

**Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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 Cllr E Lomer-Wood Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	County Cllr A Matthews, Borough Cllr D Howes, Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee), Sergeant Matt Rock and two members of the public.

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1107	<b>To receive and approve apologies:</b> There were none.	
1108	<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.	
1109	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 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 Lomer-Wood	
1110	<b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b> There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.	
1111	<b>Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</b> The Chair welcomed the visitors. Sergeant Rock informed the Council that there were no crime trends of any concern to report in the area and that Desborough Police House is to remain with staffing levels set to increase. He reported that the police had been heavily involved with Covid enforcement but were now starting to send out speeding patrols which were issuing prosecutions rather than warnings. Cllr Lomer-Wood explained to Sgt Rock the problems that the village was experiencing with the volume and speeds of heavy traffic. Sgt Rock responded that through the Rural Days of Action recurring problems at key areas can be tackled with regular speed gun operations. A discussion took place on the possibility of applying for an axle weight restriction through the village which could be achieved if there was substantial damage to properties caused by the heavy vehicles. Cllr Lomer-Wood asked if residents could take photograph of damage to their property and to do an audit of the main hauliers, times and numbers travelling through the village. Sgt Rock encouraged the Council to lobby the County Council in this regard. Cllr Dudson raised the problem of the lack of safe footways through the village and asked how the police could support the Council's application to the County Council for an extension of the existing footpath and the provision of a footpath down to the A6 roundabout. Sgr Rock said he would refer this back to the Safer Roads Team who could potentially follow this up with Highways. <b>(Meeting closed to the public)</b>	

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1112	<p><b>Planning:</b>  <b>NK/2021/0029 Dingley Banks New dwelling Renewal Application</b>  The Council noted there were no changes to this application and whilst it had no objection to the development, it reiterated its concern regarding the fragility of Braybrooke Road in terms of damage to the road surface and verges which is likely to be exacerbated during construction of this dwelling. It has concerns also regarding the safety of residents passing large construction vehicles on this single lane road. The Parish Council requests that consideration is given to working times and also to making good the damage to the road surface and verge.</p> <p><b>NK/2021/0165 Hakewill House, Church Lane Widen Driveway, Installation of metal gates and fencing</b>  The Council considered this application and whilst it had no objection, asked that the development, including the metal fencing, is sympathetic to surroundings.</p> <p><b>NK/2021/0183 The Cloisters, Dingley Hall Listed Building Consent for Re-pointing</b>  The Council considered this application and made no comment.</p>	
1113	<p><b>(i) Village Hall:</b>  Ms Barnaby informed the Council that a Village Hall Spring clean ahead of the elections had been arranged and stated that any volunteers willing to assist would be welcome.</p> <p><b>(ii) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (FODP):</b>  Cllr Dudson informed the Council that there were currently 18 members signed up for 2021 with the extended month. He will talk again to the agent later this year to ask that next season is started early.</p> <p><b>(iii) Safety Review of Parish Assets:</b>  The Council noted that the bus shelters and defibrillator were all in order.</p> <p><b>(iv) Elections May 6th:</b>  The Chair referred to the forthcoming Parish Council elections on May 6<sup>th</sup>, details of which had been displayed on the website and notice board. He reminded the Council that all completed nomination packs must be returned to Kettering Borough Council by 8<sup>th</sup> April.  At this point Cllr Whitesides advised that she would not be standing for election again. The Chair thanked Cllr Whitesides on behalf of the Council for her contribution during her term of office.  Borough Cllr Howes confirmed he would be standing for election for the Desborough division of the new Unitary Authority.  County Cllr Matthews advised that he would not be standing for election in the new Unitary Authority. The Chair thanked Cllr Matthews on behalf of the Council for his invaluable contribution over the years.</p> <p><b>(v) Local Government Reform (LGR):</b>  Borough Cllr Howes informed the Council that there would continue to be four local planning departments within North Northamptonshire and that broadly all local services would remain the same.</p>	

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1114	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Approval of Certificate of Exemption 2020/21</b>  The Council noted that its gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and therefore <b>agreed</b> to certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.  Proposed Cllr Dudson      Seconded Cllr Whitesides  The Certificate of Exemption was then duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer and will be returned to the External Auditor.</p> <p><b>(ii) Approval of Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2020/21</b>  The Council considered and <b>approved</b> the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.  Proposed Cllr Stevens      Seconded Cllr Lomer-Wood  This was duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer</p> <p><b>Approval of Annual Accounting Statement 2020/21</b>  The Clerk had prepared the 2020/21 Financial Accounts in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and circulated prior to the meeting.  The Council considered and <b>approved</b> the Annual Accounting Statement 2020/21.  Proposed Cllr Jones      Seconded Cllr Dudson  This was duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.</p> <p>The Council thanked the Clerk for her all her work in preparing the accounts which will now be presented to the Internal Auditor.</p> <p><b>(iii) Payments</b>  The following cheques were presented for signature and unanimously <b>agreed</b>:</p> <table data-bbox="225 1263 1331 1413"> <tr> <td>100605</td> <td>ICO – Data Protection</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100606</td> <td>NCALC – Subs</td> <td>£176.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100607</td> <td>J Medwell – Salary and Expenses April and May</td> <td>£615.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100608</td> <td>NEST – Clerk Pension</td> <td>£43.40</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Receipts</b>  None</p> <p><b>(iv) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table data-bbox="225 1615 1331 1800"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£3,087.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td><b><u>£2,912.58</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>	100605	ICO – Data Protection	£40.00	100606	NCALC – Subs	£176.50	100607	J Medwell – Salary and Expenses April and May	£615.44	100608	NEST – Clerk Pension	£43.40	Current Account	£3,087.58	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£175.00	Total Balance of Reserves	<b><u>£2,912.58</u></b>	<p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p>
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1115	<p><b>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</b>  This item was covered under Open Forum.</p>																			

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1116	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> 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. KBC – Purdah guidance and Elections information</li> <li>iv.</li> </ul>	
1117	<p><b>Exchange of Information:</b> Fiona Barnaby informed the Council that the informal village litter pick had been very successful.</p>	
1118	<p><b>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</b> Annual General Meeting Signing in of the newly elected Parish Council</p>	
1119	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021</p>	

**The Meeting Closed at 8.25 pm**

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