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**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 7.00pm**

Councillors: Simon Stephens (Chairman)

Carolyn Birch , Vicki Plant, Mike Stanley, Lindsay Redfern,

Peter Wyles, Gareth Cook, Liz Smith

Present: Clerk Mike Elliott

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4] CLERK’S REPORT

Progress has been made by the office and Stephen Reeds in regard to the need for an accessibility programme for the village website and thanks to advice we obtained and passed on to Stephen the expenditure thought necessary was brought down significantly. Thanks are due to Stephen for his patience in dealing with our calls. The chairman said he wished to present Mr Reeds with a bottle of wine to thank him for his help, with members agreeing to the move.

The office is in touch with an Energy Consultant firm, Utility Aid Ltd of Norwich, who are looking into the electricity / gas contracts for the village hall.

The council has received confirmation that the council insurance claim on the village hall break-in damage we are to receive £354 from the, in connection with the £604 claim we made. The lower payment figure allows for the £250 excess on the policy

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5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Cottee gives his apology. Has had meetings end to end today from 8am right up to 7pm as well as dealing with over 60 new emails.

6] FINANCE

a] Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list

b] Budget and precept, 2021-2022

Members were presented with a written report on the accounts of the council by the clerk for discussion. The chairman presented a separate report. After discussion it was agreed the council ask for a precept of £15,200 for 2020/2021, the same as in the current financial year. The chairman’s report was suggesting an opening balance of £38,000 to start the next financial year and a finishing figure of £30,460.

CORRESPONDENCE

Callum Jones of Notts County Council thanked the council for accommodating himself and his colleague at the previous meeting. They say they were delighted with the reception the council gave them.

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As agreed he has sent the names of the properties within Wysall and Thorpe where the top up scheme initiated by Notts County Council and the Government could help occupants to obtain a better broadband service. It is interesting to note that of the total of 30 addresses they give, 17 are in Thorpe. It was agreed that the council chairman, Coun. Stanley, Coun. Smith and Mr Stephen Reeds be invited to meet with Mr Jones to discuss the matter further.

The Christmas in Wysall leaflet from the Village Social Committee was discussed. Coun. Smith said they had issued the leaflet giving hoped-for details of events which includes a Christmas Quiz for everyone in the village being delivery to all homes. Anyone wishing to enter the competition is being asked to pay £5. There are other activities planned include a village challenge to create an outdoor/or in the window scene involving such as santa, snowman, reindeer, angels and Christmas trees.

8] VILLAGE HALL and PLAY AREA AND EQUIPMENT

Coun. Stanley reported that building work on part of the hall had been completed, with in particular the north the eastern corner where the roof and some brickwork had been in need of repair.

Discussion took place on the condition of the play equipment on the site at the rear of the village hall where it was accepted changes were needed. The roundabout and the see-saw were in need of replacement and members after further discussion agreed they should be removed. Coun. Stanley would discuss the matter with Peter James, the contractor used by the council for maintenance work.

The council were aware that the original contractors for supplying and installing the roundabout had not fitted it correctly. The clerk was to ask the council insurers if there was a case to seek compensation although they were aware it was a number of years since the installation had taken place.

9] PLANNING.

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

20/0253/ful. Convert outbuilding to provide additional accommodation to be used in conjunction with the main house including insertion of windows, doors and velux windows and associated internal alterations. Do not object.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

20/00117/ConAre M Stanley, Manor Farm House, Main Street, Wysall. Proposed pruning work to various trees and to fell 2 cedars and a pine due to damage, has been approved.

20/02503/ful. Annexe at Holmcroft House Wymeswold Road Thorpe In The Glebe [Demolition of existing canine hydrotherapy building and the construction of a single detached five bedroom dwelling including associated parking and landscaping.](https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QI0TY3NLJXF00&activeTab=summary) Application withdrawn.

10] ENVIRONMENT

Coun. Smith asked for progress in the project to provide a new noticeboard at the corner of Main Road and Widmerpool Road, the cost of which is being partly funded by Notts County Council.

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The clerk was to ask the County Council to go ahead with the installation of the two-door board which Coun. Smith had organised with them.

The question of ownership of the land on which the board is to be sited was still unsure. The council have accepted the cost of meeting the balance of the charge for the board and its installation.

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

Coun. Stanley raised the question of FP5 and FP3 both of which have been the cause of ongoing matters Notts County Council footpath officers are aware of.

The permission for the Permissive footpath and Bridleway from the top end of Annabels Farm through a little fenced wooded area to the top of Woodside Farm had expired in July 2020. The actual Bridlepath stops at the boundary of Annabels Farm with Woodside Farm which means that everyone would have to turn round and go back the same way. Bridlepath/horse friendly gates have been put up and walkers/horses have been able to ride that way to make a circular route from Wymeswold Road, Wysall, exiting out onto the Willoughby/Wysall road by the Core Studio. Although the Atkinsons (current occupants) are happy to continue to allow public access, the property is being sold, and access may not be permitted in the future as they are seeking to take away the use which is their right and understandable given that it goes right by the front garden of the farmhouse

There have been efforts to stop this closure by trying to establish long usage of the path, but with it being a permissive route the legality of trying to adopt it is unclear at present and seemingly the owners are well within their rights to close it. Coun. Redfern will try and clarify the situation and get in touch with the official Bridlepath people and establish what we can do to try and retain it for walkers and riders alike.

The BHS (British Horse Society) are reviewing all permissive bridleways in Notts, but she is also trying to establish a permanent right of way. The bridleway is used by many parish residents both on foot and horseback, so if anyone would like to share maps or precedence, please email her or the BHS.

The chairman passed on best wishes for the festive season to all members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45pm.