

HOAR CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2020;
this was an interactive meeting via Zoom due to Covid 19.

Present: Cllrs Bott and Major, Cllrs Mrs Prince, Sherwood and Smith
Miss E Goodwin (Parish Clerk), Cllrs Jessell and Beech, Mrs L Bott, Mrs R Major

Cllr Bott chaired the Meeting

- 1 Public Speaking Time
Mrs L Bott had received an email regarding the rubbish in the bus shelter; Cllr Smith has spoken to the people at the Meynell who are aware of the situation, and have tidied up; the Council have emptied the bins today.
- 2 Apologies
PC R Lymer.
- 3 Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest.
- 4 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019
These were agreed to be an accurate record of the Meeting; Cllr Bott will sign the Minutes and email them to the Clerk.
- 5 Matters arising not covered on the Agenda
None
- 6 HS2
Nothing to report.
- 7 Planning Cllr Major
 - a) Applications received P/2020/00288 Minor Material Amendment for the demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey extension at St Michaels House, St Michaels Drive
 - P/2020/00293 felling of three trees at Woodmans Cottage, Abbots Bromley Road
 - P/2020/00509 erection of a first floor extension over existing garage to form ancillary staff accommodation at Birchwood House; no grounds to object.
 - P/2020/556 felling of a fir tree at Hoar Cross Hall; no grounds to object.
 - b) Applications approved P/2020/00293 21st April
P/2020/00288 12th May
 - d) Other planning matters P/2019/01384 erection of single storey front and side extensions, infill extension to form dining room, dormer extension and detached double garage at Barndale, Abbots Bromley Road.
- 8 Parish Councillors Reports
 - Highways Cllr Bott will report the developing potholes to Highways. reported that the verge by the postbox had been churned

up by people parking on it to post letters; Cllr Jessell commented that Highways do not repair damaged verges; Cllr Major offered to put it right and this was agreed; Cllr Jessell pointed out that he would need to seek the permission of the landowner.

Cllr Mrs Sherwood reported that the speed gates on Jacksons Bank needed repairing; she has spoken to Sam Gregson - he quoted £50 for labour and £50 for materials; the quote was accepted, and Cllr Sherwood will speak to Sam.

Environment Cllr Mrs Prince had requested that the bin on Jacksons Bank be emptied; this has not been done. Cllr Beech reported that there is a two weekly service, and that ESBC are not in a position to do an additional collection; she will speak to the relevant person.

Footpaths Cllr Mrs Sherwood has contacted ESBC regarding a misleading footpath sign; ESBC have been asked to look at the revised footpath in the field at Dolesfoot Lane.

9 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Jessell reported the mobile library service had been stopped; it is hoped this will be reinstated by the end of September/beginning of October, but social distancing is an issue; ESBC are hoping to set up a system whereby books can be delivered to those who are isolated; Alan Medway is the contact.

The crisis is now in the recovery phase.

There will be redundancies, and a hub has been set up to help to support small businesses.

The Station Street project in Burton is partially complete.

The County Council are not sure if they will be able to meet their savings targets.

10 Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Beech reported that parking charges are on hold, but will be reinstated from the 29th June; ESBC are trying to get public toilets reopened.

11 PCSO Hales report

This had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the March meeting.

12 Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk has met local clerks in person in March, and through a Zoom meeting in May.

There is no news regarding the salaries for 2020-2021.

The Clerk has forwarded the Annual Audit paperwork to Alan Toplis; it was agreed to hold a special meeting to finalise the Audit when the papers have been returned.

13 Finance

The end of year Bank Reconciliation had been emailed to PCllrs, together with the 2019-2020 expenses.

The following cheques will be issued; the Clerk will post them to Cllr Mrs Prince who agree to organise the signatures and forward them to the relevant parties.

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Details	Total
27 th May	816	Zurich Mutual	Insurance	£315.82
15 th June	817	Miss E Goodwin	Expenses	£40.00
15 th June	818	HMRC	PAYE	£111.80
15 th June	819	Mrs H Sherwood	Plants etc	£63.79
15 th June	820	Mrs L Bott	Computer support	£30.00
15 th June	821	Mrs H Sherwood	Plants etc	£101.60

14 Corona Virus Funding Request

The Clerk explained about the request from Horninglow and Eton Parish Council for £100

to be shared between Burton Salvation Army, Burton Hope and Burton YMCA to provide for food banks; it was agreed to make this donation; the Clerk will prepare a cheque.

15 Parish Council Forum

It was agreed to express an interest; the Clerk will reply.

The Clerk suggested that a newsletter be circulated to promote the Parish Council; Cllr Mrs Prince agreed and this will be followed up.

16 Best Kept Village

Mrs L Bott is happy to organise this in 2021 when it will be called the 'Best Kept Village Community Competition'; she felt the village had suffered as there had not been regular meetings.

17 Website accessibility

The Chairman had asked Mrs L Bott to research the website accessibility required by the SPCA; she reported that it would be difficult to update the present website to meet the standards required. There is a template for websites so that they reach the standard; the costs are Bronze - £100 pa; Silver - £125 pa; Gold - £500 initially + £150 pa + £50 pa.

After discussion, Cllr Mrs Prince proposed the Silver service; this was agreed, and Cllr Mrs Smith agreed to be the additional user.

It was agreed to go ahead with the 'Plan of Action To Meet Accessibility Requirements' by 20th September.

18 Game bird problem in Thorney Lanes

Mrs G Sykes has given the Chairman a letter confirming that the situation has been resolved amicably with the owner of the shoot.

19 Correspondence

A letter from Nat West Bank regarding a decrease in interest on the deposit account.

A letter from Cllr Allen who would like to meet the Cllrs; Cllr Beech felt was important for a small PC to have a voice; she will give him the dates of the forthcoming meetings.

20 Members Points of Information

a) Cllr Major asked if the Clerk's salary was now being paid by Standing Order; she confirmed that it is.

b) Cllr Mrs Prince reported that they had had some sheep and lambs stolen last week; the police have been notified and are looking at footage from a cctv near to the property.

21 Dates of next meeting: Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel;

Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel.