

Minutes of the meeting of WPC held remotely on 21st September 2020 at 7pm

Present: J Mason, S Taylor, G Downes, A Milner, T Thomson, F Shellard (Chair) J House (Clerk)

Apologies: G Perry, M Rowland

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies and reasons for absence were noted from the above.
2. **Matters to be raised by members of the Public:** There were no members of the public present.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2020:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising:** The piece of play equipment that had climbing ropes on it collapsed on Thursday. This was because it was the only one sunk straight into the ground, the others are bolted to a short post that goes into the ground. The uprights were not even set in concrete. The item was taken down on Friday and it is currently being stored.
We need to decide whether it is replaced in its present position with new supports and whether the other two wooden structures need their supports replacing
A suggestion to use galvanised steel supports was put forward and accepted and these would be applied to the existing structure also.
The Clerk will find a contractor to carry out the work.
It was decided that we would place “do not use” signs on the other two wooden structures in case they are about to collapse.
5. **Finance and Governance:**
A payment of £1000 on 2nd September was received from NYCC for the Community Grant for the VAS.
One invoice was paid in between meetings to John Clayton for his extra survey of the Horse Chestnut, which was received on 3 September and was to be paid within 14 days - £90
A further payment is due for £67 to HMRC for the Clerks tax deducted is presented for payment.
The above payments were approved by the Council.
After these payments have been made the balances at the bank are:
Current Account : £4418.42
Reserve Account: £1544.65
On Friday we received notification of the second instalment of the precept which is £2425.
The Annual Salary awards for 2020 have been agreed and the Clerk’s hourly rate has risen from £12.89 to £13.24. This rate is to be backdated to 1st April 2020.
6. **Correspondence:**
The annual letter from Citizens Advice asking for a donation had been received. The usual reply will be sent that we do not give donations to charities from taxpayers money.
An email had been received from a Resident asking about dates for the start of work at Vellco. The Clerk had drafted a reply which was agreed.
Update from NALC via YLCA that meetings are still advised to be held remotely particularly after the “rule of 6” came in last week. The Council agreed that the present arrangements for telephone conferences was working well and would continue until we are advised it is safe to resume face to face meetings.
7. **Planning:** An application from Mr Andrew Peters at Ash Tree House to carry out targeted crown reduction to 4 no. limbs by a maximum of 2 metres, crown lift to maximum of 3 metres and crown thin by 5 – 10% of TPO 284/2002, was considered
An email from the applicant was included in the papers provided.
The Council raised no objections to the proposal and RDC will be informed of that.

Planning Approval 20/00402/73 Approval of removal of conditions 07 and 11 of application no. 17/01178/FUL to allow the removal of local needs occupancy condition.

Vellco: Planning approval 19/00997/COND – discharge of conditions 08, 09 and 10 all related to drainage ad been received from RDC. The only conditions outstanding are Lighting , part bridge inspection and outside storage of tyres.

The reply to the Vellco letter from RDC just reiterates what they have said before and nothing has changed. The problem is that the planning officer either does not read the detail of our letters or he is choosing not to answer the questions.

It would seem that on landscaping we will have to wait for RDC's Tree and Countryside officer to deliberate on what actually gets planted and they are still ignoring the fact that there is a complete lack of screening on the boundary with Main Road.

On the site management plan, he reiterates that Vellco have a responsibility to comply with legislation, but they are not demonstrating this in either the site management plan or the outline construction management plan.

As suggested at our July meeting by Cllr Sanderson, the Clerk has drafted a letter to the Health and Safety Executive, which is put before the Council for approval. The Council approved that letter to be set to the HSE.

8. **Police matters:** There has been no CAP meeting since our last meeting. There was no police activity to report.
9. **Trees:** J Clayton has surveyed the Horse Chestnut and has recommended some minor crown removal. We have three quotes for, the Horse Chestnut, felling of the Cherry Tree outside of Rarey Farm and some minor work to the Oak tree at the east end of the village green. Quotes are included in the papers sent out, the tree surgeon is recommended by J Clayton. The total sum of the quotes is £665 + VAT. The tree surgeon says he can do the work in November. The Council asked the Clerk to engage the tree surgeon (David Bayes) to carry out the work.
10. **Empty properties:** Still no reply from RDC despite two reminders, but three of the properties are showing signs that they are either being worked on or being prepared for sale. The removal of the LNO on Eastbank Cottage should expedite its sale.
11. **VAS:** We have the £1000 from J Sanderson. The application to the PFCC safety fund was submitted and acknowledged. They were originally going to meet in September but this has been delayed until the end of October 2020..

The Clerk has spoken to Wharram about sharing it, if they do there will be a small extra charge to install a switch, to change it from 40 mph to 30 mph and vice versa. Kirby Grindalythe apparently contacted us about sharing a sign about three years ago but the email address they used was incorrect so we did not receive it. They are interested in sharing. Luttons came back asking about two signs and more costings etc.

We have never talked about two signs and could not afford to have two. The Clerk will inform Luttons that we are only considering one sign and we would welcome sharing it, but if they feel they want two, then they can do their own costings.

If we mount it on a post the cost will be £500 + VAT , but if we use one of the new street lights the cost will be less.

The new street lights that the sign could be mounted on are on East Bank, outside September Cottage or outside the former Methodist Chapel. The idea is that the sign can be rotated through 180 degrees so it can face in opposite directions. The protocol says we need to identify two street lights. It was agreed that we would nominate the lamp posts outside the former methodist chapel and on Eastbank.

The lamp post on East Bank is approximately 230 metres from the 30 mph sign, so it complies with the requirement to be more than 100 metres from the sign.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.