

## Minutes of Dingley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in the Village Hall, Dingley at 7.00 pm.

<b>Members Present</b>	Cllr B Jones (Chair) Cllr S Dudson (Vice Chair) Cllr M Stevens Cllr E Lomer-Wood Mrs Justina Medwell (Clerk)
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Fiona Barnaby (Village Hall Committee)

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1124	<b>To receive and approve apologies:</b> North Northamptonshire Cllr David Howes	
1125	<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. Councillors were reminded to complete the online Register of Members' Interests following the election.	
1126	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</b> The minutes of the meetings held on 7 <sup>th</sup> April and 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record of those meetings and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Stevens      Seconded Cllr Jones	
1127	<b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b> There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.	
1128	<b>Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council:</b> There were no visitors present. <b>(Meeting closed to the public)</b>	
1129	<b>Planning:</b> <b>NK/2021/0414    25 Harborough Road    New dwelling    Renewal Application</b> The Council had been unable to access the online application on the North Northamptonshire Planning Portal prior to the meeting due to an inaccuracy of the reference number on the agenda. All Councillors will endeavour to consider the application over the next couple of days and send their comments to the Clerk.	
1130	<b>(i) Village Hall:</b> Ms Barnaby informed the Council that the Village Hall was now starting to be used again. The Spring clean had gone ahead as arranged and some village events were being planned.	
	<b>(ii) Friends of Dingley Park and Access to Dingley Woods (FODP):</b> The Council noted the 'fly grazing' in the park which had been reported to the land agent. Cllr Dudson informed the Council that there were now 23 households signed up for 2021 with the extended month and that the insurance is now in place.	

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	<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) Code of Conduct:</b> This item was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>(v) Parish Path Warden:</b> The Council referred to correspondence from the North Northants Rights of Way Team regarding a new Parish Path Warden Scheme and an invitation to appoint a Parish Path Warden. The Chair had contacted the existing village footpath warden, Tony Lucas, who agreed to take on this more formal position. The Clerk will register Mr Lucas's details with NNC and pass on the relevant information to Mr Lucas.</p> <p><b>(vi) Parish Council Vacancy:</b> The Parish Council discussed the vacancy for position of Councillor which had arisen from the recent elections. The Council <b>agreed</b> to circulate a memo around the village asking any resident interested in becoming a councillor to come forward and to contact the clerk for further information.</p> <p><b>(vii) Local Government Reform (LGR):</b> In the absence of any of the newly elected North Northants Councillors, there was nothing to report on this item. It was <b>agreed</b> to keep this as a standing item under the heading Local Government Update.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p><b>JM</b></p> <p></p> <p></p>																	
1131	<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 data-bbox="225 1227 1332 1339"> <tr> <td>100609</td> <td>Zurich Municipal – Insurance</td> <td>£167.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100610</td> <td>J Medwell – Salary/Expenses/Pension June</td> <td>£329.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100611</td> <td>I Arnott – Auditor</td> <td>£75.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Receipts</b></p> <table data-bbox="225 1420 1358 1451"> <tr> <td>NNC – Precept</td> <td>£5,430.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table data-bbox="225 1541 1316 1727"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td>£7,617.30</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>£7,422.30</u></b></td> </tr> </table> <p>At this point the Clerk informed the Council that the accounts had been successfully presented to the Internal Auditor with no issues raised. The Clerk was thanked for her work on the annual accounts.</p> <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>	100609	Zurich Municipal – Insurance	£167.44	100610	J Medwell – Salary/Expenses/Pension June	£329.42	100611	I Arnott – Auditor	£75.00	NNC – Precept	£5,430.00	Current Account	£7,617.30	Less Ring fenced - Defibrillator Monies	£175.00	Total Balance of Reserves	<b><u>£7,422.30</u></b>	
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1132	<p><b>Parish Highways and Rights of Way:</b></p> <p>The Council referred to the detailed response from James Docherty, Network Coordination Manager at Northamptonshire Highways regarding Cllr Lomer-Wood's request 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 reports of structural damage to properties from vibration resulting from HGV's using the A427.</p> <p>The Council was disappointed to note that the A427 through Dingley falls outside the scope for a weight limit restriction and that possibility of by-pass which could potentially provide a permanent solution to the problem would be highly unlikely due to the huge amounts of funding required. With regard to structural damage being caused to property, Mr Docherty suggested that structural assessments are commissioned by residents to determine the extent of the impact or damage.</p> <p>There was no further information on the pilot advisory 20mph limit scheme which the Council had registered an interest in. Cllr Lomer-Wood will pursue.</p> <p>The Council observed that the footway between the notice board and Church Lane was starting to become overgrown. The Clerk will contact local contractor Gary Ritchie with a view to clearing this.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens informed the Council that there will be a traffic speed enforcement operation in the village in July.</p>	<p>ELW</p> <p>JM</p>
1133	<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. NNC – Post Election Guidance</li> <li>iii. Northamptonshire First Responders – Acknowledgement of donation and Newsletters</li> </ul>	
1134	<p><b>Exchange of Information:</b></p> <p>Cllr Stevens reported that there were no recent incidents of crime or antisocial behaviour in the parish.</p> <p>He informed the Council that PS Rock, who had attended the meeting in April, had passed on the requests for data and points raised to PS Ken Brown. The Council expressed its disappointment that PS Brown had not responded.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens also reported from a recent zoom meeting of the Police Liaison Representatives. A steering group had been set up and he expected that information would be disseminated shortly.</p>	
1135	<p><b>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</b></p> <p>Review of Code of Conduct</p> <p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Plant a Tree</p>	
1136	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021</p>	

**The Meeting Closed at 8.10 pm**