

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

**Councillors Present:** T Howse (Chair), A Driver (Vice Chair), R Green, B Prior, J McDonagh & R Wheeler.

**Also present:** County Councillor Lynden Stowe, Clerk to the Council, Jenny Walsh.

3 members of the public were present.

Attendees were informed that the meeting was being held using an online virtual platform and would be recorded.

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**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Marley.

**2. Co option of Councillor following a Casual Vacancy**

Mrs Barbara Prior was welcomed to the Council and the Clerk confirmed that she had duly signed the Acceptance of Office form.

**3. Declarations of Interest - Members must declare any interest as it arises.**

Item 10(iii) Cllr Prior declared an interest.

Item 11(i) Planning application for Coach and Horses PH – Cllr Mc Donagh had declared an interest.

Neither Councillor took part in voting on said items.

**4. Public Participation** The meeting was temporarily suspended to hear representations from the public.

There were no representations from the public.

The meeting then resumed.

**5. Approval of minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were approved unanimously.

**6. Any Matters Arising from the last meeting**

- i. **Update on installation of Broadband by Gigaclear** – The Chairman reported that all bar one item of remedial work had been completed.
- ii. **Re-painting of the War Memorial** –The work had now been completed and a short Remembrance Day service observing distancing rules had been held on 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- iii. **Update on work to bench and beech tree on Ganborough Hill** -Mr Mathers confirmed the bench had been reinstated on 9<sup>th</sup> November and that the tree work was still being scheduled. The Chairman thanked Mr Mathers for organizing and funding the work.

**7. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Stowe extended his good wishes to Barbara Prior as a new Parish Councillor. A report on Covid figures for the County was provided and details of a new scheme working with various partners to conduct tree planting in those areas where ash die-back had resulted in many tree losses was in place. Cllr Stowe continued to support the Parish on Highways matters and agreed to look into bringing forward scheduled work to the Ashwell which had originally been timetabled next Spring. Cllr Stowe also confirmed a community grant had been provided to "The link" and subsequently Mrs Mathers expressed her gratitude.

**8. Ward Councillor's Report**

Cllr Beale was unable to attend the meeting.

## 9. Correspondence

- i. **Email from a resident concerning extending Gigaclear broadband to properties further into Rectory Gardens** -The Chairman reported that a resident who had contacted the Council to ask if Gigaclear could extend their service to his property at Old Rectory Gardens had been advised that he should contact Gigaclear directly to enquire on this matter.

## 10. Finance

### i. **Monthly finance reports and approval of payments for August and September 2020**

The monthly financial reports were considered and noted. Payments for October and November were approved unanimously as follows:

- October -Mrs J Walsh, salary and expenses – (data protected)
- October– HMRC, £30.20
- October- Hillscapes, Grass cutting and repairs to playground - £985
- October – Simply Stone, re-painting lettering on war memorial - £966
- October-Solway Direct, bench for playground- £358.80
- October- RBL Poppy Shop, wreath for Remembrance Day- £21.98
- November – Allium Florist, floral wreath for Remembrance Day - £50
- November - Mrs J Walsh, salary and expenses – (data protected)
- November - HMRC, £30.20

### ii. **First Draft budget for 2021/22**

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate details to Councillors of a preliminary meeting to be held before the end of the month with a view to a final draft budget plan being presented at the January meeting of the Council.

### iii. **Consideration of contribution by the Parish Council towards the cost of tree work at the village hall**

Following a report from the Chairman and discussion between councillors, it was agreed that the Council would award £200 to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of essential tree work outside the hall.

## 11. Planning/Licensing

### i. **Planning/Licensing Applications received**

- i. **20/03827/FUL – Coach & Horses PH, Ganborough Hill:** Demolition of existing outbuildings & proposed extension for new toilets. **No objections** recorded from the Parish Council.
- ii. **20/02917/FUL-Parsons Cottage, Banks Fee Lane, Longborough:** Erection of 1 outbuilding to form home office and store. **No objections** recorded from the Parish Council.
- iii. **20/03296/FUL - Mullion Cottage, High St, Longborough:** Installation of flue (retrospective). LBC permission previously granted. **No objections** recorded from the Parish Council.
- iv. **20/03523/TCONR – Longborough Village Hall, High St, Longborough:** Pollard to lime tree in front of hall. **No objections** recorded from the Parish Council
- v. **20/03788/TCONR – Charlesway Cottage, Chapel Lane:** prune back beech tree to remove overhang -**No objections** from the Parish Council.

### ii. **Planning/Licensing Application Decisions:** None recorded.

### iii. **Cotswold District Council Local Plan – call for sites (SHEELA request 2020)**

The Parish Council had no suggested sites for consideration.

### iv. **Consultation on proposed Government changes to Planning Regulations – response from the Parish Council.**

The Clerk reported that a letter from Cotswold DC had been circulated to councillors in October concerning proposed changes by central government, to the current planning regulations. The proposals emphasized the Government's priorities to support the regeneration and building of properties for residential dwellings and aimed at ways to speed up and declutter the current planning

procedures to facilitate this. The District Council had attached a copy of their response which expressed their concerns regarding limiting the consultation process. Councillors had agreed that they endorsed the views expressed in the CDC response and a letter to this effect was sent by the Clerk.

#### **12. Repairs and maintenance**

- i. The Clerk would chase hedge trimming between the school and the pub with the Council's contractors.
- ii. Cllr Green was thanked for identifying several locations around the village where various tree work was needed. The Chairman and Clerk would also investigate possible work needed to trees on the Ashwell.
- iii. The Clerk would report to GCC that manhole covers outside the Coach and Horses were cracked.

#### **13. Highways**

##### **i. Highway defects list**

The Chairman reported all the items raised during the meeting would be added to the existing list that was circulated to GCC Highways including re-surfacing at Orchard Rise and work needed to reinstate lettering on 50mph signs on the A424 and remove obscuring shrubbery as required.

##### **ii. Road safety – update report**

This item would be deferred to the next agenda.

#### **14. Review of Parish Plan**

A virtual meeting had been attended by Cllrs Howse, Driver, Mc Donagh and the Clerk. It had been agreed that a first step of re-drafting the Action Plan for the document would be carried out by the Clerk and that Cllr Howse would consider updating the picture gallery and other images. It was planned to present a revised draft Plan at the January LPC meeting with a view to being able to share with the wider community after that meeting.

#### **15. Arrangements for the Annual Parish (community) Assembly**

The Council agreed that it would still work towards an Assembly being scheduled for Spring 2021, but this would be subject to government regulations at the time and would be unlikely to take place over Zoom or any other virtual platform. Discussions with participants about arrangements would be started in January 2021.

#### **16. Any other business and councillors' requests for items for consideration at future meetings**

The Chairman had received a request for a new litter bin located on Ganborough Hill as well as a report of potential tree issues at the Ashwell.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

**Chairman's signature**

**Date**

**The next meeting shall be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm.**