

## LITCHBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting at Office of The Rectory as Village Hall unavailable.

TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

1. **Councillors present - T Sykes, D Aked-Walker, I Lowery, G Drinkwater, J Robinson, S Brunning, G Lugar Mawson, V Hartley – Clerk, Charles Manners, WNC Councillor**
2. **Apologies : None**
3. **Members of the public present - 2**
4. **Public Forum** : Members of the public can raise any issue with prior notice to the Clerk
  - The recent planning application by DHL for large scale warehousing along the A5 near Caldecote was discussed. The question as to why there was a change from light industrial development to the massive scale was raised. It was agreed that the Council will write to WNC with their objections to the proposal further to correspondence from the group who are opposing it. An entry will also be made on the website to inform residents about the proposals. The date for the end of the consultation is 2.2.2022. The group is forming to oppose the planning and is forming a website. Cllr Manners agreed to send the link for the planning application.
  - Cllr Charles Manners, WNC Councillor addressed the meeting.
    - He was elected in May this year, ( the time of the formation of WNC) with 2 other councillors and he covers the middle area of the ward. Considering Covid Council activity had been successful – bins were always collected and the Council tax invoices went out on time. There are 93 Councillors in WNC which is Northampton centric.
    - Housing and Social Services make big demands on the Council.
    - There will be a £42 charge for a green bin as from April 2022 to make a fairer system for collection of Council tax.
    - HS2 construction is having a large impact on the area where the line is going. Mitigation is the main aim during this time.
    - City Status is a possibility for Northampton.
    - West Northants Strategic Plan - a very important consultation producing a new Strategic Plan for the area - significant plan for the future of West Northamptonshire which will replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and cover the period up to 2050. Included in the plan are 'employment sites' , the nearest to Litchborough is between Siverstone and Whittlebury. A new relief road for Towcester is being built.
    - Councils/groups can apply for project funds from an 'empowerment' grant of £2500 for this period until April 2022.
    - He will endeavour to attend meetings about every 6 months.

Questions/comments from the councillors:

- Cllr Lowery congratulated the WNC Highways Maintenance Manager – Sturt Mann.
- Cllr Brunning reported that she had received excellent service from Katie Angel from Rights of Way.

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5. **Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Lugar-2, Aked Walker, and Robinson declared an interest in item 11 re the Church Fabric fund grant application and Cllr Brunning declared an interest in the Gardening Club grant application.**
6. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
7. **Ongoing Issues:** To report progress on, and to decide on any appropriate action on the following items:
- **Defibrillator** – to receive update (Cllr Aked -Walker). Report on Training session held - 6 people attended a very useful session. It was suggested that further sessions should be held with different groups of the village to encourage participation.
  - **Website** - to receive update (Cllr Brunning) – A list of months events is being kept up to date. Updates from Neighbourhood Watch are added.
  - **Footpaths and ROW** - to receive update (Cllrs Bruning and Drinkwater) – 9 of the 14 paths have been walked and all issues have been addressed and are fine.
  - **Snow and Tree Warden** – to receive update ( Cllr Robinson) – a recent ‘mini-tornado’ had damaged some trees, no other issues.
  - **Youth Club** – to receive update (Cllr Aked-Walker) – a report from CYPN had been submitted. 9 and 13 young people respectively had attended the previous 2 sessions. There is now a permanent leader. An extra meeting will be held on 21.12.21 including a hot meal free of charge.

#### 8. Bank Reconciliation

Nat West Balance at bf 26.10.21	£28977.42
Less O/S cheques (see below)	£2998.00
Balance cf at 10.11.21	£25979.42
Cambridge Building Soc savings A/C	£1011.40
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£26990.82</u></b>

#### Precept of £5000 received 29.9.21

9. **Council to note payment of CIL charges - £6351.58 received 22.10.21 in respect of levy received for development at land South of 40 Banbury Road.**

The Council agreed to consider how to use the funds. An addition will be made to the website inviting suggestions for projects to improve the amenities of the village.

10. **The following accounts were agreed:**

Payee	Net	VAT	Total £	Chq No
1PCS –hosting of domain name & email Sept	20.00	4.00	24.00	DD
1PCS –hosting of domain name & email Oct	20.00	4.00	24.00	DD
CYPN – Youth Sessions – Aug 21+1 summer session, Inv 1336	333.34	66.66	400.00	1003
V Hartley – Salary for Oct and Nov	380.00		380.00	1004
CYPN – Youth sessions, 14.9 & 12.10, Inv 1338	333.34	66.66	400.00	1005
Cancelled cheque				1006
<i>St Martins Fabric Trust Grant (agreed Nov 20)</i>	<i>1100.00</i>		<i>1100.00</i>	<i>1007</i>
<i>L'boro Gardening Club Grant (agreed Nov 20)</i>	<i>250.00</i>		<i>250.00</i>	<i>1008</i>

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L'boro Newsletter Grant (agreed Nov 20)	420.00		420.00	1009
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The Council also agreed to pay for a Christmas tree for the community.

**10. Council to consider Community Grant applications – information and application forms sent to various organisations**

The following applications and requests had been received and were approved:

<b>Gardening Club</b>	<b>£250.00</b>
<b>St Martins Fabric Trust</b>	<b>£1100.00</b>
<b>Church and Village Newsletter</b>	<b>£250.00.</b>

The payments will be made in April 2022. In future applications will be made in November in readiness for budget preparation in January and payment at the start of the new financial year.

**11. - Planning Applications and updates – Planning Register 2021 – Applications for consultation:**

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>WNS/2021/1754/TCA</u>	4 Towcester Road Litchborough NN12 8JA	Oak (T1) Pollard, Oak (T2) Fell - Replace with Mountain Ash, Maple (T3) Reduce crown by 20%, Silverbirch (T4) Reduce crown by 20%, Gleditsonia (T5) Reduce Crown by 20%, Cherry (T6) Reduce Crown by 20%	25/10/2021	4 - Consultations Despatched (1-10)

This application was for information only.

It was agreed that in future the **Clerk** would send the register on decisions made from now on.

**12. Storm drains in Towcester Road – update – Cllr Lowery has had a productive meeting with area highways maintenance manager:**

*who has issued instructions that the rainwater run offs in Towcester Road are now a high priority for clearance. Highways regulations department will be contacting the owners of suspect ditches on the west side of the road asking them to be cleared. It was thought that all gulleys were now satisfactory except the one outside 6 Towcester Road which will be investigated further, and the one by the junction with Banbury Road was missing and will be replaced.*

Cllr Lowery reported the installation of new grips in Towcester Road is imminent. He had forwarded an email from a resident with photos of the recent flooding to Highways which had proved helpful.

**13. Other matters for report only:** To discuss issues arising too late for the agenda. No decisions can be taken.

**14. To receive and action where necessary the following CORRESPONDENCE**  
**Various updates circulated** including information on West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan - Spatial Options Consultation

**15. To receive any items for the next Parish Council agenda**

**16. Date next Full Council meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022, 7.00pm – it was agreed from now on meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.**

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