

SNARESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – UK IN LOCKDOWN On-Line Video Meeting

Meeting Minutes 27th July 2020

Held at: On-line

Date: Monday 27th July at 7.30pm

Present **Councillors:** A. Gascoyne, E Broadbent
Chair: A Archer
Parish Clerk: A. Callingham

131/2020 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Councillor Walsh

132/2020 **LOCAL POLICING REPORT**

The Clerk updated the council that there was one reported crime in the parish in the last 30 days. ***“10th July; theft from van by unknown persons whilst vehicle was parked on driveway”***

Clerk also update the Council on the response from HBBC regarding the activity at Gopsall Wharf:

“During that last 3 or 4 months we have made numerous visits to the location. Yes, there are invariably single males in vehicles parked in the carpark.

For March and April there was very little activity for obvious reasons and with many of the HBBC workers working from home there has been no visits by them to the area.

The difficulty with the area is that, although rumours are abound with what people think is going on and what we can actually prove, are two different things.

I have checked reported incidents for Gopsall Wharf and cannot find any.

I am assuming that Snarestone Parish Council are still getting complaints, if so can you ask that the council to get the complainants to get in touch with me directly in order that we can take some statements to get some good evidence.

Much as it's nice to visit the canal it's unlikely that we will actually catch anyone committing offences and will rely on witnesses to come forward.”

The Council agreed that they felt they had come to a natural close in relation to the powers available to them, and the next best steps would be to educate parishioners to report incidents directly to the police, rather than the parish council.

RESOLVED: Clerk to communicate in the next newsletter for any witnesses to contact the police directly.

133/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the lockdown, parishioners had been encouraged to raise any concerns via the clerk – none had been received.

134/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

135/2020 MINUTES

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

136/2020 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.

137/2020 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

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

- Village Tidy Up Day potentially scheduled for September in family groups
- Posts to hold the SID devices are installed and the Mercia Grant applied for for the SID devices. Decision expected in October.
- New fire door for the pavilion planned for August
- Investigation into blocked drains on Ashby Road still to take place
- A working agreement and flat rate hire of the pavilion fee between the Action Group and the Parish Council has been confirmed as being £250, however this has been waived for 2020 due to Coronavirus.
- New bench has arrived in the parish
- The co-option process has been agreed and will start in August with a view of a new Councillor seat in September's meeting.

138/2020 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Schedule of Payments were agreed for on-line payment.

- Auditor donation to St Bartholomew's Church
- Geoff Cantwell – Mowing and Hedge Trimming

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

139/2020 PLANNING MATTERS

No planning applications submitted

140/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council considered correspondence from Will Statt regarding proposed planning proposal for a new drive and, in the long term, potential parking for the church. Council discussed and decided that based on the current information, that there wouldn't be any objections.

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform Will Statt on the Councils thoughts.

141/2020 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Councillors agreed that all enquiries to be sent to the Clerk with an overview of why candidates believe they are suitable, followed by an informal chat with existing councillors, before final co-option decision at the 7th September meeting.

RESOLVED: Clerk to start the formal process and generate advert to be published at the start of August, followed by an informal chat over zoom with existing councillors and the cop-option date of the next council meeting (7th September).

142/2020 RoSPA PLAYGROUND CHECK REPORT REVIEW

Councillors considered any remedial actions required following the RoSPA safety checks for the play park on the Conery. Councillor Broadbent and Gascoyne agreed to visit the site and prioritise actions and fed back to the clerk to coordinate any work.

Considerations will be also be given to providing hand sanitiser dispenser for users of the play equipment.

RESOLVED: Councillors Gascoyne and Broadbent to communicate with the Council on what they believe the priority list should be.

143/2020 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

144/2020 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA