Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020 via Video Conferencing

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	All were welcomed to the November meeting of the Parish Council which was being held via Video Conferencing due to the Covid-19 restrictions.	
	The meeting had been advertised on the village website, noticeboard and on social media, and District Councillor Mary Green, County Councillor Marianne Overton and two residents joined the meeting.	
	REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS The District Council had been sending regular electronic newsletters updating parishes on all matters.	
	Cllr. Mary Green noted that NKDC had still not responded to the consultation on the Reform of the Planning System in England and she would follow this up. The NKDC Tree Strategy consultation would conclude on 4 th December.	
	Cllr. Marianne Overton had forwarded her newsletters/information to Parish Council.	
	There were no other questions.	
	THE COUNCIL THEN MOVED INTO FORMAL SESSION	

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90/29/20	PRESENT AT THE MEETING			
10/21/20	Cllrs. J. Hutchinson (Chairman), R. Garlant, A. Sceeny, F. Jacques, E. Surphlis,			
	D. Cook, District Cllr. M. Green and the Clerk.			
91/29/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE			
11/21/20	There were apologies from Cllr. J. Clarke which were accepted.			
92/29/20				
12/21/20	2011 AND OUTLINED IN THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT			
	Cllr. Cook declared an interest at item 10 Allotment matters, Cllr.			
	Hutchinson declared an interest at item 8 Pond and Surrounding Area and			
	item 10 Allotment matters, Cllr Jacques declared an interest at item 8 Pond			
	and Surrounding Area, 10 Allotment matters and 13 Wildlife Conservation			
	and Cllr. Sceeny declared an interest at item 7 Village Hall and item 10			
	Allotment matters.			
93/29/20	TO APPROVE THE NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING			
	The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 14 th October 2020 were			
	proposed by Cllr. Garlant seconded by Cllr. Jacques, and agreed by the			
	members to be a true record.			
94/29/20	MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION			
, ,	There were no items to be discussed in closed session.			
95/29/20	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES			
, ,	Minute 77/25/20 item iii) Anglian Water had not responded to the original			
	letter and a further letter had been sent.			
96/29/20	COVID-19 UPDATE			
	At the time of the meeting, the second lockdown resulted in the decision to			
	close the Village Hall and the playing field would remain open. Further			
	decisions would be made as Government guidelines were updated.			
97/29/20	VILLAGE HALL MATTERS			
	1. Lottery Funding			
	Funding – Members were updated regarding a meeting that had taken			
	place with Evolution Design regarding options for heating changes,			
	provision of an outdoor store at the rear of the hall and patio extension.			
	The work on the metal gate was due to be completed in the coming			
	weeks, racking for the green room had now been delivered, and the			
	hand towel dispensers, sanitiser and dispensers had been ordered.			
	2. Any Other Village Hall Matters			
	i) Opening/closure of the hall – the Council agreed that any decision to			
	re-open the hall would be determined when the government guidelines			
	are released in the future.			
	ii) Cleaning – the cleaning/maintenance checks were continuing during			
	the lockdown period.			
	iii) Maintenance – there was some minor damage to the walls following			
	one of the bookings. Cllr. Hutchinson would deal with the cleaning			
	/painting of the affected area. The hirer was aware of the damage.			
	THE MEETING WAS SUSPENDED TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY			
	COUNCILLOR MARIANNE OVERTON Clir Overton reported on Pusiness Pate Crants in relation to closures due to			
	Cllr. Overton reported on Business Rate Grants in relation to closures due to			
	the Covid-19 to be offered by NKDC, funding issues around the LCC			
	spending review, Covid cases in Lincolnshire, and Highways defects			
	reporting.			
2020/21	THE MEETING RETURNED TO FORMAL SESSION			

