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**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday March 2, 2021, at 7.00pm**

Councillors: Simon Stephens (Chairman)

Carolyn Birch , Vicki Plant, Mike Stanley, Lindsay Redfern ,

 Peter Wyles Gareth Cook, Liz Smith

The clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council members Coun. Reg Adair and nine residents in attendance.

The chairman invited local resident Mrs Christine French to address the meeting during the open session when she said I am sure you are all aware that the property Ladycroft on Main Street had recently been sold to a former village resident and who it was stated still had an interest in the property The Laurels, and also owns the agricultural field behind all the houses along Main Street, from Keepers Lodge to The Laurels

Concern was expressed that planning permission might be sought, to knock down Ladycroft to provide access to the field and then to get permission to build on the agricultural land. That would, said Mrs French, impact on all the houses on Main Street, from Keepers Cottage to Little London.. She said there is no village centre and green, as such, but it does have a centre, which is Main Street running from the Willoughby junction to the church, which is well defined by several very old properties, a greensward --which is common land-- running from the Willoughby junction to the church, a long old brick wall again running the length of the greensward, and 14 mature trees.

Mrs French said if permission was approved the village centre would go. She requested the Parish Council to consider the implications, and be proactive and asked for it to register the greensward , as a Green Open Space or preferably a Village Green, ballot the village to show its disapproval of any future planning application and obtain tree preservation order’s on all the trees along Main Street. On the latter suggestion the chairman said he felt there was no point in seeking such orders at the present time but he supported registering the land at the Green in the name of the council and to write to Richard Mapletoft at the Borough council on this point. The question of the central part of the village being registered as an Asset of Community Value was also raised.

Various other comments were made by residents attending the meeting, all expressing concerns on possible development in the central area of the village.

The chairman closed the public session of the meeting after 30 minutes to allow the council to progress its meeting.

**1] Apologies** There were none

**2] Minutes from Previous Meeting held on February 2, 2021** were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

**3] Declarations of Interest** There were none

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**4] Gigabit Broadband ---**Coun. Mike Stanley read an email which had been sent to the clerk by Mr Callum Jones of Notts County Council in which he said he had had a catchup with Openreach when their representative said he had spoken with Coun. Stanley regarding the

voucher scheme coming to a close and the window for having addresses finalised in the portal having closed. He said they remain in dialogue with DCMS regarding support available for the Ofcom 2 areas but as it stood that very day he didn’t have anything further update to provide to the parish council at this stage.

**5] Open Session for the Public**

 No further points were raised.

**6] Clerks Report**

Contact had been made with a Government department with a report dealing with how to mark the death of a senior national figure. The sensitive paper was not be made public in print until its contents are required to be actioned. The clerk said he would study the report which was similar but different in parts to one he held dealing with the death of The Queen, but these are slightly different.

**7] Report from the District Council representative**

Coun. Adair spoke on local road matters including the situation in Keyworth because of large scale housing development in progress there, on the county council budget and those being imposed separately by the fire service and the police and on various footpath and Keyworth Road (water run-off) matters which Coun. Cottee had advised him on, saying the highways and footpaths department at County Hall had in the main been taken off their normal duties because of the flooding and snowfall situation. He said another pointer was that the staff who had worked solidly on Covid-19 requirements were now having to catch up on untaken holiday entitlement before the end of March.

 **8] Finance**

Accounts to pay were approved as circulated and passed for payment.

The council agreed that funding to a maximum of £1000 be approved in respect of the publishing and printing of the proposed A5 booklet outlining how residents in their own words, had been dealing with the COVID-19 situation in their daily lives. The book would cost £7 each to print for the 100 copies being produced. Residents who applied for a copy were to be asked to make a suggested donation of £5-10 for each book purchased.

The chairman said he expected a refund from Bulb Electrics in regard to over stated meter readings for electricity at the village hall since just before the start of the year.

 **9] Correspondence**

Notts County Council confirmed a public path diversion having been made on Wysall Footpath 5 and Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed the booking of the village all on May 6 for the Notts County Council and Police Commissioner elections.

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 **10] Village Hall and Play Area and Equipment**

 The chairman updated the meeting on the question of the need to repair and replace items of play equipment from the area behind the village hall, and after detailed discussion it was agreed to meet the estimated £4000 cost from council balances, being the removal of the seesaw and to purchase replacement parts for the roundabout and fit them.

**11] Planning**

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

 21/00607/ful. Mr Mrs J Butterfield, Longcliffe Farm, Keyworth Road, Wysall, Construct two storey front extension with balcony and solar panels. Install ground floor heat pump. No objection.

 21/00522/AGRIC Kevin Beard, The Elms, Bradmore Road, Wysall. Erect hay barn and separate machinery store. No objection.

**12] Delegation of powers to Chairman, vice chairman and clerk**

Currently the Government say that Zoom meetings for parish councils must cease after May 6 There is as yet no word if this will change. NALC are suggesting to safeguard the work of a council during this period the chairman, vice chairman and clerk should be given power to act on behalf of members. They also suggest that while zoom meetings may not be legal for an actual council meeting after May 6, councils would be able to organise a get together in this manner if they wish, meeting as a group of councillors in an unofficial manner. It was agreed to look at the matter again after the next meeting if circumstances required it.

**13] Environment** including Keyworth Road Water Run -Off.

 Nottingham County Council member Cllr John Cottee was looking in to this.

**14] Annual review of the Standings Orders, Financial Regulations, Contacts and pay.**

Members had been provided with copies of the papers concerned.

**15] Chairman’s Matters**

It was agreed the next meeting of the council would be on the normal day, April 6, and that one be held on April 29 if business warranted it. The annual meeting of the parish council would be on Tuesday May 4, limited to 30 minutes for statutory busines only, including the election of chairman of the next 12 months. and would start at 8-00pm.

The clerk left the meeting while members looked at a salary increase application. After a discussion they agreed the payment be on the NALC agreed rate of SPC 27, with effect from January 2021.