# Minutes of the Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held on Tuesday March 16, 2021, at 6.30pm, by the Zoom system.

Couns. Kay Cutts (chairman),

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

David Page, Jodi Gray, Vivienne Ives

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

1. Apologies for Absence

 Coun.Dawn Clements.

1. Declarations of Interest

 There were none.

1. Casual Vacancy

 The co-option of Coun. Ives has been confirmed and she is now a full member of the council.

 Coun. David Page advised that he intended to resign the following day, explaining that he was selling his house and would be moving from the village. He would officially resign by letter to the clerk the next morning. The chairman said she was sorry at the decision of Coun. Page and thanked him for his input to the work of the council over a period of many years. He would be very much missed as a member and for the advice and help he had always given to them.

1. Minutes from previous meeting January 19, 2021

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

1. Clerk’s Report

 The clerk said Parish councils have been asked to have available - and they had - details of arrangements that would prevail in the event of having to mark the death of a senior national figure. The clerk said he holds the instructions.

 The Government were currently saying all Zoom meetings must end after May 6 and any after that date must be face to face. There is very strong feeling against that, with NALC, the National Society of Local Council Clerks and the Local Government Association all saying face to face meeting must not re-start until later in the year.

 It is understood there is one County Council taking the Government to court to force them to change their stance. The meeting agreed that the situation would be dealt with as the national situation of the virus progressed and would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

1. Report from the District and County Council Member

 Coun. Mason of Rushcliffe Borough Council spoke on various subjects on activities and work of her authority, including its decision to proceed with a new leisure centre and community hall for Bingham and the continuing problem of the dumping of litter.

 Coun. Butler spoke on the County Council's budget for the coming financial year and that it was not proposing to impose the maximum amount it could. There would be a 2per cent increase in the general figure and 1per cent for its social care programme. He said the proposed change to the speed limit on Cotgrave Road was progressing through the system. He also spoke on flooding problems.

1. Environment

 Cotgrave Road, Tollerton to Normanton proposed 50mph speed Limit. Coun. Butler of Notts County Council had advised the council that in regard to speed monitoring he had arranged for his authority to install electronic speed and traffic counters to gauge an accurate picture of the situation. The information obtained was still being progressed. He explained that the authority could not randomly organise for the provision of an interactive speed sign until facts showed it was justified. He pointed out it was an expensive exercise to make such provision.

 The chairman expressed her concerns on what she described as a continuing loss of village trees, and urged members to be aware of incidents where felling was taking place. The clerk said currently the council were not advised in advance of tree work or removal instances, with the Borough only being legally bound to advise of decisions they had taken after looking at requests they receive for work involving tree work.

 The meeting was advised that the project Gigabite broadband project being orchestrated by Plumtree parish council and involving, among others, Normanton, was receiving good support. The project, being backed by the Government, if it progressed, would improve the internet provision for local residents. The neighbouring council had organised for a mail out to be undertaken to the properties concerned and the council agreed to meeting the necessary cost of its share, at a figure of £94.66.

 The question of provision of wild flower seeds was discussed. Some difficulties on actual planting of them were raised. Coun. Gray said she had a quantity of seeds and would be happy to make them available to local residents if they made contact with her.

1. Correspondence

 There was no further correspondence.

1. Planning Matters

 Consideration of the method used by the council on planning notifications was discussed, with Coun. Ives saying she felt there needed to be a revision of how it was operated. After discussion, and with Coun. Ives' support and agreement, it was felt the clerk should continue to email to all members details of each application that the Borough Council received for the parish and that then members passed on their comments to Coun. Ives to deal with. If it was felt by the member there was a need for further discussion it would be arranged. All members were asked to ensure they passed on to Coun. Ives their comments, and even if they did not wish to express an opinion, still acknowledged they were aware of the application sent out by the Borough. The chairman thanked Coun. Ives for her input and help in the exercise.

 The question of property roof heights was briefly raised, in particular reference to the development at the land south east of The White House, Old Melton Road.

 **Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications**

 21/00805/VAR. Mrs Lorraine Clements, Avenue Farm, Old Melton Road. Vary Condition 3 of planning permission 05/01105/FUL to amend the lighting scheme requirements for the menage.

 **Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions**

 20/02726/FUL. Lee Clements, Avenue Lodge, Old Melton Road. Change of use of dwelling on ground floor into a holiday let. Grant

 20/01697/FUL. Michael Spencer, Normanton Beck, Back Lane. Construct double garage extension to existing garage. Refuse.

 21/00018/CONARE Wendy Perkins, Lynbrooke, Old Melton Road. Re-pollard willow tree, fell alder, reduce three silver birch, fell dying silver birch. Permit.

1. Website

 Comment was made that the site controller no longer lived in the area. The clerk said it was not necessary they did because the council office were responsible for input of all information that appeared on it.

1. Finance

 Payment of Accounts were approved as circulated.

 Clerk Salary review. Members had been made aware of a request for this and approved the change as circulated.

1. Chairman’s Matters

 The clerk said he could supply the council with six litter snatcher tools and the chairman said she would be happy to hold them until members sought one from her. The clerk was asked to seek a clean-up exercise by Streetwise alongside the A606 road in the parish to the point of the Queen’s Golden Jubilee ornamental sign further south. Concerns were expressed at the amount of ordinary litter and larger items deposited in that area of the parish. Members would carry out their own litter pick within the parish itself and use their own waste bin to store it ready for collection.

1. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed as April 27, 2021.

 This meeting would include the Parish Meeting. The chairman asked members to advise the clerk of any items they wished to appear on the agenda.

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.