

SNARESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – UK IN LOCKDOWN On-Line Video Meeting

Meeting Minutes 15th June 2020

Held at: On-line

Date: Monday 15th June at 7.30pm

Present **Councillors:** A. Gascoyne, B. Walsh,
E Broadbent
Chair: R Dunkley
Parish Clerk: A. Callingham

115/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Archer

116/2020 LOCAL POLICING REPORT

The Clerk updated the council that there were no reported crimes in the parish in the last 30 days.

117/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the lockdown, parishioners had been encouraged to raise any concerns via the clerk – none had been received. Councillor Broadbent raised concerns from parishioners regarding bonfires on the allotments. These bonfires were alleged to be a daily occurrence, and it was concluded that bonfires weren't part of the allotment agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotment Society.

In the first instance, it was agreed for a communication to go to the allotment society from the parish council to express these concerns.

RESOLVED: Councillor Broadbent to collate a list of dates of the bonfires that were held on the allotments to the Clerk, before the formal letter is written.

118/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

119/2020 MINUTES

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

120/2020 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 in the May meeting.

121/2020 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
- Damage to bridge
- Village Tidy Up Day
- Using the National Lottery Grant for a community event
- Applying for an Environmental grant from LCC
- New fire door for the pavilion can't be fitted due to staff being furloughed.

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

- Posts to hold the SID devices due to be installed towards the end of June as a priority for LCC
- Investigation into blocked drains on Ashby Road still to take place
- Council will continue to raise the concerns around inappropriate behaviour on Gopsall Wharf to demonstrate continuity for the case that this should be addressed, and to reduce the risk of it getting worse.
- A working agreement and flat rate hire of the pavilion fee between the Action Group and the Parish Council will be confirmed in the July meeting.

122/2020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- ROSPA – Playground checks
- G.Cantwell – Mowing x 2
- Clerk Expenses
- Expenses for Planters – plants, compost and materials

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

123/2020 PLANNING MATTERS

Council consulted on planning application Ref: 20/00888/TCA and decided on no objections:

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform the Planning Officer in charge at NWLDC.

124/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

125/2020 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Councillor Dunkley has formally notified the council that he wishes to step down from the role of Vice Chair, and as Councillor from September 2020. The Council need to communicate with NWLDC to formally advertise the vacancy and invite parishioners to request an election. There is a 14-day window for this. A minimum of 10 parishioners need to do this to evoke an election in May 2021. If there isn't a request from the parish to have a nomination and election process, the council can co-opt to fill the vacancy

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform NWLDC of the change and start the formal process.

126/2020 SNARESTONE IN BLOOM UPDATE

All the planters are filled, in place and looking beautiful. A big thank you to Councillor Walsh and Dunkley, and the respective teams of volunteers to help make the village so pretty. The volunteer groups have been set up to maintain the planters.

In the spirit of the appearance of the parish, the council approved G Cantwell to trim back the hedge on the to the Conery, will ask the Action Group to clear the straw from around the pavilion left over from the nativity, and a volunteer group will be set up to clear all the other debris from the area around the pavilion.

RESOLVED: Clerk to liase with G Cantwell, Councillor Broadbent to ask the Action Group to clear the straw, and Councillor Walsh to coordinate a day with volunteers to clear around the pavilion.

127/2020 NEW BENCH IN THE PARISH

The council agreed the different costs and types of bench available from wooden, to recycled milk bottle types. It was agreed to order a 5 ft Teak park bench.

RESOLVED: Clerk to order the agreed bench for delivery to Councillor Gascoyne's address.

128/2020 MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

The Council agreed the meeting dates for the last 6 months of the year:

27th July 2020
7th September
19th October
7th December

RESOLVED: Clerk to update parish website

129/2020 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

130/2020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Review any actions from the RoSPA Playground Check report