# Minutes of the Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held on Tuesday January 19, 2021, at 6.30pm, by the Zoom system.

Couns. Kay Cutts (chairman),

Aruna Day (A), Mike Westwood (A), Dawn Clements,

David Page, Jodi Gray(A), Vivienne Ives

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott and Notts County Council member Coun. Richard Butler and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Debbie Mason.

1. Apologies for Absence

 There were none.

1. Declarations of Interest

 There were none.

1. Casual Vacancy

 At the last meeting it was agreed to ask former clerk Vivienne Ives to allow her name to be put forward to be co-opted on to the council. She has accepted this and is present here this evening. Coun. Cutts proposed that Mrs Ives be co-opted on to the council, Coun. Page seconded and all agreed. The chairman welcomed Mrs Ives as the new member.

1. Minutes from previous meeting September 15, 2020

 Accepted as presented, approved and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

1. Clerk’s Report

 The clerk said that both NALC and the Society of Local Council Clerks continue to both strongly urge parish councils to continue to hold Zoom meetings and with the position not getting any better over the coronavirus pandemic, the advice is even more important. Against this, saying currently the only reason for such a face-to-face meeting to be considered, and still not recommended, is if some councillors do not have the use of such as Zoom and cannot attend an online meeting, or if the availability of such as Zoom is not good enough in their area to hold a meeting, as it is in some parts of the country but not here in Nottinghamshire. Coun. Westwood is currently absent from all zoom meetings.

1. Report from the District and County Council Member

 Cllr Debbie Mason spoke on the current local flooding problem, plans for a new drainage system for Tollerton and planning at Gamston.

 Coun. Butler also updated the council on the flooding situation, saying it could become worse if the predicted weather for the following two days were correct. He said in some instances, landowners were not clearing rubbish from water courses on their land and this was not helping to tackle the situation.

 He spoke of the continuing programme for virus vaccinations and plans for a changed speed limit on Cotgrave Road.

 The County Council were progressing with their plans for a new rubbish clearing site at Hollygate Lane at Cotgrave.

1. Environment

 The clerk said two local residents had commented on what was claimed to be a big increase in litter dumping incidents in parts of the parish, with empty drinks can being regularly left in hedgerows and on the verges.

 There was comment at the meeting at the ongoing problem with the local Haven residential property which had been severely affected during a previous flood and which was still not in use.

1. Correspondence

 A letter was received from Mr William Blanchard on the way the council dealt with planning applications, asking for it to be made clear if residents and members of the council were being expected to make direct contact with planners at Rushcliffe Borough Council in place of council comments.

 The clerk had written to Lorraine Green to thank her for planting flowers at the roadside war memorial near the Plough licensed premises. She had replied to say she did not wish to be compensated for the expense she had incurred.

 It was agreed a request from Rural Community Action for membership by the council was to be raised at a future meeting.

 Rushcliffe Borough Council and Notts County Council had both made contact with warnings on possible severe flooding over the following two days because of expected heavy rain falls. The two authorities were both offering help with sandbags etc.

1. Planning Matters

 Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications were reported by the clerk, with members having been given the necessary details to enable them to look on-line at the plans and make their own contact.

 21/00018/lbc and 21/00017/ful Mr Bardsley, Normanton Grange, Old Melton Road. Single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration.

 20/03042/ful Mr and Mrs Wright, 17 The Leys. Construct two storey front and side and single storey rear extension. New chimneys, New box dormer windows to front and rear, including roof alterations. New external materials including rock panel cladding.

 20/02766/ful. Mr and Mrs Gamble, 12 The Leys. Complete remodelling of existing bungalow including new timber cladding to create a contemporary single storey dwelling. Construct storage shed, raised rear patio, landscaping and associated external works.

 20/02726/ful. and 20/02727/lbc Lee and Dawn Clements, Avenue Lodge, Old Melton Road. Change of use/conversion of part of dwelling on ground floor into a Holiday Let. Remove two full height windows and replace with two full height windows with door openings, addition of three tiles vents in roof to take new extract fans, additional two foul pipes, addition of one new window in rear elevation at first floor level.

 Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

 20/02691/var. Mr Sinder Singh, land south east of The White House, Old Melton Road. Changes to floor and elevation plans to 2 two-storey dwellings to three storey. Permit.

 20/01897/ful. Wynstay House, Old Melton Road. Richard and Vandra Stewart, demolish conservatory and erect single storey side/rear extension. Grant

 20/00810/ful. Michelle Woodward, Overgrown Acres, Cotgrave Road. Season[al] change of use, erect 3 tipis each 10.3 diameter to be used from May1 to September 30 annually to allow 28 events to be held, and erect pagoda for wedding ceremonies, part use of existing dwelling as bridal suite (limited to bridal use during the 28 events only).

1. Website

 The clerk said he was happy the site was meeting the regulations in the new Accessibility Act, and that the website provider Fiona Carruthers was giving them the necessary advice and service on this.

1. Finance

 Payment of Accounts were approved as circulated.

 The clerk had produced a written report on a suggested Budget for 2021-22 and this was presented to the meeting by the chairman. After discussion it was agreed by all members that the precept for the coming 12 months be the same as in the current year, a figure of £8500.

1. Chairman’s Matters

 It was confirmed that paper copies of planning application were no longer sent out by the Borough and members had to look online to see details. The chairman said that currently it was expected members would make individual comments on planning application direct to the Borough Council, with a copy being sent for record purposes to the clerk. The council could look at the matter at their next meeting.

1. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed as March 16.