
Minutes of **Emergency Neasham Parish Council meeting** held 27th July 2020 at 6.30pm (held remotely)

Present: Cllrs G Conlin, G Crute, D Dodwell, P.Dunn, J Grainger, J Weighell (Chair), Ward Cllr L Tostevin & Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies for absence from E Miller (illness) and K Sandick (no internet connection) were accepted.

20/053 JWe welcomed Councillors to the meeting and confirmed that it constituted a quorum.

20/054 Declarations of interest

Declaration of interest in respect of item 3.i Website was presented by G Crute.

20/055 Minutes of the last meetings

There are no previous minutes to present at this meeting and no matters arising.

20/056 Agenda Item 3.i Website Required to be Compliant with Accessibility Regulations

Five proposals in respect of the website were considered and it was resolved to accept the proposal of ACMedia dated 22nd July to design a new compliant website. It was also agreed that the preferred template should be ZeroFour and the Neasham history page should be included. It was further agreed that Cllrs G Crute and J Grainger should work with the clerk on matters requiring NPC input.

20/057 Agenda Item 3.ii Approval of PSRA to Include Covid 19 Considerations

It was agreed that "No Cycling Signs" should be displayed to discourage cycling along the embankment, also that the seat adjacent the Fox & Hounds is a cause for concern as it restricts social distancing forcing walkers off the footpath at the top of a steep embankment. It was resolved to relocate this seat to the area of the flagpole where it could become a feature. A quotation of M Harrison for this work was agreed. The village green PSRA was agreed. In response to his FOI request to the EA, GCr reported that he had received the same information from the EA relating to Kent Beck as previously. When informed the EA stated that they were looking to see if it had been archived.

20/058 Agenda Item 3.iii Approval of Maximum Price/Budget for Signs etc

A budget of £250 was approved for signs associated with the Virus and Kent Beck which also included the cost of moving a seat (item3.ii). DD suggested that there should be a limit of the numbers of signs on each post as it was causing confusion. GCr agreed but stated that the signs would be temporary for the moment, due to rapidly changing advice in respect of the virus. Once a sense of normality returns signs would be combined and simplified into 3 boards.

20/059 Agenda Item 3.iv Provision of Live Saving Device

Previously an indicative cost of £327 (exc fixings and VAT) was provisionally approved. It was resolved to increase this budget to £425 for other unforeseen works. The unit would be located near the Fox & Hounds to minimize vandalism. It was queried whether permission would be required.

20/060 Other Matters (not requiring formal notification)

- New Lane gated residential area – there had been complaints from neighbours regarding noise, accumulation of bins and delivery drivers waiting to gain access. This should be a temporary problem as the developer was constructing a bin collection area and the issue would soon be resolved.
- PD expressed concern about moles in gardens and the river embankment, Chair to raise with the EA.
- A suggestion that the NPC flag should now be flown instead of the NHS flag was agreed.
- The clerk reported that the current insurers wanted a £50 arrangement fee any alteration to the value of items insured. The clerk had requested that CAME & Co withdraw this charge.
- LT reported that Arriva were proposing a revision to the No 12 bus service, that it would have the route direction alternating half hourly. It was felt that Neasham Road is a hazardous route for buses and if they were not coming into Neasham they should be encouraged to use an alternative route.
- The Chair formally offered his thanks to M Blundell for repairing the notice board at no cost to NPC.

20/061 Date of next meeting

Monday 7th September 2020 at 6.30pm. The meeting concluded at 7.30pm

Confirmed as a Correct Record and Approved by Council

Signed(Chair)

Date.....7th September 2020.....