



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020 Via ZOOM

Nov 2020

Minutes

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. **Apologies for absence – Cllr's Powell, Blandford**
Present – Chairman, Clerk, Councillors Cooper, Ewart, Fielder, Starling, Raftery, Carpenter, Coulter
3. **Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held Tuesday 14th October 2020.**
Having been previously circulated, the minutes were confirmed as a true record.
Proposer – Councillor Fielder, Seconder – Councillor Ewart. Unanimously agreed.
4. **Declaration of Members Interests:** Cllrs Carpenter and Coulter declared friendship with applicant for Stoneleigh. (Planning application received)
5. **Public discussion**
No members of public in attendance.
6. **Chairman's report**
Surface water alleviation scheme has started to make some progress as some alleviation works have started. Quotes received for remedial works to damaged trees at Lockyers wood and Lady Nelson. As these are safety concerns action should be taken
7. **Section 137 Payments**
Chairman explained that as a council we are able to make section 137 donations to local organisations that benefit the community and as this year has been so difficult for many of them, that we should consider making donations to the royal British Legion and the Thorpe Festival trust, who support local charities such as the food bank. It was discussed and agreed that a donation of £500 be made to the Royal British Legion and £1000 to the Festival trust. Cllr Fielder proposed, Councillor Carpenter seconded
8. **Budget planning**
Councillors were asked to submit any suggestions for budget projects before the finance meeting next week. Councillor Carpenter suggested funding for keeping Thorpe tidy
9. **Locality fund**
Chairman gave background to locality fund and how money can be applied for, a discussion took place as to whether the allotments would be best use of money from the fund or something in Lockyers wood or the playing field would be better. Councillor Carpenter suggested perhaps using money for the teenage age group as there isn't much available for them in the village.

10. Planning.

No comments or objections for any of the applications received this month.

11. Accounts for period 15th September – 12th October incl.

Items of expenditure reviewed by council and approved for payment. Cllr Fielder Proposed, Seconded Cllr Cooper. Unanimously agreed.

Expenditure:

Cheque #	Payee	Invoice number	Amount	Vat	Budget line
OP	MRL	4798	£7,620.00	1,270.00	Christmas Lights
OP	SLCC		£161.00		Affiliations and memberships
OP	Simon Raftery		£50.00		Xmas lights application fee

Approval required for £98.99 spend on new ink cartridge

STANDING ORDERS:

Jess Ball	874.64	Staff Wages
e-on energy	162.38	Street Lighting

DIRECT DEBIT'S will be paid by Bank on 12th of each month

- Naze Lamb – Playing field - General maintenance £490.00

12. Sub Committee Reports:

- Fibre High Speed Broadband Cllr Ewart – No update
- BMX Track Cllr Raftery – BMX track just requires clearing to see what is left from the original and how it can be developed for use. Locality fund will be applied to (see item X) to help develop this. Discussion around the track that has been established in the woods near Lockyers woods and involving local teenagers on design of the Lady Nelson BMX track.
- Christmas Lights Cllr Raftery – Still awaiting update on application from Essex Highways
- Highways and Pavements Cllr Blandford - No update
- Lockyer's Wood Cllr Coulter – Has been used a lot in the last few months during lockdown, Cllr Coulter is meeting with the wood carving and tree felling contractor on Wednesday. The council wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the local resident who has helped make the

woodland walk interactive for local children by creating various hidden trails of children's characters throughout this year.

- f. Parish Footpaths & Village Greens Cllr Fielder – Cllr Fielder updated that there had been no reports of paths needing remedial works, the paths across Thorpe Green and around the benches were clear and there was no standing water after the bad weather recently. Strimmer and lawnmower are due their annual service.
- g. Playing Field Cllr Starling – No update
- h. Street Lighting Clerk and Chairman – Memorial lights seem to have had sensors installed, presumably by Essex Highways. These are not Highways owned lights. To be investigated.
- i. TDALC Cllr Powell – No update
- j. Thorpe in Bloom Cllr Carpenter – No update

13. Date of next meeting – Monday December 14th.

- 14.** There being nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15