

Minutes of Taverham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 July 2020, held virtually via ZOOM, commencing at 7.30pm when there were present:

Mr J Pennells in the Chair

Mrs L Barrington-Smith	Mrs P Mooney
Mrs B Clarke	Mrs S Parkinson
Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou	Mr P Savage
Mrs J Latchford	Mrs M Temple
Mr S Matthews	Mr C Wilson-Town

Also present District Councillors Adams and Kelly, County Councillor Clancy, 5 members of the public, Clerk, RFO and Assistant Clerk.

45/20 Apologies for absence

None

46/20 To receive Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

Mr Pennells and Mrs Temple reminded the Meeting that they were members of the District Council's Standards Committee.

Councillors Wilson-Town and Savage declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item relating to allotments as they or their partners were allotment plot holders.

47/20 To adopt standing orders as presented

The new draft standing orders were adopted with amendments.

48/20 To receive Councillor Cox's resignation and to declare casual vacancies

Councillor Cox's written resignation was received by the Council. It was noted that Councillor King was no longer eligible to serve a parish councillor by virtue of the fact that he had missed more than 6 consecutive months of meetings. Two casual vacancies for the north ward of the parish were declared.

49/20 The Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 9 March 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

50/20 To confirm decisions made since 9 March 2020

Variation of delivery of youth provision: The contract had been varied to allow for the delivery of online services – agreed

Streetlighting plan at Beech Avenue: The streetlight plan as proposed by Abel and Norfolk County Council had been presented to the Parish Council – agreed.

Permission for use of Thorpe Marriott Green for yoga classes: Permission had been requested as the instructor had been unable to hold classes indoors due to lockdown conditions – temporary permission agreed.

Acceptance of the referendum version of the Taverham Neighbourhood Plan: The referendum had had to be postponed to 2021 at the earliest due to lockdown. The referendum version of the plan had been presented to councillors for acceptance. Council meeting has not resumed at the time that the Plan had been presented to councillors and the Clerk had been instructed to accept the Plan on the Council's behalf – agreed.

Council's insurance cover: Councillors had received information from the RFO regarding a review of the Council's insurance cover. Councillors were satisfied that the cover met the Council's needs – agreed.

District and County Council Members Question Time

The District Councillors had been very busy during the lockdown period. They reported that the business case for the joint waste contract was to be issued to district councillors shortly.

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The District Council had housed all of the homeless people in Norwich, with the majority having been housed in Coltishall.

Small businesses had received grants to help them survive the lockdown period.

County Councillor Clancy reported that the County Council expected an £18 million overspend due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The consultation for the NWL road was to go live that week and the GNLP was several months behind. Mrs Latchford raised a concern that a team had been appointed to design the bridge to span the Wensum valley while the wind assessments were still pending. County Councillor Clancy agreed that he would investigate the matter.

PUBLIC BREAK

Allotment plot holders were in attendance as observers. The Chairman advised plot holders that the Council had and would continue to actively pursue all avenues in a bid to secure allotment land. A plot holder suggested that a lease in principle with the new landowner of the farm would be advantageous. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the agent.

51/20 FINANCE During the period of lockdown, all Councillors had received lists from the RFO of payments due. Those payments had been agreed by councillors via email. Councillors also received a list of payments due, to be agreed at this meeting. Mr Pennells proposed, seconded Mrs Latchford, to pay the outstanding invoices and to ratify those payments made in advance of the Meeting – Resolved. Councillors noted the receipts.

(As appended)

52/20 To appoint representative to the Tennis Working Party

It was agreed that Mrs Mooney would replace Mr Cox as a member of the working party.

53/20 To respond to Broadland District Council’s payphone consultation

The District Council advised that BT wished to remove the payphone located outside Tesco on Fakenham Road as there had been no calls made in the previous 12 months. Councillors were disappointed that the payphone would be removed but felt that due to lack of use there were no reasonable grounds to object to its removal.

54/20 Covid-19 Risk Assessment: To note the findings of the risk assessment of Hinks Meadow Hall and to agree mitigating measures to allow reopening of the facility

Councillors were broadly in agreement of the risk assessment presented and requested that the serious action taken for non-compliance be detailed to advise that hirers would have their bookings suspended for one month with longer suspensions for those who did not comply repeatedly. Hirers would also be expected to keep a record of all attendees of their session to enable track and trace in case of a Covid-19 infection.

55/20 To agree the Council’s preferred option for the future of Taverham’s allotments

It was reported that the land agent/developer for the potential site of 1400 homes in Taverham North had indicated that he would be willing to release land for allotment use as early as possible in the initial stages of the development should it progress. The Council agreed that its current preferred option was to pursue the possibility of entering into a lease with the new owner of Place Farm. Councillors Savage and Wilson-Town refrained from taking part in any of the discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed Dated

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