

SNARESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – UK IN LOCKDOWN On-Line Video Meeting

Meeting Minutes 7th September 2020

Held at: On-line

Date: Monday 7th September at 7.30pm

Present **Councillors:** A. Gascoyne, E Broadbent, B Walsh
Chair: A Archer
Parish Clerk: A. Callingham
NWLDC Representative: Paul Collett (Community Safety)
Parishioner: J Driffill

145/2020 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
None

146/2020 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**
The Clerk updated the council that there was one reported crime in the parish at the end of August. The theft of a catalytic converter from Main Street. Our PCSO is encouraging parishioners to be vigilant, especially with Honda/Toyota make vehicles. Neighbourhood Link website was encouraged to help parishes see visibility or crime in their area, and acts as an extension to the Neighbourhood Watch campaign.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate reporting and the Neighbourhood Link weblink in the next newsletter

147/2020 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Due to the lockdown, parishioners had been encouraged to raise any concerns via the clerk – none had been received.

148/2020 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest from Councillors of any agenda items in which they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

149/2020 **MINUTES**
The council confirmed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in July 2020 were an accurate representation of the meeting.

150/2020 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
There were no matters arising from the minutes that needed to be readdressed or placed as a formal agenda item from the June meeting.

151/2020 CCTV CONSIDERATIONS

The Council heard from Paul Collett (NWLDC Community Safety) regarding the options around installing CCTV in the parish due to increased crime rates. The Council learned that whilst this is possible and Paul is happy to help in any way he can, there are things to consider first such as a) proving a clear need for cameras and what will be done with the information, b) GDPR considerations and c) Freedom of Act considerations.

From experience, CCTV cameras aren't the best deterrent for crime, especially as crime takes place under darkness, however they can be more effective for monitoring LGV traffic and overweight vehicles.

The council learned that there are many different types of CCTV set ups, some monitored externally, and some potentially by the parish council.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to ask the question in the next survey on whether the community believe this is something that would benefit the village, and the clerk to collect crime stats and themes for 2020 to date.

152/2020 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Councillors to review progress report of ongoing items and advice Clerk on next steps.

The following have been prioritised and are on hold until face to face meetings:

- Footpath to the Conery and damage to bridge
- Using the National Lottery Grant for a community event
- Applying for an Environmental grant from LCC
- Village Tidy Up Day potentially scheduled for the spring

The following are progressing, albeit slowed due to district and county council currently working on a skeleton staff basis:

- The Mercia Grant applied for for the SID devices. Decision expected in October.
- New fire door for the pavilion planned for September
- Investigation into blocked drains on Ashby Road still to take place
- Cllr Broadbent and Gascoyne to prioritise repairs on The Conery play equipment.

153/2020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- LCC – Post installation for SID devices
- Geoff Cantwell – Mowing, and Conery work

Councillors heard the current balance, and outstanding invoices due in.

154/2020 BUDGET REVIEW

Councillors agreed to *allocate the already agreed spend* following the last budget setting in January. A more accurate bank balance will be given at the next meeting as we will know if we have been successful with the Mercia Grant, and the second half of the precept money is due. Then specifics of project spend will be finalised and booked.

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain the relevant quotes for the agreed spend projects for final approval in October meeting.

155/2020 PLANNING MATTERS

No planning applications submitted

156/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received

157/2020 LOCKDOWN PLANS

The Council discussed that the solution of village and community support during the last lockdown was effective, and should another lockdown be forced, that the same measures are put in place with volunteers and community responders.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask if anyone knows of anyone who needs help in the newsletter.

158/2020 VILLAGE TIDY UP DAY

The Council agreed that the village was looking good with the new “Snarestone in Bloom” project and litter was at a minimum. With the village looking so good and along with social distancing measures, the members agreed that a tidy up might be more relevant in spring 2021.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate in newsletter

159/2020 NEXT NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Items were agreed to go in the third quarter’s parish newsletter. More were added via e-mail from Cllr Archer after the meeting.

- Recent crimes and link to neighbourhood link email
- Hand sanitizer unit on the Conery
No bookings taken at the pavilion due to Covid restrictions
- Thank you to tote committee & volunteers for delivering bread and cakes each Sunday to the older generations in the village during Covid lockdown
- Thank you to the numerous people in the village for signing up to be a community responder and helping out in the village and the wider community over the past 6 months
- Thank you to the action group for organising the wonderful village pantomime back in February half term
- Village tidy up/litter pick we will look to hold in spring next year

- If anyone in the village has any ideas regarding spending projects etc please always feel free to contact the clerk by email with details
- Please can householders make sure hedges are kept tidy and not obstructing pavements or footpaths
- Big thanks to Bob Walsh for organising the Snarestone in bloom project with Robert Dunkley making the planters. Planters are looking beautiful and thank you to those who have been watering them over the summer months
- It was lovely to see so many households out clapping for the NHS over the last few months. If anyone has any concerns for neighbours who are isolating due to Coronavirus - please do not hesitate to contact the parish council who will always try to help.
- A reminder to report fallen trees/fly tipping/blocked drains etc to NWLDC email address

160/2020 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Following the formal application process, the Councillors agreed to co-op Jacqui Driffill as Parish Councillor.

RESOLVED: Clerk to enrol Cllr Driffill onto relevant training course and to complete the paperwork for NWLDC.

161/2020 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

162/2020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Allocation of money for spend following budget setting.

Next Meeting 19th October 2020