

**Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 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 | County Cllr A Matthews, Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee) and three members of the public. |

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| 1022 | To receive and approve apologies: Borough Cllr D Howes | |
| 1023 | 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. | |
| 1024 | To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd June 2020 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed on behalf of the Chair by the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Lomer-Wood Seconded Cllr Whitesides | |
| 1025 | Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: The Emergency Plan has been circulated to the Clerk and will be put on the website. | JM |
| 1026 | Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council: The Chair welcomed the visitors. A discussion took place on the speed of traffic and the significant increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through the village. A few members of the public had taken part in an informal manual traffic survey, recording the type, numbers and speeds of traffic through the village via the A427 in 30 minute time slots. It was felt that the vehicle activated speed sign was in the wrong place and that it was calibrated incorrectly, also that average speed cameras would be a better deterrent to speeding. County Cllr Matthews agreed to speak to the NCC Highways department to discuss options to reduce speeds, possibly the number of HGVs travelling through the village and to recalibrate the speed signs. (Meeting closed to the public.) | AM |
| 1027 | Planning: KET/2020/0334 39 Harborough Road Single Storey Extension and Raised Decking The Council had previously considered this application and made no comment. | |
| 1028 | (i) Village Hall: Fiona Barnaby advised that there was nothing to report on this item. | |

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| | <p>(ii) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (FODP): Cllr Dudson informed the Council that he had spoken with the Parish Council insurance company with regards to covering the FODP scheme. The existing insurance policy would provide cover for parishioners to access the Park and Dingley Woods, however the scheme would have to be run and managed by the Parish Council. A discussion took place on the legality of running a private scheme and the implications for the Parish Council in terms of due diligence, performing risk assessments, tree surveys etc. Cllr Dudson will pursue other means of insurance and the Council will discuss again at its next meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>(iii) Safety Review of Parish Assets: Cllr Dudson carried out an inspection of the defibrillator, stating that all was in order. Cllr Whitesides advised that the bus shelters and notice board were in reasonable order.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1029 | <p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(i) Payments The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="229 763 1353 797"> <tr> <td>100593</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk wages and admin expenses for June and July</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£622.22</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts</p> <p>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table data-bbox="229 913 1353 1099"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,295.11</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;"><u>£6,688.74</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on dingley-pc.gov.uk</p> | 100593 | J Medwell – Clerk wages and admin expenses for June and July | £622.22 | Current Account | £7,295.11 | Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies | £270.00 | - Transparency Fund | £336.37 | Total Balance of Reserves | <u>£6,688.74</u> | |
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| 1030 | <p>Parish Highways:</p> <p>Speeding – Cllr Lomer-Wood presented the informal traffic survey results which showed a significant increase in HGVs since the last survey carried out by the Safer Roads Team in 2017. She advised that she had contacted a private traffic survey firm (VS traffic, Leicester) for a price to carry out a more objective survey with road strips etc.</p> <p>Cllr Lomer-Wood informed the Council that she has reported the missing feign gate on the approach to the village from Market Harborough through the 'Fix my Street' website.</p> <p>Village Cycle Way and Footpaths – The Council referred to correspondence from Northamptonshire Highways which provided an interactive map to log suggestions for cycle routes, cycle parking, improved footway space and quieter streets in the County. This had been circulated in the community and the Council urged residents to have their say by completing the survey. The Council again 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 Councillor Matthews advised the Council that the best time to lobby the County Council will be when the new Unitary Authority is in place.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1031 | <p>Correspondence: Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. NCALC – eUpdates ii. Neighbourhood Watch – New Facebook Page iii. ACRE – Parish Councillors Network iv. NCC – Have your say on Cycling and Walking v. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 1032 | New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting: Speeding – Cllr Lomer-Wood to report on progress | ELW |
| 1033 | Date of next meeting: Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 | |

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm