Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 (VIRTUAL MEETING)

Present: Mr G Cox, Mrs J Holmes, Mr R Goodliffe (Chairman), M/s B Goodrum, Mr W Goreham, Mr A Witham

1. The Chairman, Mr Goodliffe welcomed those present and apologies were received from Mr N Smith who was indisposed and Cllr J Toye (NNDC).
2. Declarations of interest – none
3. The Council **APPROVED** of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on May 27th 2020, proposer WG, all agreed.

3.1 Matters arising – (NCC) the Clerk had written to NCC about the visibility leaving the petrol station on the A140 and the uncleared drains in Calthorpe which had been acknowledged. He was asked to follow up on the A140 visibility which members thought still to be a problem.

4. Finance

4.1 Finance report – the Clerk had submitted the Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditor, displayed the Accounts and AGAR information (notice board and website) and advertised the Electors’ Rights.

4.2 The Council **APPROVED** en bloc the following payments due, proposer GC, all agreed.

HMRC, paye £188.80 (cheque 0615)

Clerk’s salary payslips [June, July] £278.72, £278.72 SO’s

1. Play area report and plans – JH gave an overview of the current condition and the Clerk confirmed that the play area may now be re-opened, giving detailed measures necessary for this to happen. He had circulated guidance to members for their consideration. Subject to new information and a working party restoring its condition, AW proposed that the play area remains closed until further notice, all agreed. The gates would be securely closed (padlock/chain). Closure notices would be replaced and increased.

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6. Members’ Reports –

JH had met the dog refuse collectors and been impressed with their approach.

JH enquired about a field use in Calthorpe.

GC asked if the road drainage in School Road was functioning satisfactorily.

AW had concerns that local councils would need to offer more assistance in the future.

AW suggested a village/community event to bring everyone together once life returns to normal.

WG confirmed that the SNAP/police meetings and the SAM placements were still suspended.

WG identified ongoing difficulties for drivers using the priority system on Eagle Road. The Clerk would ask NCC to review its operation.

AW advised that the Blacksmiths Close footpath to the A140 was overgrown. The Clerk would alert NCC.

7. Clerk’s Report – the Clerk confirmed that the strong recommendation was to continue with virtual meetings for now; also he advised that the website may need some work to ensure its compliance with new regulations on accessibility. Parish Council training continues virtually and he was asked to circulated current courses.

8. Open meeting (inc reports from principal authority members) – there being no further business the meeting closed at 19.40.

Signed .........................................................Chairman Date.............................. 2020