

**WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2020
AT 7.30pm via ZOOM**

Present: Councillor Philip Leech (PL) (Chair), Councillor David Campbell-Kelly (DCK), together with Councillor Emma Clanfield, Councillor Philip Day (PD), Councillor Arthur Lyons, also in attendance Mrs J Jackson (JJ - Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by announcing suspension of Standing Orders and informed that the meeting was being held virtually via Zoom due to the continuing Covid 19 regulations.

- 2020.032 Apologies for Absence:**
- Neil Banister District Councillor
- 2020.033 Declarations of Interest:**
- It was noted that DCK, AL, EC and PD were all members of the WWRA
- 2020.034 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2020**
- The minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting were verbally approved as an accurate record
- Proposed AL; seconded PD that these be signed virtually and the hard copy signed at the earliest opportunity
- 2020.035 Matters Arising:**
- i) Proposed New Notice Board
 - PD had circulated website details of the company who could provide a suitable noticeboard for the village. Such boards were virtually maintenance free and very reliable. It was felt that one side should be for Parish Council matters and the other for general notices.
 - Lettering was done on a CNC machine and charged per letter and it was important to decide on the wording in order that a firm quotation could be obtained.
 - DCK & PD to create a plan of the proposed 2 bay board and wording together and to circulate for comment.
 - EC to look at design for plaque (to be sited inside the board) which acknowledged VE75
 - Councillors agreed the best site would be over the Orchard Road street sign and permission to be sought from the landowner (Platform Housing).
 - ii) DCK reported that HDC Cabinet had met to reconsider their support for the Strategic Growth Plan and it was approved provided the South/East by-pass remained deliverable.
 - iii) Grass Mowing – Platform Housing are to send a schedule for the mowing and a copy of the Land Registry details relating to the land at Orchard Road.
 - iv) Church Gates – PD reported that the village fund raising towards repainting of the gates had been extremely well supported. Councillors wished to acknowledge the generosity of the villagers towards this and together with a donation of £200 from the Council it was felt that works could commence at an early date.

PD/DCK

EC

JJ

- 2020.036 District Councillors Report**
- Neil Bannister had sent apologies for the meeting but had sent a note to say that HDC Planning Committee had met on 28 July where they narrowly approved the Lutterworth East development by 6 votes to 5.
 - DCK asked if NB could be asked for further comment in respect of the report to be prepared investigating the supply and demand of logistic sites within Leicestershire and the sub-regions.

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- 2020.037 Whetstone Pastures:**
- DCK reported that things were currently quiet
- Leicester City Local Plan Consultation was delayed again due to the 2nd lockdown of Leicester City and was currently postponed indefinitely. This in turn delays the Blaby Local Plan review if the City's unmet need cannot be quantified.
 - Detailed surveys (ecology, topographical, transport etc) have been carried out at the site.
 - DCK has held a Zoom call with Blake Pain re the budget for the proposed junction 20A. There were concerns beginning to be raised about viability due to the Junction requirement (est. cost £80 million) and the question was raised as to who pays for the works. Will funding be available and from who?
 - DCK is also holding a Teams Meeting with Ann Carruthers, Director of Highways on 24 September
 - None of the 8 Councils written to by the WWRA have yet responded re the Statement of Common Ground.

DCK

- 2020.037 Parishioners Time**
- No parishioners were present at the Zoom meeting

- 2020.038 Planning Applications:**
- The Clerk confirmed as follows:
- Ref No 20/01213/FUL – Installation of additional window into the north elevation – Manor Cottage, Main Street.
- Ref No 20/00928/TCA – Works to trees – Hill Farm, Main Street
- Councillors raised no objections.

2020.039 Financial and Legal Matters:

- 2020.039.1 Finance Report to 31st July 2020**
- Financial reports to 31st July had been circulated prior to the meeting These were approved as correct, but it was noted that the bank statement had not been reconciled as it had not been received.
 - DCK proposed adoption and AL seconded

2020.039.2 Payments for Authorisation:

EON	Electricity to 30/6	123.57
HDC	Dog Bins April – June	79.87
Leics Gardens	Grass mowing x 3	240.00
Clerks Salary	August & September	433.20

Resolved that all payments be authorised. Proposed AL; seconded DCK

- 2020.040 Asset of Community Value:**
- No further update
- 2020.041 Correspondence:**
- 2020.041.1** i) The Village Hall Committee had written requesting a donation towards the maintenance and repairs of the children's play area.
- It was agreed that £500 be sent as per the amount allowed in the budget.
- 2020.041.2** ii) The Chair confirmed an interest as he had sent a letter to The Parish Council concerning an overhanging tree from the Churchyard.
- DCK agreed to meet with PL and investigate further. A recommendation would then be made as to whether a tree surgeon should be instructed.
 - PD stated it should be remembered that the tree was in a Conservation Area and that permission may also be required from the Church.
- 2020.042 Any Other Business:**
- Attack on Planning System**
- Discussion held on a letter sent out by Government on the consultation re Councils allocating land for redevelopment, growth or protected.
 - AL commented that the Consultation process needed to be understood
 - DCK stated a White Paper was issued 6th August and the Consultation ends on the 29 October.
 - DCK proposed during September that Councillors consider if they have concerns and if so, to forward to DCK who would collate. Then to consider whether a discussion with Alberto Costa should be held during early October. There would still be time to submit a response if required.
 - DCK to circulate document link to all members
- 2020.043 Late Items for Next meeting:**
- The Chairman asked for the position of Chairman to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting
- 2020.044 Date of Next Meeting:**
- Thursday 5th November 2020
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27 pm

DCK/PL

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Signed _____ Dated _____