

SNARESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – UK IN LOCKDOWN On-Line Video Meeting

Meeting Minutes 11th January 2021

Held at: On-line.

Date: Monday 11th January at 7.30pm

Present **Councillors:** A. Gascoyne, J Driffill, B Walsh,
E Broadbent
Chair: A Archer
Parish Clerk: A. Callingham

201/2021 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

202/2021 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

The Clerk updated the council of the recent crime stats for the parish:

13/11/20 – Theft of parish Speed Indication Device

Councillor Walsh shared some ideas of making the existing SID more secure. The council heard from the Clerk that she has the box of crime deterrents from our PCSO.

RESOLVED: Box of crime deterrents to be delivered to Councillor Archer's house and advertised in the newsletter.

203/2021 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Council heard from Councillor Archer for 2 x issues that parishioners would like to be raised on their behalf.

1 – The dual road signage of “Thorpe Lane” and “Occupation Lane” off Main Street. Parish Council are liaising with NWLDC to understand their understanding how this has come about and if there are any next steps needed.

2 – The parish Council are investigating suggested planning breaches on Quarry Lane.

RESOLVED: Clerk to wait to hear from NWLDC on the sign query, and to contact NWLDC Planning Enforcement Officer to request attendance at the next meeting to answer questions.

204/2021 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

205/2021 MINUTES

The council confirmed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting in December 2020 were an accurate representation of the meeting.

206/2021 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 December meeting.

207/2021 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:

- Damage to the canal 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 Council agreed to apply for a grant from IM Properties to help with the provision of enhancing the Conery with a path and petanque court as per the last parish survey.
- Councillor Driffill will act as de-brief for all HS2 updates – 14th January 2021 is the next one.
- The brick bus shelter has been condemned following a safety check and will be demolished. The commemoration bricks will be retained and used elsewhere in the parish.
- The wooden bus shelter on Main Street will be refurbished and include clearer signage.
- The Alpaca Farm have agreed to home the new PA system once they have received their new container – post COVID- 19 restrictions.

207/2021 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- 2Commune – Website hosting
- Westcotec – Speed Devices
- G Cantwell – War Memorial

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

Following the budget meeting on the 7th January 2021, it was agreed to prioritise the following in the village:

- Christmas Tree Lights
- Bus shelter refurb/demolition
- Pavillion refurbishment (repaint etc)
- Path and petanque court on Conery (IM Properties Grant application for this)

- Potential for a storage container

208/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

None sent in

209/2021 COMMUNICATION TO THE VILLAGE

Councillors agreed to ask whether the current methods of communication were adequate in the parish survey, and to gauge interest.

RESOLVED: To be included in the Parish Survey

210/2021 PARISH STRATEGY/OBJECTIVES

Councillors agreed to ask the parishioners what they considered to be the objectives of their parish council to shape the future strategy of the parish with clear objectives.

RESOLVED: To be included in the Parish Survey

211/2021 PLANNING MATTERS

No new applications to consider at point of agenda being sent out.

212/2021 PARISH ASSETS

Councillors considered how to raise awareness and promotion of the parish assets that are available for parishioners to use, and how to access them. It was agreed to initially conduct an inventory/stock list of what the parish/Tote Committee Club/Action Group own as a central list.

RESOLVED: Councillor Driffill to coordinate meeting with Councillor Gascoyne and Councillor Broadbent to do a stock check for the next meeting. The council will then agree storage locations and a hiring and charging system.

213/2021 VILLAGE SURVEY

Councillor Driffill proposed to establish a short-term small virtual working group to develop the next parish survey. It was agreed that a short introduction from Abby, setting the scene of the survey and its context (precept available and the total cost to run the parish before any “luxury spend”). It was agreed to include lots of open questions rather than just multiple choice, and to offer residents the chance to complete over a two-week window.

RESOLVED: Councillor Driffill to coordinate with Councillors Broadbent, Gascoyne and Archer to being to shape this survey.

214/2021 CHRISTMAS 2021

Councillors agreed to have a “Parish Christmas Tree” in the War Memorial area for Christmas 2021. This would be a stand-alone demonstration of Snarestone at Christmas.

RESOLVED: Newsletter to include a thank you to the Action Group and Tote Committee for the support over the lockdown and Christmas in the next Newsletter

215/2021 PARISH PLAN FOR PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Councillors to consider and agree a uniform approach to planning consultations.

RESOLVED: Moved to next meeting

216/2021 LOCKDOWN SUPPORT

Councillor Archer update the council as the key contact with NWLDC. Leaflets have been ordered to offer residents more support, and the Tote Committee have been nominated as a “Support Hero” during the pandemic.

217/2021 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

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Next Meeting: 22nd February 2021