45 Junction - Work to be carried out at this junction still scheduled to take place in April. Council has noted that the Speed Limit sign at Tattle Bank has been removed.
 - 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 five. The Clerk has established that volunteers and equipment would be covered by our Insurers provided that Risk Assessments were undertaken prior to any work being carried out. Councillor Honess has contact

WCC Transport & Highways and has been informed that the types of paths he has brought to their attention are the responsibility of County Paths team and all information has been forwarded to them to look into. Clerk asked to contact RBC to see if PPE could be provided for the volunteers.

2.7 Willow Trees – Councillor Hallam is to plant two Willow trees at the pond and will plant more trees when available.

2.8 Dogs – Following two incidents of dog fouling in the Playing Field Villagers are requested to report offenders, if known, to the Parish Council who will then advise RBC of the incidents.

2.9 Playing Field Notice – The current notice at the Playing Field entrance had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors to consider alternative wording so that notice/notices included the walking of dogs through the Playing Field extension. Clerk to obtain costings for new notices.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1 R21/0247 – Proposed new 20m x 40m Ménage for exercising horses with post and rail fencing to be erected on the boundaries of Land to North East of A45. Councillors have raised no objections at this stage.

4. HIGHWAYS - Mr Geddes informed the Council that the street light at the end of Magdalen Road was on permanently. Clerk to advise Western Power.

5. Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Settle informed the Council of an improved contact with Neighbourhood Watch and that the Newsletter was being circulated again.

6. FINANCIAL

6.1 Balance Sheet on the proposition of Councillor Honess seconded by Councillor Settle the 2020 – 2021 Balance Sheet was approved.

6.2 The following payments were approved:

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| E.ON | £ 142.80 |
| WALC Subs | £ 192.00 |
| E.ON | £ 107.28 |
| Clerks Salary/Expenses | £1149.82 |

6.3 Councillor Honess was advised that grants/donations from WEF were discretionary.

6.4 On the proposition of Councillor Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove the Zurich Insurance Public Liability Insurance was agreed to be renewed at the offer to hold price for 3 years.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Play Sessions – Councillor Belgrove had arranged with the Play Rangers for this to be held as in previous years (COVID Permitting). Once confirmed flyers to be circulated – event provisionally set for 6 – 23 July in the Playing Field.

7.2 Annual Meeting – Covid permitting to be held on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall (date changed from 18 May due to unavailability of Councillors)

Date of Next Meeting 8 June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall (Covid permitting) or by Zoom if necessary.

Clerk Chairperson.....

Date