HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2020 HELD IN ST NICOLAS CHURCH, HAIL WESTON AT 7.30pm. The venue allowed all present to attend with social distancing at 2 metres observing St Nicolas PCC compliance. National Association of Local Councils Checklist & Risk Assessment carried out prior to the in-person Council Meeting.

PRESENT:

J Gooch
N Farnden
(NF)
P Martin
(PJM)
J Hubble
(JH)
P Mailer
R Rowley-Smith
P Tynan
(PT)

IN ATTENDANCE:

There were no members of the public in attendance. The Clerk also attended the meeting. The parish meeting commenced at 7.38pm. JG commenced the meeting welcoming PC Members to St Nicolas church, further explanation of the recent decision taken by the H W Village Hall Management Committee to allow the preschool exclusive hire of the village hall during Covid -19 pandemic. JG recognised the decision would not suit all and asked for continued support and candid feedback following meeting.

ACTION

- 200915-1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE None
 200915-2 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS None.
- **TO APPROVE and SIGN the MINUTES** It was proposed by NF, seconded by PJM and RESOLVED by unanimous vote that the minutes were a true record from the meeting held on 18th of August 2020.
- 200915-4 OPEN FORUM and TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR REPORTS
 HDC Ward Cllr Darren Tysoe sent report which has been subsequently circulated and attached to minutes.

200915-5 TO CONSIDER FINANCE

It was proposed NF by seconded by RRS and **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to approve: account balances, statements verified and bank reconciliation August 2020, Account balances: Business Money Manager £77,174.74 Community a/c £6,878.70 and Community a/c £0.91. TOTAL £84,054.35 Finance report dated September 2020:

JA Wages £449.88 (HMRC £112.48) SCP 23, following publication of NALC pay scales adjustment from September onwards only reflected. No annual review of pay scale, at request of Clerk. Clerk to circulate template for performance review for Councillors to input.

Groundsman T & S £460

Wave £7.44

It was proposed NF by seconded by PJM and **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to approve no increase to allotment fees and payment lock up to £20. Clerk to inform allotment holders in forthcoming 2020/21 allotment agreements due next month.

Clerk

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ACTION TO DISCUSS PLANNING FOR FUTURE CONSULTATION & RESPONSE IT 200915-6 was unanimously agreed that NF & PJM would go through NF/PJM Planning for Future white paper and propose a response for next meetina. 200915-7 TO DISCUSS CALL FOR SITES, BEDFORD SUBMISSION Reports circulated prior to the meeting: A discussion ensued around 'Call for sites' and Bedford Borough Local Plan. Infrastructure concerns in St Neots, Cambridgeshire relating to the proposed large-scale housing developments in Bedfordshire, and the Call for Sites highlighting application to put forward development between the A1 and Hail Weston. Clerk to forward Hail Weston Parish Clerk Council observations to Bedford Borough Council to both. 200915 -8 TO DISCUSS SPEEDWATCH Following discussion It was proposed by PJM and seconded by JH and **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to approve the set-up of village speed watch. Clerk to ascertain equipment & training requirements and liaise with volunteer who Clerk has garee to be the Lead. 200915 -9 TO CONSIDER COUNCILLOR UPDATES: Communication – PT circulated a presentation prior to the meeting, highlighted key points as what is PC purpose/vision, role of current website and provided examples of both parish councils and companies for comparison/contrast. A discussion ensued recognising the community website could be easier to navigate, fresher content, enhancements to improve search facilities & visual pictures. Clerk to request 'website hits' and to liaise with PT and provider regard to existing website capabilities. Clerk Community Led Plan – NF reported that whilst the Group had lost about four months due to Covid-19 it was expected that final auestionnaire should be ready by October end. NF was in process of understanding capabilities of Survey Monkey and would update PC at next meeting providing any financial changes once this was known. NF Finance - PJM discussed high level budget. Clerk to investigate community sponsorship schemes and report at next meeting. NF sought clarity on church restoration donations. Clerk to clarify. Clerk Health & Safety checks – RRS circulated prior to the meeting report. Discussion about increase in litter at playing field, suspected playing field business misuse. Disappointment expressed with recent CCC decision of no action in relation to the hedges encroaching B645 and Ford Bridge graffiti. Outstanding issues highlighted requiring quotations: Fence repair, weeds on mound, New cemetery gates, sand pit, bark levels, Trees in new cemetery and at playing field (Tree survey imminently due), willow tunnel (October) Headstones in Garden of Rest and memorial merchandise. Clerk Highways – JH had received MVAS cameras, waiting for CCC to respond to location and fitting. JH in early stages of commencing a feasible study for cycle path lighting. 200915 -10 TO CONSIDER CLERK REPORT, AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE Planning update:

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Ref. No: 20/00840/LBC 79 High Street, Hail Weston, PE19 5JW. HDC status – In progress.

20/01095/CLPD - Erection of single storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory. 16 Manor Way. HDC Approved.

RESIDENTS: 10/08/2020 Gigabit vouchers for gigabit-capable broadband connections. Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps can use vouchers worth 1500 per home £3,500 for small to medium business. More detail here: https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/

27/08/2020 Bird Lane hedgerow growing onto highway & covering signage - CCC to advise, email circulated.

30/08/2020 VHMC notice that for foreseeable future village hall will be available to the Pre-School only due to implications with multiple users.

04/09/2020 allotment lock.

07/09/2020 HDC parking charges reinstated across district from 21/09/2020.

<u>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL (CAPALC)</u>:

28/08/2020 NALC publishes National salary pay scales. **07/09/2020** Calendar of forthcoming training sessions as circulated.

<u>CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u>: 19/08/2020 Reference:

00341308 date reported 17/06/2020

Fault type: Overhanging trees/hedges. Address: KIMBOLTON ROAD, HAIL WESTON

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL:

24/08/2020 Renewal of the Huntingdonshire Dog Control PSPO This PSPO has been in place since 2017 and legislation requires that it is formally reviewed every three years or be allowed to lapse.

POLICE CRIME COMMISIONER: 21/08/2020 Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby will be holding group meetings for parish, town, and city council representatives online, in line with social distancing guidance on Tuesday 10th November 2020, 18:30 – 20:00 (Huntingdonshire Councils).

HUNTS FORUM: 27/08/2020 NewsForum

Clerk highlighted allotment wait list, requirement to see if a caretaker type role could be resourced to support with handyman type activity in the village. All agreed.

Donation pending from a former resident of Hail Weston to support upkeep of Garden of Rest. The family member contacted Clerk highlighting wishes of her late mother and much insight to the history of the family and Hail Weston connection. All PC members were grateful of the pending donation. Clerk to write.

Clerk

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200915 - 11 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA Planning for the future consultation.
The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed by the Chairman Jill Gooch 20th October 2020