

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

Members Present	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson (Vice Chair) Cllr M Stevens Cllr E Whitesides Cllr E Lomer-Wood Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
Others in Attendance	County Cllr A Matthews, Borough Cllr D Howes and one member of the public.

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1094	To receive and approve apologies: Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee).	
1095	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.	
1096	To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd February 2021 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 Stevens	
1097	Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: The Council noted that the litter picking equipment had been delivered to Fiona Barnaby who would be co-ordinating any individuals wishing to litter pick.	
1098	Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council: There were no members of the public present (Meeting closed to the public)	
1099	Planning: NK/2021/0085 Commons Farm, Braybrooke Erection of Grain Store The Council considered this application and whilst it had no objection to the development, it asked that consideration be given to any lighting. The existing buildings already have two very bright lights which shine out over the valley all night. The Council requests that these are not added to.	
1100	(i) Village Hall: There was nothing to report on this item.	
	(ii) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (FODP): Cllr Dudson informed the Council that he had made contact with the land agent and had arranged a meeting later in the week to discuss the possibility of extending the opening period for access to the park. Cllr Dudson confirmed that the insurance cover for members' use of the park, including public liability should hopefully commence on the 1 st April 2021 for a 12 month period and will be paid for by the FODP membership.	

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	<p>(iii) Safety Review of Parish Assets: The Council noted that the bus shelters were all in order. Cllr Whitesides drew attention to a notice which had been fixed onto the bus shelter on Church Lane asking motorists to slow down. The Council agreed that this was an acceptable sign but commented that permission ought to be sought by any resident wishing to site signs on Parish Council property. A replacement set of pads had been fitted to the defibrillator.</p> <p>(iv) Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations: The Risk Assessment had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. A sentence was added to 'minutes' section stating that these may be recorded by the Clerk to aid minute taking and will be deleted once minutes are approved. 'Parish Council Records' was amended to remove the statement that these records were stored in the village hall. Proposed Cllr Lomer-Wood Seconded Cllr Whitesides</p> <p>The Financial Regulations had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. There were no changes made to the financial regulations. Proposed Cllr Stevens Seconded Cllr Dudson</p> <p>(v) Local Government Reform (LGR): County Cllr Matthews informed the Council that all processes of establishing the new North Northants Authority were progressing and that all current Borough and County Councillor contact details would be changing from 1st April. Borough Cllr Howes advised that the Shadow Authority had approved the budget and the constitution under which it will operate. The Council noted that the Parish Council elections had been confirmed as taking place on 6th May. The Clerk offered guidance on the process for the elections and will deliver the nomination packs once they had been received from Kettering Borough Council.</p>																
1101	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(i) Payments The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="229 1294 1347 1406"> <tr> <td>100602</td> <td>The Defib Store – Replacement Pads</td> <td>£114.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100603</td> <td>J Medwell – Transparency Allowance for New Laptop</td> <td>£336.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100604</td> <td>Northamptonshire First Responders – Donation</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Receipts None</p> <p>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table data-bbox="229 1563 1347 1709"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£3,944.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td><u>£3,769.61</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on dingley-pc.gov.uk</p>	100602	The Defib Store – Replacement Pads	£114.00	100603	J Medwell – Transparency Allowance for New Laptop	£336.37	100604	Northamptonshire First Responders – Donation	£100.00	Current Account	£3,944.61	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£175.00	Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£3,769.61</u>	
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1102	<p>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</p> <p>Speeding – Cllr Lomer-Wood informed the Council that she had not as yet received a response from Jason Smithers at NCC Highways regarding her requests for information on whether the number of HGVs passing through the village exceeded that predicted by the current highways strategy document, whether there were any statutory regulations regarding the minimum width for a road shared by HGVs and pedestrians and any reference in the Highways Management plan to looking after residents mental well-being. She referred to the Highways update circulated by Mr Smithers which talked about a pilot survey trialling 20 mph signs in villages. Cllr Lomer-Wood will follow this up as well as looking at the Footpath Warden Scheme and contacting the Health and Safety Executive regarding legislation on statutory widths and distances.</p> <p>The Council noted that the sunken hydrant cover outside 1 Harborough Road had been repaired.</p>	
1103	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Amongst other correspondence were the following items, all e-mailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NCALC – eUpdates ii. NCC – Highways Services Weekly Bulletin iii. Northants OPFCC – Newsletter iv. CPRE – Designation Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty v. KBC – Information on Parish Elections vi. 	
1104	<p>Exchange of Information:</p> <p>The Clerk referred to a request which had been made to all local Parish Councils from the Northamptonshire First Responder Team, a self-funded group servicing the local villages, for a donation towards purchasing an additional defibrillator and emergency equipment for the local first responder based in Wilbarston. The Council unanimously agreed that this was a worthwhile cause and agreed to donate £100.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens had attended the Northants OPFCC Virtual Councillor Meeting, slides from which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. He reported that it was a well attended, positive meeting which highlighted that both the North and West Police departments were working together towards a safer county. Cllr Stevens reported that an increased number of speed and ANPR cameras were planned and that social media platforms will be used to encourage support for police activity from the younger age groups. Cllr Stevens will request attendance by the Police Superintendent, Adam Wood, at a future parish council meeting and will collate specific questions from the Council to take back to the next OFCC meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Stevens on behalf of the Council.</p>	MS
1105	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>Parish Council Elections May 6th 2021</p> <p>Monthly Crime Report</p>	
1106	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 7th April 2021</p> <p>The Council noted that due to the Government regulations on social distancing there will not be an Annual Meeting of the Parish this year.</p>	

The Meeting Closed at 8.10 pm

Chairman Date