

Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held by Zoom on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr M George (MG) (in the Chair), Cllrs K. Cain (KC), P. Dunning (PD), J. Salmon (JS), K. Salmon (KS), S. Swain (SS) and P. Thornburn (PT) also Dist Cllr M Green and Cty Cllr M Overton . There was one member of the public present.

MG welcomed all present and explained that she would not be taking any comments from visitors once the items on the Agenda had commenced, after the public forum.

20/67: Declarations of interest: There were none.

20/68: Public time: The member of the public had no comment. **Cllr Green** said that her report had been issued and it was confirmed that it had been circulated to all Councillors. Waste collections will re-start on 22nd February but not everybody may get their collection. Work on the Holdingham roundabout will be ongoing to the end of the year. There is an application in again for the plant at Norton Disney – it is being validated at present. Cllr Green then left the meeting.

Cllr Overton had sent reports in and it was confirmed that Councillors had seen these. The Covid Neighbourly Group has applied for a grant to support loneliness. Covid numbers are going down – people who have been vaccinated can still get Covid but are unlikely to require hospitalisation. Vaccination centres are well organised. We said that potholes are not being repaired and where they have been repaired, the work is so poor that the tar comes out within weeks – this is a total waste of money. The elections are taking place in May – if you prefer to do a postal vote then log on to “About My Vote”. Cllr Overton then left the meeting.

20/69: Apologies – There were none.

20/70: Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January had been read, approved, and it was unanimously resolved that they be signed.

20/71: Police speed Monitoring – Mark Wood or Jo Mackie will let us know when they are able to attend.

20/72: Highways – Work at Spring Cottage has been completed. The footpath at The Bothy – works there are ongoing and the dropped kerb is due to be done in 2-3 weeks, along with the new access so hopefully the footpath will be made good at the same time.

20/73: Planning - 20/1457 and 1548 – new air source heat pump at Village Hall – approved; 20/1603 – new car port at 101A High Street, BB – approved; 21/18 tree works at 26 High Street – approved; 21/0065 – new windows at 71 High Street – pending consideration.

20/74: Phone Box: There was a discussion regarding the phone box which is a Parish Council asset. The legal position is that decisions about its future can only be made with PC consent as it is one of its assets and is covered by Parish Council insurance. The Chair thanked the two people who had advertised the project and collected a list of the volunteers' names to date. They, along with two Councillors, have met and are enthusiastic about starting the work. Although there is community involvement it was recognised, for the reasons stated, that everything must be done with the consent of the PC. The PC needs to be sure that Covid restrictions are adhered to so any work done will be done in pairs only. Cllrs Cain and Swain will liaise with the volunteers for required equipment and then get costings to bring to the next PC meeting. Resolved unanimously. Clerk to retain the list of names of volunteers for insurance purposes. Clerk to look at alternative funding for the defibrillator.

20/75: Finance: Resolved to sign the bank reconciliation/income/expenditure sheets at 31.1.21. The bank balance at 31.1.21 is £18,316.67.

Payments since last meeting: Salaries and expenses £346.04; LRSP speed signs £40 and PFA £186.

20/76: Next meeting – The APM is due to take place on 25th March and there is no legislation that allows this to be held virtually. Agreed we will wait and see what legislation comes up in the next few months – it may be allowed to be cancelled again this year but if not, it has to be held between 1st March and 1st June. The next regular meeting is on 15th April.

Notes:

Chair thanked Cllr J Salmon for the email update from the Village Hall Committee.

It was agreed that a map of the village should be obtained and the areas for litter picking marked so that litter pickers are aware of all areas to be picked.

Meeting closed 8.17 pm.