**Minutes of electronic meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 6th August 2020 commencing at 7pm**

**Those Present:** P Acton (Chairman), C Hogg, P Ramsden, C Miller (Clerk)

**2020/17 Apologies for Absence**

L Robson, R Taylor, J Spearman

**2020/18 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2020/19 Approval of minutes taken at the meeting held 6th February 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th February 2020 were accepted as a true record.

**2020/20 Matters arising from meeting held 6th February 2020**

* **Mud on road at Thockrington corner:** There was no longer a problem with mud on the road due to the works being officially stopped, however there was concern problems would re-occur in the future and the matter would be discussed in full under Planning Applications received further down the agenda.

**2020/21 Ray Wind Farm Fund Update**

The Ray Wind Farm web-site states financial assistance can be obtained for business’s and organisations struggling due to the Covid-19 pandemic and several applications had been received. The allocations for 19-20 had been fully subscribed with a new allocation of funding awaited. A final payment of 100K would be transferred to the Community Foundation February 2021 and it is then hoped the small grant scheme can be re-routed through the Community Interest Company, where it is envisaged they would have more influence with applications.

**2020/22 Correspondence**

Grant acknowledgement, Thockrington Church PCC

**2020/23 Finance**

**2020/23/01 To approve payments made since previous meeting:**

* NALC – annual subscription - £50.06
* Came & Company – annual insurance premium - £218.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

**2020/23/02 To consider and approve purchase of damaged grit bin**

Further to a site visit it was resolved the grit bin would be turned around to prevent further damage, and P Acton would carry out a minor repair to avoid the need of replacing the structure.

**2020/24 Planning**

**2020/24/01 Planning Applications received**

* 20/01806/FUL: Newonstead Kirkharle, erection of replacement garden room – no objections

**2020/24/02 Approval of Planning Application received:**

* 20/00483/FUL: Land at South West of Homilton Farm, proposed steel portal framed straw/machinery shed

**2020/24/03 20/02266/FUL, Notice of retrospective planning application**

20/02266/FUL: Hardstanding area at Land South West of Homilton Farm, Capheaton.

The track to the back of the wood which gives access to the field was put in when timber was being felled in the centre of the wood, with the timber loaded onto wagons on the track near the main roadside, and it is assumed replanting will need to be carried out. Last summer a large number of wagons with soil, clay and occasionally blocks and bricks were in evidence which is when mud on the road became a serious problem and the operations were halted. It was resolved the Parish Council would state they do not feel able to support the application as there are persistent concerns regarding mud on the road, they do not wish to see a repeat of problems from last winter, and are very concerned about mud accumulating on the dangerous corner at Thockrington which could cause a serious accident.

**2020/25 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/20**

**2020/25/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor**

There were no issues arising from the report of the internal auditor.

**2020/25/02 To approve the Governance Statement**

It was resolved to approve the Governance Statement.

**2020/25/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2019/2020**

It was resolved to approve the annual accounts for 2019/2020

**2020/25/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances**

It was resolved to approve the accounting statement and explanation of variances.

**2020/25/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate**

It was resolved to approve the exemption certificate.

**2020/26 Wildlife and Countryside Action 1981, Definitive Map Modification Order**

Confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Order (No 4) 2019, Restricted Byway No 28 and Byway Open to All Traffic No 29.

**2020/27 Web-site Accessibility Regulations**

New regulations were coming into force regarding web-site accessibility for those with disabilities and persons using mobile devices. The current free site through Spanglefish could be upgraded to comply with most of the regulations and would then cost approximately £103/annum - it was resolved the Parish Council would upgrade to this version, with Clerk to contact Spanglefish. Once up and running a web-site accessibility statement would need to be displayed detailing areas where the web-site does not conform which would be due to lack of Parish Council resources.

**2020/28 Any other Business**

Given the current climate, Zoom appears to be the most appropriate platform for holding meetings.

**2019/29 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5th November 2020 commencing 7pm.

The meeting closed at 745pm.

Claire Miller

Parish Clerk