

Redbourne Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Redbourne Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 18th January 2021, via a WHYPAY conference call.

Present: Chair – Cllr Lynn Wainwright.
Cllr Judy Brown, Cllr Pauline Hawley, Cllr Phil Hotham, Cllr Gonzalo Salvatierra.
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Cllr Neil Poole

1 member of the public attended.

Public Participation

1 member of the public attended to raise the issue of dogs St Andrew's Churchyard. The resident had witnessed several people letting their dogs off the lead as soon as they went through the churchyard gates, and the dogs subsequently running over the graves, disturbing memorial flowers etc. in addition, people using very long dog leads have been seen to allow their dogs to do the same.

Agenda

20/21 – `0101 Apologies

- a) Cllr Penny Stevenson.

20/21 – `0102 Declaration of Interest

- a) None

20/21 – `0103 Minutes of Previous meeting

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

20/21 – `0104 Report from Ward Councillors

- a) Cllr Poole gave an update on complaints received regarding activities and operations at Slate House Quarry stating that there were a number of issues with non-compliance with conditions. Cllr Poole requested that a list all outstanding highways issues be e-mailed to him for follow up.

21/21 – `0105 Highways / Footpaths / NLC issues

- a) The Clerk cited the following outstanding highways issues:
 - i) Footpath on Redbourne Road, outside Farm entrance - Large quantity of wet leaves
 - ii) B1206 between Hibaldstow and Redbourne – flooding to carriageway during heavy rain
 - iii) Redbourne Road at Bus Stop – request for dropped kerb to be replaced with standard
 - iv) Footpath from School Lane to Little Redbourne – Resurfacing required
 - v) Footpath from School Lane to Little Redbourne – Additional street lighting required
 - vi) Footpath FP267 – broken plank on footbridge
 - vii) B1206 opposite Red Lion – Blocked Drain
 - viii) Footpath alongside B1206, Redbourne to Hibaldstow – footpath clearing / cleaning required.

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20/21 – `0106 November 2019 Flood

- a) Cllr Poole gave an update that the trash screen has been cleaned out and is being maintained on a weekly basis to ensure that it is kept clear, there may be a potential issue with debris falling from overhanging trees in this area. There is the potential for an issue later in the week with forecasted heavy rains, but the NLC Flood Hotlines are still in place and NLC are on standby to action protection measures should they be required.

Cllr Hawley commented that the works that had been done at School Lane had improved water flow. Cllr Wainwright commented that there was a torrent of water coming down from Kirton the previous week, and that despite the undergrowth being cleared water was still flowing over the top of the exit pipe from the attenuation pond.

Cllr Poole commented that there had been an historical issue with maintenance, but that now the issue was capacity which is yet to be determined.

20/21 – `0107 Community Matters – Police and NAT

- a) No police matters were raised.
- b) No NAT matters were raised.
- c) Councillors discussed ownership of the phone box. The Clerk reported that the phone box was currently owned by The Community Heartbeat Trust, and that there was a £25 administration fee if the Parish Council wished to take over ownership of the Phone Box.

Resolved – To transfer ownership of the phone Box to Redbourne Parish Council.

20/21 – `0108 Planning

- a) No planning applications had been received
- b) No decisions had been received
- c) Cllr Wainwright reported that PA/2020/565 had gone to appeal with the Planning Inspectorate, with NLC, Redbourne PC and several residents submitting additional comments to support the refusal of this permission.

20/21 – `0109 Community Facilities and Open Space Management

- a) No matters arising from the monthly inspection of the Play Area
- b) Councillors discussed Parish Projects stating that it would be nice to have additional tree planting in the Village and discussed various locations for the planting. Clerk to circulate a map of the Village for each Councillor to annotate with where they would like to see tree planting. Cllr Brown enquired when the bench would be replaced on The Green, the Clerk reported that NLC had reimbursed the PC for the bench and a replacement would be ordered with a view to installation in the spring when the weather improves.
- c) Councillors discussed the opportunity to apply for the NLC Spring in Bloom Grant.

Resolved – Cllr Wainwright to send details of items required to the Clerk to enable submission of the grant form.

20/21 – 0110 2021/22 Verge and PROW Cutting

- a) Councillors reviewed and discussed quotes received for the 2021/22 Verge and PROW cutting

Resolved – To award the contract for Verge and Churchyard Cutting to Lawn N Order, and to award the contract for PROW cutting to JB Rural Services.

20/21 – `0111 2021/22 Budget and Precept

- a) Councillors reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for 2021/22

Resolved – That the budget be approved.

- b) Councillors discussed the level of precept demand for 2021/22

Resolved – That the precept amount for 2021/22 would remain at £12,500.

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20/21 – 0112 Clerk's Report

- a) The Clerk reported on items requiring attention since the November meeting on any subject not separately on the Agenda

20/21 – 0113 Accounts

- a) Councillors reviewed the current financial position
- b) Councillors noted new bank statements, which were signed by Cllr Wainwright
The following invoices were authorised:
 - c) 4th December 2020 - CGM - Verges & PROW- November - £699.20
 - d) 4th December 2020 - CGM – Churchyard - £72.00
 - e) 4th December 2020 - CGM - Churchyard - £72.00
 - f) 14th December 2020 – EON Next - £107.75
 - g) 11th January 2021 – CGM – Verges & PROW – December - £699.20
 - h) 11th January 2021 – HMRC – P32 Q3 - £33.60

20/21 - 0114 Ongoing, Minor Items, Correspondence and Agenda Items for the next meeting

- a) No discussion on items not requiring decision and resolution, not otherwise detailed on the agenda
- b) No matters of correspondence had been received.
- c) No matters of correspondence had arrived since agenda was posted
- d) No articles for submission to Hibaldstow Village Voice
- e) No items were put forward for the March meeting

20/21 – 0115 Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting of Redbourne Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th January 2021.

20/21 – 0116 Resolved – to exclude of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

- a) To authorise payment of Clerk's salary and expenses.
Resolved – To pay Clerk's salary and expenses.
- b) Councillors discussed the large number of additional hours worked by the Clerk. Cllr wainwright confirmed that this was due to the Clerk having to rectify historical errors, and address items that had not been completed in previous years. The Clerk reported that this work was nearing completion. It was noted that the role of the Clerk had expanded as the PC had taken on additional responsibilities.
Resolved – That the Clerk's hours be formally reviewed at the Annual Meeting.