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**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held by ZOOM on**

**Tuesday September 1, 2020 at 7.00pm**

Councillors: Simon Stephens (Chairman) (A),

Carolyn Birch (in the chair) Vicki Plant(A), Mike Stanley, Lindsay Redfern,

Peter Wyles, Gareth Cook, Liz Smith

Present: Clerk Mike Elliott. and Nottingham County Council member Coun. John Cottee.

1] APOLOGIES Couns. Sam Stephens and Vicki Plant.

4] REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER. The item was brought forward to allow Coun. Cottee to report and then attend another meeting. He said the County were looking at the question of a Unitary Authority and suggested if all the district and borough councils and Notts County Council were disbanded and a new Unitary Authority formed it would be possible to save £25m to £30m a year.

The County member said he would visit Costock Road at Wysall to follow up a complaint on the poor standard of work currently in progress to improve the surface of the road.

2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 7, 2020 were approved and would be signed at a future convenient time.

Report on the minutes by the clerk:  
 Wysall Footpath FP3. Jim Hatchett of Notts County Council says the matter is still in hand and he will pick up the issue of the surface maintenance again and hopefully line up a contractor in the autumn.

Defib checking: Discussion took place on a need to ensure a rota of members was formed to regularly check on the condition of the unit. It was agreed this was necessary. Coun. Stanley said he had put a new battery into it recently. The clerk said his efforts to find the owner of the Keyworth Road hedge had been unsuccessful. Coun. Cottee was continuing to try.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Cook on planning application 20/00764/FUL.

5] FINANCE Accounts to pay were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have given 100 per cent reduction on the domestic rates demand for the village hall for the 12 months ending April 1, 2021.

Notts County Council have confirmed £2000 grant from the Nottinghamshire Covid19 Community Fund with it being a contribution towards Telephone / Internet services and loss of rent for the village hall.

The Coronavirus Small business support fund had provided a £10,000 grant thanks to prompt from Rushcliffe Borough Council and additional work by the clerk’s office. The clerk was asked to approach Cllr Adair on the question of a possible grant towards improvement to the village hall toilets.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Local resident Mr Bob Muston suggested a letter to Ellie Thompson to give thanks for her excellent efforts in planting up and maintaining the two planters outside the parish church. The clerk was asked to write.

The clerk said Notts County Council highways were checking on a suggestion from a resident for tarmackiing a 5m x 10m strip adjacent to the Cottage property. Notts County Council would not allow self work of this type. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised they were considering ending use of plastic poppy wreaths and having alternatives instead. They were

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working with the Royal British Legion and local florists. It was pointed out at the meeting that disabled members of the Armed Services worked to produce the current poppies and they felt it could not agree to a move to threaten their employment along with the unsuitabilty of fresh flowers on the wreaths.

The clerk said the Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme fund had re opened after being directed purely to Coronavirus . He had confirmed the original request from the parish for funding of £2500 for purchase and installation of a new noticeboard.

A letter had been received from NatWest bank offering to assist an account change for the council to another bank, a move initiated by the Government to increase competition in UK Banking and in exchange for the financial support NatWest had received in 2008 and 2009. The clerk said four banks had been put forward by NatWest as possible new banks including the Co-Operative Bank who would offer the council £1500 to make the switch. The clerk said NatWest provided all its services to the council with no charges being imposed on them as the customer. After discussion the council agreed it did not feel a move from its current bank was necessary.

7] VILLAGE HALL

The meeting discussed the question of the repair work needed to the play equipment sited at the rear of the village hall. Concerns were expressed at the price being quoted by Proludic with the expected full total including actual work being in the region of £4000. Discussions took place on what should be provided on the area concerned at the rear of the hall and it was suggested that local opinion be sought. If any of the present equipment was felt to be dangerous it should be removed by a local contractor.

8] PLANNING.

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20/00764/FUL. Gareth Cook, Greenfields, Keyworth ad, Wysall. Extend front of property at ground and first floor. Demolish chimneys, White render external elevations. No objection.

20/01819/ful. Mervyn Cooper, Esterlege House, Widmerpool Road. Reduce size of existing ground floor window and render front elevation. New timber fence to front elevation. No objection.

9] ENVIRONMENT war memorial bench update and HOUSING SURVEY

Midlands Rural ojusing and Rushcliffe Borough Council Hojusing Housing and Rushcliffe Borough Council are seeking support from the parish for a joint survey on housing needs in Wysall, Widmerpool and Willoughby on the Wolds. It was agreed to support the survey being taken.

Members were anxious to have an update on the provision of the war memorial bench and Coun. Birch was asked to contact the chairman for his comments. The meeting was reminded the seat was originally going to be installed in time for the VEDay celebrations in May.

10] CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS

Coun. Stanley said there was still a problem of speeding traffic through the village. The clerk was asked to find the name of the successor to Pc Howard Shinn who had retired.

The Parish council discussed the proposed, permanent re-routing of Footpath No.5 to the perimeter of The Manor House on the south side, moving it from its current diagonal crossing of the property. The council agreed that this was acceptable.  
There was considerable concern expressed by several members about the fact that the width of the path at the point where it transits from the boundary of the Old Rectory to the Manor House has now become potentially dangerous. This is because the perimeter fence for the Le Petite Champ development site has been moved to close the gap between path and the ditch. This is quite steep and potentially dangerous. The PC requested the Notts County Council footpaths officer dealing with the proposed re-routing of Footpath No.5 should make a site visit to review the safety of this route. Mike Stanley and Gareth Cook would make themselves available for this site visit.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.