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**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held by ZOOM on**

**Tuesday November 3, 2020 at 7.00pm**

Councillors: Simon Stephens (Chairman) (A)

Carolyn Birch(in the chair) , Vicki Plant(A) , Mike Stanley, Lindsay Redfern,

Peter Wyles, Gareth Cook, Liz Smith

Present: Clerk Mike Elliott and two members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES Coun. Stephens

2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2020 were accepted as circulated after it was agreed the council had decided not to pay a subscription to RCAN, and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4]VISIT OF CALLUM JONES (Broadband Engagement Officer for the Nottinghamshire Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme) He was Accompanied by Jessica Tomlinson, a graduate trainee, attending her first parish meeting.

Callum gave a presentation on the voucher scheme aimed at rural homes and businesses with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps which are not in any government funded scheme for an upgrade and who can apply for vouchers worth up to £1500 per home and up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized business under the Government’s existing Gigabit Broadband Voucher scheme.

The visiting speaker advised of a Notts County Council Top-Up scheme and said the County Council were investing £750,000 to ‘top-up’ the Government‘s scheme which will double the existing voucher value, meaning that homes could clam up to £3,000 and businesses up to a maximum of £7,000.

Callum said there were 13 properties in Wysall who could qualify for the voucher scheme and 17 in Thorpe and funding was issued on a first-come first-served basis. A total of 8,500 qualified in Nottinghamshire as a whole.

The parish council were being asked to raise awareness of the scheme with the residents of their parish including posting on their social media networks. Members unanimously agreed to give support to the project as required.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There were no reports.

6] FINANCE

Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Ruth Edwards MP Ruth Edwards M P advised of the new J9 scheme which involves projects aimed at supporting victims of abuse. The council were not opposed to the idea but would not support a training scheme aimed at volunteers being confident to direct victims of abuse to correct places to gain support.

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James Hatchett, Notts County Council Rights of Way Officer advised that while there were still plans to deal with reported problems on FP3 the overhead weather conditions and Covid-19 were making progresses on intended work difficult.

Stephanie Lock from Notts County Council also wrote in regard to the same subject on Footpath five. She was suggesting a site meeting but it was agreed that Coun Stanley would take photographs showing a problern area for the clerk to send to the officer.

8] VILLAGE HALL

Coun. Stanley reported on work being carried out on the near corner of the hall which would include some tile replacements and work on the guttering and supply some new lead to cover and protect timber.

The meeting was told that the continuing coronavirus pandemic situation and the national lockdown was presenting them with difficult conditions in regard to use of the building.

9] PLANNING.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

20/01819/FUL: Mr Mervyn Cooper Esterleke House Widmerpool Road Wysall Nottinghamshire NG12 Development: Reduce size of existing ground floor window and render front elevation (excluding garage and side extension). New timber fence to front elevation. Grant

20/00764/FUL: Mr Gareth Cook Greenfields Keyworth Road Wysall Nottinghamshire NG12 5QQ. Extend front of property at ground and first floor levels. Demolition of chimney. White render to all external elevations (amended description). Grant

Rushcliffe Borough Council Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use, Brooklands Racing Stables, Costock Road, Wysall. Advice of this being approved.

10] ENVIRONMENT

An update on the war memorial bench was given by Coun. Slater, who had earlier in the day of the meeting had fixed the bench in place on the site. He also reported that a branch had fallen off the tree on the grass verge opposite the village hall. No damage had been caused.

The meeting was told of a problem of heavy amounts of mud being deposited on Rempstone Lane. The matter had been reported to Notts County Council.

11] CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS (reports only, no decisions can be taken)

It was agreed that an item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting in regard to the playground area and its equipment at the rear of the village hall.

Some discussion took place on the question of festive activities and a suggestion was made of a window competition for such as children’s festive drawings, or home made wreaths or in door window decorating.

The being no further business the meeting closed at 8-25pm.