

**Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
2020  
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley**

<b>Members Present</b>	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr R Hinxman (Vice Chair) Cllr S Dudson Cllr E Whitesides Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	County Cllr A Matthews

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982	<b>To receive and approve apologies:</b> Cllr M Anderson Borough Cllr D Howes Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee)	
983	<b>Member's declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and any changes to the members Register of Interests:</b> Cllrs Jones and Hinxman declared an interest in item 987 – the Old Grain Store There were no changes to the members Register of Interests.	
984	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Dudson      Seconded Cllr Whitesides	
985	<b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b> There were no matters arising from the last meeting not covered on the agenda.	
986	<b>Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</b> There were no members of the public present. (Meeting closed to the public.)	
987	<b>Planning:</b> <b>KET/2019/0618 – Notification of Appeal    Harborough Road    Conversion to 4 new dwellings</b> <b>KET/2019/0680 – Notification of Appeal    Land to west of Braybrooke Road    2 New dwellings</b> <b>KET/2019/0886 – Old Grain Store, Sutton Lane    Conversion to 1 new dwelling</b> The Council had previously considered the above application and whilst it has no objection to the development, it requests that all contractors are mindful of neighbours in terms of noise and working hours and make good any damage to the narrow road and verges.	

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987	<p><b>KET/2019/0912 - Land off Braybrooke Road 6 new dwellings</b></p> <p>The Council had previously considered the above application and objected on a number of grounds. The proposal for a major development in a village with 'a small number of dwellings' conflicts with the Local Plan's statement that 'any future development is likely to be extremely limited'. Furthermore it is described as 'infill' which is inappropriate in a village with 'scattered dwellings in open countryside'.</p> <p>The proposal is for large detached houses with no recognition of any need or demand for affordable housing. Dingley has no affordable housing: the recent Dingley Village Survey (conducted by the Parish Council and shared with the community) showed a recognition of any future development being for smaller houses affordable by young families and those wishing to downsize.</p> <p>The position of this proposed development is inappropriate. There are no mains sewers and the site is on a single-track road which is already hazardous.</p>	
988	<p><b>Ongoing Matters:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Neighbourhood Watch (NW):</b></p> <p>There were no incidents of crime to report.</p>	
	<p><b>(ii) Risk Assessment:</b></p> <p>The Risk Assessment had been circulated to all Councillors for review prior to the meeting. This was <b>approved</b> by the Council and duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Jones      Seconded Cllr Hinxman</p>	
	<p><b>(iii) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (Dingley Dell):</b></p> <p>Cllr Dudson informed the Council that he had identified the owner of Dingley Park through Land Registry and would endeavour to make contact via the owner's solicitors. In the meantime the 2019 membership will be extended to include 2020 at no extra cost and all new applications will have a reduced annual membership fee of £15.</p> <p>Cllr Whitesides informed the Council that it may be possible to obtain a tree preservation order on cultural grounds on Dingley Woods on the basis of historic literature that may have written about Dingley Dell. Cllr Whitesides will look into this further.</p>	SD  EW
	<p><b>(iv) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</b></p> <p>Cllr Hinxman carried out an inspection of the defibrillator, stating that all was in order. A review of the pads will be made at the next meeting to make sure they are still in date.</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Anderson there was nothing to report on the bus shelters.</p>	RH
	<p><b>(v) Emergency Plan:</b></p> <p>The Council noted that this document is still work in progress and in circulation for all councillors to make their contributions. This will then be passed to the Village Hall Committee for its input. The Council referred to correspondence regarding how the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee could offer support to local residents who have to self-isolate or who are vulnerable. Cllr Hinxman asked that the Council give thought to how vulnerable residents can be identified and how that register could be updated. This can all be incorporated in the Emergency Plan.</p>	
	<p><b>(vi) Litter Pick:</b></p> <p>The Council set the date of the annual litter pick for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk will display the poster on the notice board and arrange delivery of the equipment from Kettering Borough Council.</p>	JM

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989	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Payments</b></p> <p>The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously <b>agreed</b>:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="228 338 1348 450"> <tr> <td>100586</td> <td>Curtis Website Design – Website maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100587</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses for January</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£294.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100588</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses February</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£294.05</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Receipts</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="228 607 1348 786"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,952.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- Transparency Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£336.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b><u>£3,346.35</u></b></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on <a href="http://dingley-pc.gov.uk">dingley-pc.gov.uk</a></p>	100586	Curtis Website Design – Website maintenance	£135.00	100587	J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses for January	£294.05	100588	J Medwell – Clerk wages and expenses February	£294.05	Current Account	£3,952.72	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£270.00	- Transparency Fund	£336.37	Total Balance of Reserves	<b><u>£3,346.35</u></b>	
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990	<p><b>Parish Highways:</b></p> <p><b>Village Footpaths - Church Lane to the top of Dingley Lane (phase 1)</b></p> <p>Cllr Dudson raised this item and referred to the confirmation from NCC that the Parish Council's request for the section of new footway from the existing path along to Dingley Lane (Ph1 LHS) had been put forward for ranking when this process is undertaken in the new financial year. Cllr Dudson asked County Cllr Matthews to find out where this proposal sits within the system.</p> <p>Cllr Hinxman raised the matter of all Rights of Way and footpaths within the parish and whether these had all been formally recorded. The Clerk will seek confirmation from the footpath warden.</p> <p>County Cllr Matthews advised that the County Council had invested in new pothole repairing equipment which would increase the efficiency of repair.</p>	<b>JM</b>																	
991	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Northamptonshire Police – Northamptonshire Rural Matters Newsletter</li> <li>ii. KBC – Changes to consultation process for planning applications</li> <li>iii. Police Commissioner – OPFCC Newsletters</li> </ol> <p>The Council was reminded at this point of the forthcoming parish council elections on May 7<sup>th</sup> and that the date for submission of nomination forms is 8<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk will distribute the packs as required once received from Kettering Borough Council.</p>	<b>JM</b>																	
992	<p><b>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</b></p> <p>Items for Annual Village Meeting</p> <p>Exchange of Information</p>																		
993	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020</p>																		

**The Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm**

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