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98/30/20	POND AND SURROUNDING AREA IN SANDS LANE	
70/30/20	i) Cllr. Jacques reported that the costs to repair the bench and the	
	picnic table would be reduced to £65. The bench would be stained	
	and the picnic bench was taped off whilst work was in progress.	
	ii) Grass cutting – it was agreed that one further cut may be required	
	before the end of November. The clerk would contact the grass	
	cutting contractor.	
99/30/20	PLAYING FIELD	
2 2/ 0 0/ 00	i) Cllr. Cook had carried out weekly checks of the playing field and	
	equipment.	JH
	ii) Inspection by Sovereign – no further contact had been made by	
	Sovereign with regards to the repairs. The clerk would chase this	
	matter with the company.	
	iii) The swing metal frame was due to be repaired in the coming weeks.	
	iv) Grass cutting – one further cut of the playing field would be	
	requested before the end of November.	
100/30/20	ALLOTMENT MATTERS	
100,50,20	There were no matters to report.	
101/30/20	HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS	
.0.,50,20	i) Wheatley Lane – the gateway barrier which was blocking public	
	access had still not been removed and LCC had not addressed this	
	matter. It had been reported on numerous occasions and Cllr.	
	Hutchinson would make further representations.	
	ii) Bassingham Road/Broughton Road Crossroads – the clerk had	
	sought clarification on the recent survey undertaken by a Highways	
	Officer. No response had been received by Cllr. Overton, Richard	
	Fenwick or Rowan Smith regarding this work and all other	
	outstanding Highways issues which had been notified to LCC.	
102/30/20	GRASS CUTTING & MOLE WORK	
, ,	This had already been discussed at earlier parts of the meeting.	
103/30/20	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	
. 00, 00, 0	The plan recommended by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust had generated a	
	list of work that a volunteer group could attempt which would tidy up the	FJ
	Sands area. This list included cutting brambles, pruning work, clearing	
	saplings, planting wildflowers and cutting back overhanging branches. This	
	work would be advertised in the newsletter/card for circulation before	
	Christmas. Cllr. Jacques agreed to co-ordinate fortnightly volunteer	
	meetings and Hi-Viz tabards would be obtained for safety purposes and to	
	identify the group members. This was agreed by all Council members.	
104/30/20	OBJECTIVES 2021-22	
, ,	The objectives relating to 2020 were reviewed and it was agreed that some	
	objectives would be carried over to the coming year due to the Covid-19	
	restrictions. The objectives for 2021-22 were proposed by Cllr Jacques,	
	seconded by Cllr. Surphlis and approved by members.	
105/30/20	NEWSLETTER/CARD	
, ,	There were a number of items suggested for inclusion in a newsletter/card	
	and it was agreed to invite residents to submit their photographs during	
	the lockdown which would be added to the village website. The Carols	
	around the Christmas Tree event could not take place due to the	
	restrictions and this would be noted in the newsletter.	
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106/31/20	PLANNING				
	There were no planning matters to discuss.				
107/31/20					
, ,	i) NKDC Draft Tree Strategy Consultation - the members supported the				
	content of the strategy proposed and would encourage partnership				
	with NKDC in the planting of more trees of differing species.				
108/31/20	<u>FINANCE</u>				
	Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation October 2020				
	The Income and Expenditure Accounts had been circulated and the				
	Finance report summary presented was accepted.				
	The balances on the accounts at 1st November 2020 were as follows:				
	Treasurer's Account	£1,181.98			
	Village Hall Account	£3,004.52			
	Savings Account	£22,475.40			
	Defibrillator Fund	£1,572.61			
	Village Hall Development Fund - YPT	£795.01			
	Village Hall Development Fund - Fundraising	£16,672.78			
	Lottery Account – Village Hall Development	£1,881.80			
	YPT – Grant for Film Events	975.00			
	TOTAL	£48,559.10			
	2. Payment of Accounts (continued)				
	Under item 6.10 of the Financial Regulations it wa	as agreed that			
	internet banking would be used for the payment				
	following accounts were noted for approval at th				
	Clerk's Admin Expenses – October 2020	£10.00			
	C.B. Grounds Maintenance – October 2020	£103.44			
	M Harwood – Litter picking – October 2020	£30.00			
	Clerk's Salary - October	£288.00			
	Sue North – Maintenance & clean V. Hall - Octob				
	ESPO – Cleaning products V. Hall	£24.25			
	Plusnet Broadband	£34.20			
	Octopus Energy – September 2020	£50.30			
	Wave – Water Village Hall	£23.00			
	The Finance statements and payments were propo	•			
100/21/20	seconded by Cllr. Sceeny and agreed by all the Cou	uncil.			
109/31/20	ANY OTHER BUSINESS i) Remembrance Day – the Parish Council wreath h	ad been placed on			
	the Lychgate for this day.	ad been placed on			
	ii) Christmas Tree – the Bassingham Ball Committee	had contacted the			
	clerk to confirm that a tree would be donated aga				
	church wardens confirmed that the electricity could be accessed for				
	the tree lights. Thanks would be communicated through the newsletter and the Witham Staple.				
110/31/20					
	The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10 th				
	December 2020 at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9pm.				