

**Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2020
at 7 pm. This was held via Electronic Conferencing on account of the
Government social distancing requirements during this Coronavirus
Pandemic.**

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| Members Present | Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson (Vice Chair) Cllr E Whitesides Cllr E Lomer-Wood Cllr M Stevens Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk) |
| Others in Attendance | Borough Cllr D Howes, County Cllr A Matthews and Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee) |

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| 1009 | To receive and approve apologies: There were none. | |
| 1010 | Member's declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and any changes to the members Register of Interests: There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda or changes to the members Register of Interests. | |
| 1011 | Co-option of New Councillor: The Council agreed to co-opt Mr Mark Stevens to fill the casual vacancy which arose from the resignation of Cllr Anderson. Proposed Cllr Jones Seconded Cllr Whitesides Cllr Stevens will duly complete and sign the Register of Members' Interests and the Declaration of Office, witnessed and returned to the Clerk. | |
| 1012 | To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th May 2020 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed on behalf of the Chair by the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Dudson Seconded Cllr Lomer-Wood | |
| 1013 | Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising. | |
| 1014 | Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council: The Chair welcomed the visitors. County Cllr Matthews informed the Council that the leader and deputy leader for the new North Northamptonshire shadow unitary authority had been elected and the first meeting of the new authority was due to take place electronically later in the week. Fiona Barnaby advised that there was nothing to report regarding the village hall. The Council agreed at this point that it would stand by its budgeted amount of £150 for this year's hall hire rent and would pay the invoice accordingly. (Meeting closed to the public.) | |

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| 1015 | <p>Planning: There were no planning applications to discuss.</p> | | | | | | | |
| | <p>(i) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (Dingley Dell): Cllr Dudson was pleased to report that some progress had been made regarding access to the Park. Following a meeting between Cllrs Jones and Dudson, Borough Cllr Howes and the Land Agent, a tentative agreement had been reached to extend the opening period subject to public liability insurance being in place. The Clerk suggested that this may be covered under the Parish Council's existing insurance cover. Cllr Dudson will look in to this.</p> | SD | | | | | | |
| 1016 | <p>(ii) Safety Review of Parish Assets: Cllr Dudson carried out an inspection of the defibrillator, stating that all was in order. The pads are still in date until September 2021, these will be replaced by the ambulance service should the defibrillator be used. Cllr Whitesides advised that the bus shelters and notice board were in reasonable order.</p> | | | | | | | |
| | <p>(iii) Emergency Plan: Cllr Dudson advised the Council that this evolving document was ready to be circulated and put on the websites.</p> | SD/JM | | | | | | |
| 1017 | <p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(i) Payments The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="229 1048 1347 1115"> <tr> <td>100593</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk wages and admin expenses for April and May</td> <td>£622.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100594</td> <td>Zurich Municipal - Insurance</td> <td>£167.44</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts HMRC –VAT refund</p> | 100593 | J Medwell – Clerk wages and admin expenses for April and May | £622.22 | 100594 | Zurich Municipal - Insurance | £167.44 | £17.55 |
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| Current Account | £7,606.22 | | | | | | | |
| Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies | £270.00 | | | | | | | |
| - Transparency Fund | £336.37 | | | | | | | |
| Total Balance of Reserves | <u>£6,999.85</u> | | | | | | | |
| 1018 | <p>Parish Highways:</p> <p>Village Footpaths – Cllr Whitesides informed the Council that she had walked the footpath behind Harborough Road and held the opinion that the stiles were not dog friendly. The Council requested that County Cllr Matthews investigate whether or not NCC Rights of Way would consider modifying these for dog walkers and those with mobility problems.</p> <p>The Council reiterated the importance of public safety and maintaining pressure on the County Council to provide a safe footway through the village along the main trunk road. County Cllr Matthews agreed to pursue this.</p> <p>Cllr Lomer-Wood raised the greater incidents of speeding through the village during the recent lockdown period. Various possible speed reduction measures were suggested including the application of some distinct coloured areas to the road surface to alert drivers to the 30 MPH limit or the installation of "feign-gates" adjacent to the speed signs at either end of the village. The Council agreed to discuss in more detail at the next meeting and in the meantime Cllr Lomer-Wood will contact the local police to request the presence of a speed gun in the village.</p> | AM AM ELW | | | | | | |

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| 1019 | <p>Correspondence: Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NCALC – eUpdates and Coronavirus Briefings ii. Neighbourhood Watch – New Website Launch iii. Police Commissioner – OPFCC Newsletter iv. KBC – Plans to create two new Councils v. CPRE – Litter Hero Awards The Council agreed to apply for the £75 grant towards litter picking equipment. | |
| 1020 | <p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting: Speeding – Cllr Lomer-Wood to report</p> | ELW |
| 1021 | <p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st July 2020</p> | |

The Meeting Closed at 8.12 pm

Chairman

Date