

**Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at 7.00 pm. This was held via Electronic Conferencing on account of the Government social distancing requirements during this Coronavirus Pandemic.**

<b>Members Present</b>	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson (Vice Chair) Cllr M Stevens Cllr E Whitesides Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	County Cllr A Matthews, Borough Cllr D Howes, Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee).

<b>Minute</b>		<b>Action</b>
1082	<b>To receive and approve apologies:</b> Cllr E Lomer-Wood – work commitment	
1083	<b>Member's declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and any changes to the members Register of Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda or changes to the members Register of Interests.	
1084	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed on behalf of the Chair by the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Stevens          Seconded Cllr Whitesides	
1085	<b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b> Cllr Whitesides highlighted a formatting problem with the welcome pack displayed on the website. The Clerk identified that there might be an issue with the original word document. Cllr Whitesides will endeavour to correct this and the Clerk will try to improve navigation to the pack on the website.	<b>JM/EW</b>
1086	<b>Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</b> There were no members of the public present  <b>(Meeting closed to the public)</b>	
1087	<b>Planning:</b> <b>KET/2020/0901    Gables Farm, Sutton Lane          Single Storey Rear Extension</b> The Council had previously considered this application and made no comment.	
1088	<b>(i) Village Hall:</b> Mrs Barnaby informed the Council that a new 'label' directive for the defibrillator had been received which had been placed in the cabinet. She reported that the defibrillator pads were out of date. Mrs Barnaby also raised the possibility of doing a village litter pick. The Clerk advised that organised village events were not possible in the current lockdown period but that individuals or household could do some picking themselves as long as they adhered to Government restrictions. The Clerk said she would contact Kettering Borough Council to request the loan of some litter picking equipment and some 'anti-littering' posters from County Highways. Mrs Barnaby kindly offered to store the equipment and to co-ordinate any volunteers.	<b>JM</b>

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	<p>Mrs Barnaby thanked the Council for honouring the annual hall hire charge for 2020 despite not using the facility as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and restrictions on gatherings. She informed the Council that the Village Hall committee would not be charging the Council for 2021. The Council asked for its thanks to be passed on to the committee.</p> <p>Finally Mrs Barnaby passed on a request from residents that Councillors details are put in the Pump for information. Councillors agreed to this.</p>															
	<p><b>(ii) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (FODP):</b>            Cllr Dudson informed the Council that he had continued to pursue the possibility of an extended opening period with the land agent but had not received any response to his recent requests. He recommended accepting the shorter opening period for the time being and to roll over existing memberships for another year.</p>															
	<p><b>(iii) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</b>            The Council noted that the bus shelters were all in order. The Clerk will order a replacement set of pads for the defibrillator.</p>	JM														
	<p><b>(iv) To appoint a Police Liaison Representative:</b>            The Council referred to correspondence from NCALC regarding the appointment of a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police. Cllr Stevens volunteered to take on the role. The Clerk will register this on the NCALC site.</p>	JM														
	<p><b>(v) Local Government Reform (LGR):</b>            County Cllr Matthews informed the Council that all processes of establishing the new North Northants Authority have been put into place and that he was optimistic of a smooth transition from the old County Council to the new Unitary Authority. It was still expected that the 2021 May elections would take place though this was causing concern at local and national level. He was pleased to inform the Council that the new Chief Executive of the North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority had stated the importance of the rural parishes being represented and heard.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Howes informed the Council that he could provide some funding for worthwhile causes in the parish from his Ward Initiative Fund. The Council will consider options and respond accordingly to Cllr Howes.</p>															
1089	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Payments</b>            The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously <b>agreed</b>:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="229 1485 1340 1556"> <tr> <td>100600</td> <td>Curtis Website Design – Tech Support and Hosting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100601</td> <td>J Medwell – Clerk Feb / March Salary and Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£622.22</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Receipts</b>            None</p> <p><b>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="229 1713 1340 1892"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,494.98</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><sup>1</sup> Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b><u>£3,888.61</u></b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on <a href="http://dingley-pc.gov.uk">dingley-pc.gov.uk</a></b></p> <p>The Clerk</p>	100600	Curtis Website Design – Tech Support and Hosting	£135.00	100601	J Medwell – Clerk Feb / March Salary and Expenses	£622.22	Current Account	£4,494.98	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£270.00	- Transparency Fund	£336.37	<sup>1</sup> Total Balance of Reserves	<b><u>£3,888.61</u></b>	
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1090	<p><b>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</b></p> <p><b>Speeding</b> – Cllr Lomer-Wood had circulated her report to the Council prior to the meeting. It was noted that the pot hole on eastbound side of A427 near feign gate had been fixed and the resident complaint about sunken hydrant cover outside 1 Harborough Road referred to NCC with the reference number passed on to resident for tracking. Cllr Lomer-Wood had emailed to Danny Moody at NCALC regarding the possibility of forming a rural village traffic/highways alliance and also Jason Smithers at NCC Highways asking for information on whether the number of HGVs passing through the village exceeded that predicted by the current highways strategy document and any statutory regulations regarding the minimum width for a road shared by HGVs and pedestrians.</p> <p>The Council once again commended Cllr Lomer-Wood for all her work with this.</p>	
1091	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. NCALC – eUpdates</li> <li>ii. NCC – Highways Services Weekly Bulletin</li> <li>iii.</li> </ul>	
1092	<p><b>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</b></p> <p>Review of Risk Assessment and Policies</p> <p>At this point Cllr Stevens informed the Council of a recent targeted burglary in the village. The Council expressed its concern at this and urged again all residents to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour or incident, however small, to the police by calling 101.</p>	
1093	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021</p>	

**The Meeting Closed at 8.04 pm**

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