

SNARESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Held at: St Bartholomew's Church

Date: Monday 10th February at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: R Dunkley, A. Gascoyne, E. Jones, B. Walsh

Chair: A. Archer

No. of Parishioners Present: x 2

PCSO x 2

088/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

089/2020 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

Between the 10th January and the 10th February, the following crimes and incidents were reported to the police:

10/01/20 Vehicle with no tax stopped on Bosworth Rd

28/01/20 Abandoned vehicle on Main Street,

03/02/20 Theft from motor vehicle Bosworth Rd,

03/02/20 Burglary on Bosworth Rd, still under investigation.

It was believed that there was a missing incident from the list, however it wasn't clear whether this had been missed in error or been reported through another beat.

Our PCSO's shared with us the increase of number plate thefts to facilitate criminals with both domestic and petrol forecourt burglaries. In response to this, Coalville Tyre & Exhaust Centre are offering free fitting of tamper-proof screws to help in the community.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate in the newsletter and encourage residents to report via 101.

090/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

G. Cantwell attended to share ideas on a suitable location for a village Christmas tree to be suitable decorated and dressed for 2020. Discussions took place around removal of existing trees and planting new ones or using existing areas such as the war memorial for example. The council concluded it would be better to use parish funds to upgrade the lights and decorations using grant money obtained through the National Lottery, and to decorate existing trees near the notice board as a central location in the parish.

Geoff also wanted to raise the parish land opposite the Alpaca Farm entrance, this is approximately 7 meters wide, and goes all the way up to the bend in the road on the way out of the village. It was suggested that a grant could be obtained to get a walkway up for safety to walkers, or a grant to preserve the

ecological status of the area, and to simply create a green area in the parish with a bench etc.

Inappropriate behaviour on the redundant railway on the way back into the village. Discarded dirty and used paraphernalia is left there and considered a health and safety risk as well as being hazardous.

RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate the grant options for the next meeting to understand the options. Clerk also to purchase better decorations later in the year, and to communicate the behaviour issue to the police to ask for support.

091/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors of any agenda items in which they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

092/2020 MINUTES

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in December 2019 were approved and signed.

093/2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes that needed to be readdressed or placed as a future agenda.

094/2020 PARISH PRIORITIES AND BUDGET FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

The Council heard from Councillor Gascoyne following the budget meeting in January.

The parish council have decided to keep the precept amount as the same as last year. With the remaining money left after all the fixed costs have been catered for, and taking into account the suggestions in the parish survey, the priorities were put forward and agreed as being:

- SID (Speed Indication Device)
- Snarestone in Bloom project
- Replace Fire Door on the Pavilion
- Christmas Tree lights and decorations
- Petanque Court on the Conery
- Path to the pavilion on the Conery

095/2020 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Councillors and Clerk reviewed the progress report of ongoing items next steps were advised. Key points were:

- Councillor Gascoyne to contact CRT regarding the broken bridge, and a possible footpath and petanque area for the Conery.
- Clerk to action LCC for locations to put a mobile speed device.
- Parish tidy up date was cancelled due to poor weather. This will be 26th April.
- New escape door has been ordered for the pavilion and is scheduled to be installed when the ground is drier.

- Councillor Gascoyne to revisit the agreement with the Action Group and consider asking for an annual fee from them to use the parish asset as all other responsibilities fall to the parish council to manage and pay for.

- **RESOLVED:**

- **Clerk** – Communicate necessary actions to the LCC for the SID posts/coordinate a schedule with the fish and chip van/help the Action Group with Environmental Grant application/liase with Police regarding behaviour on disused railway
- **Councillor Gascoyne** to communicate with CRT and re-write Action Group agreement.

096/2020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk shared the current bank balance, and Councillors agreed to pay the following invoices via on-line banking:

- Clerks Expenses - paper
- 2Commune – Website hosting
- GCantwell – Conery Pathway and War Memorial
- LRALC – Chairmans Training
- NWLDC – Election Costs

RESOLVED: Approval was gained for all payments to be made via on-line banking. Clerk to update the finances.

097/2020 PLANNING MATTERS

None received. Councillor Archer provided the council with an overview of the HS2 Meeting she attended. Unfortunately, there is no more definitive update on the future as yet.

098/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

No formal correspondence has been received.

099/2020 NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT

The parish have been successful in securing £500 for a community event. Council to discuss the details in the March meeting.

100/2020 DEFIBRILLATOR INCREASE IN THE PARISH

Council considered the communication from London Hearts regarding the Parish Council Defibrillator Initiative Drive and whether to purchase another unit for the village. However, it was agreed that one was enough.

101/2020 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

102/2020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Enforcement Officer from NWLDC to be invited to answer any questions of the caravan site behind The Odd House.
- National Lottery Grant Event spend plan

NEXT DATE

March 23rd

May 4th

June 15th