

LOWICK & SLIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7.00pm via ZOOM

Present: Councillors W Childs (Chair), P Anstee, , A Fenton, D Chipchase,
S Gardner, J Beardmore

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk),

20.09/257	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr G Britton															
20.09/258	Public participation session None															
20.09/259	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None															
20.09/260	In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place. Resolved: All in agreement															
20.09/261	To approve and authorise payment of the following invoices <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">Chq</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Payee</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Item</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Amount</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Power</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100479</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>Reimbursement for cable ties</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5.80</td> <td>PHA 1936 s234</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100479</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>August expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£27.51</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Resolved: All payments authorised	Chq	Payee	Item	Amount	Power	100479	N A Phillips	Reimbursement for cable ties	£5.80	PHA 1936 s234	100479	N A Phillips	August expenses	£27.51	LGA 1972 s111
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20.09/262	To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by East Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting. 20/00977/FUL Construction of 5 residential dwellings and conversion of public house to residential dwelling The Samuel Pepys Slipton Lane Slipton NN14 3AS Lowick and Slipton Parish Council wishes to object in the strongest terms to the proposed redevelopment of the Samuel Pepys Public House. The pub provides the only premises for social gatherings in the village as the only other building is the church which is situated at some distance along an unlit track and is not suitable for meeting and socialising in the same way as the pub is. The Samuel Pepys is designated as an Asset of Community Value – a designation that was supported by the majority of Slipton residents, and the Parish Council. In addition dating back as far as the mid 1800s this building is considered by many to be															

	<p>something of a heritage asset.</p> <p>The Samuel Pepys was until quite recently a thriving village pub attracting customers from both the village and further afield including areas already well served by other similar establishments. Cllrs are aware that there has been interest from various third parties to running the Samuel Pepys as a viable commercial venture and feel that the current state of the premises and in particular, the metal shuttering with paint sprayed 'KEEP OUT' signs which have recently been fitted to the roadside windows of the premises is actively deterring interested parties.</p> <p>The Parish Council already has concerns about road safety on what can be a fast road through the village and feel that the addition of 5 access points/drive ways will only add to the potential for a serious accident or incident. It is also felt that insufficient thought has been given to the provision of parking spaces which cause addition on-road parking issues in an area where many of the existing residents already have to park on the road – all this will add to the problems of limited visibility for motorists passing along this stretch of road.</p> <p>Plots 4,5 and 6 are situated in open countryside where there is a presumption against residential development and which if the application gets consent would set a precedent for building in open countryside in other areas of the village, and therefore the application should be requested on that point alone.</p> <p>This application fails to meet the requirements of Policy 13 of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011 – 20131 in any way and therefore should be rejected.</p> <p>Lowick and Slipton Parish Council requests that this planning application be put before the Planning Committee for discussion by all members before any decision is made.</p> <p>20/01096/VAR Variation of condition 2 to allow change to proposed plans and elevations pursuant to 19/01242/FUL - Erect log cabin structure to the front of property Condition 2 - Change to Proposed Plans & Elevations at 15 Main Street Lowick NN14 3BH</p> <p>Lowick & Slipton Parish Council objects to the proposed variation of condition 2 as there appears to be an increase to the height of the structure which the Parish Council already considers to be over large and inappropriate in a Conservation Area as the materials are not in keeping with the locally used materials and architecture of surrounding properties.</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to forward objections to ENC</p>
20.09/263	<p>To note planning decisions made by ENC</p> <p>20/00337/FUL Reinstatement terrace of cottages following catastrophic fire, internal alterations to layout and extension to rear (as per Design and Access Statement dated March 2020) (Resubmission of 19/01645/FUL) 1 - 3 Sudborough Road Slipton – permitted with conditions</p>
20.09/264	<p>To consider quotes received for a survey of trees at the Pocket Park and to resolve to appoint a contractor to carry the survey out.</p> <p>3 quotes received and considered</p> <p>Resolved: To appoint Rebecca Peace Arboriculture to carry out the above work. Clerk instructed to obtain discount if possible.</p>
20.09/265	<p>To discuss costings and possible repairs to children's slide at Pocket Park and to resolve what action to be taken.</p> <p>Work to repair the slide has been estimated at between £350 - £400.</p>

	<p>Resolved: Cllr Childs to work with contractor to have work carried out at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>A discussion then followed as to the future of the Pocket Park. Cllr Gardner will research the level of support in the village for the park, and ideas for future development and grant funding. The Clerk circulated costings for a possible redevelopment of the area for Cllrs to see what could be achieved with a request that this information was commercially sensitive and therefore should not be shared outside of the PC.</p>
20.09/266	<p>To discuss volunteer offer to carry out repainting of play equipment at the Pocket Park and to resolve what action to be taken.</p> <p>A volunteer has come forward to paint the play equipment if materials are provided.</p> <p>Resolved: Offer of help gratefully received. Cllr Childs to liaise with volunteer. PC to pay for materials.</p>
20.09/267	<p>To note the appointment of a contractor to carry out emergency repair works on the bus shelter</p> <p>Resolved: Contractor appointed to carry out repairs to the bus shelter at a cost of £300. It was resolved not to claim for the damage through the PC insurance, Clerk instructed to notify insurers of this.</p>
20.09/268	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting as 18th November 2020</p> <p>Resolved: Confirmed as 18th November 2020</p>
20.09/269	<p>To close the meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.35 pm</p>

Signed:

Dated: