

SICKLINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM BY ZOOM

Present: John Leahy (Chairman), Patrick Brady, Anita Massarella, Carol Warrington and Adrian Dent (Councillors), Julie Clegg (Clerk)

In attendance: Cliff Trotter (County Councillor) and no residents

1. Note apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and the reasons accepted from Andy Paraskos (District Councillor) and Anita Massarella.

2. Approve the minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council of 17 September 2020

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 September 2020 and these were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Note matters arising from the minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council of 17 September 2020

None noted not already addressed in the agenda elsewhere.

4. Note any declarations of interest

None noted.

5. Consider planning applications received

It was noted that:

- a. Updates
 - i. 20/01277/FUL: Land comprising NW corner of OS field 0022 at junction with Geecroft Lane, Back Lane – erection of 1 detached dwelling with car port – REJECTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED – NO FURTHER UPDATE AT THIS TIME.
- b. New applications
 - i. 20/03516/COU: Change of use of part of first floor living accommodation to 5 no. letter rooms at The Scotts Arms, Main Street - the Parish Council considered this application and RESOLVED not to object. NO FURTHER UPDATE AT THIS TIME.

There were no other Planning Applications to consider.

6. Finance report

- a. Bank balances at 31 October 2020 - £17878.31 in the Community Account, £2557.02 in the Business Money Manager Account and £13806.95 with Santander. AM will be asked to review the bank reconciliation to the underlying records and confirm that she is satisfied with it.
- b. Following a discussion on the Revised Budget for the remainder of 2020/2021 and Precept Calculation 2021/2022 it was RESOLVED to raise a precept of £2,000 for the year 2021/22.
ACTION: Clerk to complete necessary paperwork
- c. The following invoices were approved for payment:
 - i. £89.99 – Julie Clegg – McAee Virus Protection [PAID]

- ii. £1146.00 – G Marston – September invoice [PAID]
- iii. £270 – Abbotts Memorials – Soil removal [PAID]
- iv. £30 – YLCA – Cemetery Management Webinar [PAID]
- v. £240 – Vision ICT – website hosting 2021 [PAID]
- vi. £446.96 – Julie Clegg – clerk’s wages

7. General Correspondence received

The Clerk had received correspondence from a resident whose home and barn were being used by Boundless Broadband to house antenna to provide overland broadband services to a number of residents. The letter noted the residents’ intention to give notice to Boundless to remove their equipment. The Clerk, in turn, advised those residents who would be affected.

8. Crime Figures: August and September 2020

The Chair reviewed the crime figures from August and September 2020.

9. Highways

a. Update on speeding initiatives

The Clerk noted that the Community Speedwatch team could not currently convene because of the second national COVID lockdown. It had also been delayed considerably by the roadworks relating to the development works at the pub.

Further to an on-site meeting earlier in the year between the Parish Council, the District Councillor and representatives from Highways regarding potential solutions to reduce speeding through the village, the Clerk applied for additional matched-funding from the AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund and was successful in securing £2k towards a potential £4k spend on a possible chicane. The Parish Council will carry out a Public Consultation with Parishioners in due course when further design work and specification is received.

b. VAS

The Clerk reported that she had ordered the equipment and was waiting for a delivery date. Training on how to use the equipment and relocate it is to be provided in due course.

10. Grass Cutting Contract 2021

It was reported that three quotes had been received. The Clerk produced a report to the Parish Council and the quotes were discussed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quote from Gary Marston since it had not increased on last year and that this continued to represent the best value for money.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Gary Marston

11. Cemetery

a. Cemetery Upgrade Project

The Chair and Cllr Brady had met at the Cemetery to discuss requirements which primarily amount to resurfacing and kerbing the path areas together with a bin store.

b. Clerks Training

The Clerk noted that the ICCM training on the management of memorials scheduled for March had been postponed due to COVID-19 but this was to be re-arranged in due course.

She had, however, attended a webinar hosted by YLCA and Alan Fairchild OBE which was very useful.

12. Ponds

Low Flush

It is thought that Low Flush could do with tidying up again. In particular, the trees at the far end – towards the Millenium Oak – require pruning.

ACTION: Clerk to speak to contractor again about this

Top Flush

Again, this needs clearing out; it is clogged up with weed and there are significant overhanging trees

13. Consider Code of Conduct – further consultation by CSPL

Cllrs Dent and Brady volunteered to respond to this consultation.

14. To report on external meetings attended by Councillors

None noted.

15. Bin rota: April/May/June

January (Mitch - Top Bin) (Carol Warrington – Bottom Bin)

February (John Leahy - Top Bin) (Andy Morrell – Bottom Bin)

March (Julie Clegg - Top Bin) (Adrian Dent – Bottom Bin)

16. Items for the next meeting

Highways

Bin rota

17. Dates of next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of the Parish on Thursday, 11 March 2021 at 7.30pm and the Parish Council set the dates for the remainder of 2021 as follows: 13 May, 16 September and 11 November.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. These are draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2020 which are due to be approved at the next meeting on 11 March 2021.

John Leahy
(Chairman)