

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the parish council held on the ZOOM system Monday June 29, 2020 at 6.30pm**

Couns. David Cartledge (Chairman)
Debra Pennington, Sue Clayton, Scott Miller, Howard Granger

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott

The chairman commented on the fact the council were holding their first on-line meeting made necessary because of the current coronavirus pandemic situation.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2020 were read by the clerk and received for the minute book

4. CLERK'S REPORT – VERBAL UPDATE

The Government will announce shortly the possibility of holding in-person meetings, but NALC strongly recommend against this, saying currently the only reason for such a meeting to be considered, and still not recommended, is if some councillors do not have the use of such as ZOOM and cannot attend an on-line meeting, or if the availability of such as ZOOM is not good enough to hold a meeting, as it is not in some parts of the county but not in Nottinghamshire. Viewing figures for the website show there was in May 349 visits by 183 different visitors NatWest have advised that the interest rate on the Business reserve account we have has been reduced from 0.20 per cent to 0.01 per cent as from March 1. The meeting agreed that the clerk should organise transfer of a suitable amount of money from the NatWest account to National Savings.

5. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
There was no report.

6 FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2019/2020 had been circulated to all members and were discussed. The clerk said they had been approved and signed off by the internal auditor. Members unanimously approved the acceptance of the accounts for 2019/2020 and the approval to the annual governance statement which would appear on the council website alongside the decision to authorise and approve accounts for 2019-2020.

None of the account papers could be signed at the meeting.. They will be dealt with at the appropriate time, other than the one for the approval of the 2019/2020 accounts which the chairman will post on to the clerk for him to countersign and forward to the external auditor.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Dog fouling issue and action committee. Coun. Miller said a meeting was due to be held later in the week with the Rushcliffe Borough Council officer when he understood a decision would be made in regard to a suggestion for three additional dog bins. It was not clear if the Borough would pay for them or the parish council and if there would be an emptying charge.

Cycle shed on Coney Grey Spinney: The meeting was told by Coun. Miller that because of its isolated position this is not used and never will be as insecure due to its location. It has also been vandalised and is an eyesore on entering that part of the village. The councillor asked for enquiries to be made on the future of the structure. The Clerk would ascertain the ownership of it.

ROSPA Safety Report had been received and the officer were looking at it.

Coun. Clayton confirmed the Septemberfest event will not be going ahead because of the coronavirus situation. Consideration was to be given to another possible event. She also reported on the possibility of obtaining face masks made within the village for use during the necessary requirements brought about by the virus situation. It was agreed to make £100 available for necessary purchase. The masks could be made available for sale from the village shop.

A resident had raised the question of need for a paper issue of the council newsletter. Members felt there was because not everyone has access to a computer.

Coun. Clayton reported that trees that Rushcliffe Borough Council had provided had been set. The Bramley Apple organisation trees from Southwell would now not be available until 2021. A vote of thanks was given by Coun. Clayton to the clerk for the information he had provided to members during the continuing virus situation.

The chairman agreed the dedication of the new seat should be part of the activities for Remembrance Day in November. He gave praise to the village group undertaking community work in the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-35pm.