Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 (VIRTUAL MEETING)

Present: Mr G Cox, Mrs J Holmes, Mr R Goodliffe (Chairman), M/s B Goodrum, Mr W Goreham, Mr A Witham (part-time – connection issues); in attendance (part-time) Cllr J Timewell (NCC),

1. Mr Rob Goodliffe welcomed all present; apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr J Toye (NNDC).
2. Declarations of interest - none
3. The Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on November 11th 2020, proposer JH, all agreed.
4. Matters arising
   1. Highways updates – the Clerk had referred a pothole on The Street to NCC.
   2. Norman Smith memorial – this would await the play area renewal.

4.3 Welcome leaflet – WG advised that he was taking on the updating of the information which would entail contacting other village groups to establish the currency of their information.

4.4 NNDC waste collections – new collections established and a new bin had been acquired to replace the existing two bins, with AW and GC arranging.

1. Planning – no new business, but RG asked the Clerk to seek an update on the unapproved development including powers available for site clearance.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report – the Clerk advised that Barclays have confirmed change of signatory; and NNDC have been advised of the Precept for 2021-22. The Clerk had been advised that the payroll service would cease in April so was seeking an alternative. He was preparing a demand for the MUGA group contribution to 20-21 costs.

6.2 To approve any grants for local causes – an analysis of previous grants and committed payments for the current year had been circulated to members; after deliberation, RG proposed that two grants should be awarded, all agreed:

NNCT £75 Village Care £75

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6.3 The Council approved en bloc the following payments, proposer GC, all agreed:

NNDC collection (original dog bins) £327.60 (cheque 0623)

NNDC collection (new dog bin + litter bins) £163.20 (0624)

Information Commissioner, fee £40.00 (0625)

G-Force, litter bin £123.30 (0626)

HMRC, paye £204.00 (0627)

E.ON, electricity £58.96 (0628)

SLCC, subscription (50%) £65.00 (0629)

Clerk’s salary payslips [Dec, Jan] £284.98, £285.18 SO’s

The cheques would be signed after the meeting.

1. Play Area

GC reported on the site meeting to assess any work needed following the inspection report. He asked that the Council agree to any rectification work needing outside contractors once the working party had addressed those items they were able to.

1. To consider one co-option to fill the vacancy on the Council – in the current circumstances this item was deferred.

9. Reports

9.1 Members’ Reports

GC raised the issue of need for a foodbank; RG would seek a contact through NNDC.

BG asked the Clerk to arrange a road sweep of School Road.

WG raised the possibility of post-COVID support for some members of the community requiring assistance.

9.2 Clerk’s Report – nil to report

1. Open meeting inc reports from principal authority members -

Cllr J Timewell (NCC) asked members to refer any NCC items of concern to him

The meeting closed at 20.15.

Signed .........................................................Chairman Date.............................. 2021