

Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday 10th September 2020.

7.30pm.

Remote meeting by ZOOM due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) Restrictions. (Details for public access published on PC website)

Present.

Cllr Mr C Harding.. Cllr Mr A Rutter. Cllr Mr N L Peckett. Cllr Mr S Land.

Apologies.

Cllr Mrs J Rutter. Cllr Mr R Teasdale

Declaration of Interest.

None

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held 11/06/2020 were read and agreed.

Matters Arising.

1. In the absence of a clerk the chairman Mr C Harding agreed to act as temporary clerk (unpaid). Agreed by members.
2. Boundary change and survey: See minute below.

Finance.

1. The council has applied for, and received a (covid-19) small business rate relief grant in respect of the cemetery chapel for which we receive business rate relief. This will be allocated to the playground refurbishment budget (see minute below)
2. Bank account mandate forms to be completed by all councilors to enable them to sign council cheques (2 signatures still required) Clerk to send out forms.
3. The Current account assets at last bank statement is £14,753 (inc. grant)
4. The budget for 2021 will be presented at the next meeting for approval and to set precept request for 2021-22.

Cemetery.

1. Remembrance service this year is likely to be cancelled or curtailed dur to the covid situation. Clerk to enquire.
2. Clerk authorized to purchase poppy wreath which will be laid on Remembrance day by the chairman whether at official ceremony or not.

Playground.

1. The site had the annual inspection and risk assessment by Rospa in June and equipment was generally in good order. Low risk with no major issues.
2. The playground has now been re-opened following covid-closure, with restrictions in place. Signs displayed at entrance and inside the play area.
3. There is some delamination of the timber on the toddler climbing frame. This has now become a potential hazard and this equipment has been roped-off to prevent use.
4. Quote received for repair / refurbishment of playground equipment and supply of safety gate at entrance from Hags Play (original equipment supplier). Total cost of £5,407. No grants from other bodies available for this work (all directed towards covid recovery) but finance is available from the small business grant already received (see finance minute). It was agreed to use this money and place order for the work with Hags.

Planning (New)

None

Planning (Ongoing)

None

Boundary Change

Boundary change work has been put on hold for the foreseeable future, pending relaxation of the Coronavirus restriction of movement regulations.

The current situation is that we have been advised by Ros Layfield that we should submit the petition for a community review to the county council.

This would comprise of the information we have already compiled - reasons, maps, properties affected etc – plus the signatures from the prescribed number of electors.

This would be 75 from Woodland and 187 from Lynesack & Softley.

WPC can obtain the signatures from the Woodland parishioners and we have been granted permission by Lynesack & Softley Parish Council to get the signatures from their parishioners also.

Lynesack & Softley have also agreed that Woodland PC can then produce the petition for review and approval by both parish councils prior to submission to Durham.

Correspondence & I.T.

1. Various correspondences were read out by the clerk (acting) and made available to the members.

Any Other Business

1. Some street lights throughout the village are defective. Cllr Peckett is attending to this.
2. Woodland Parish Council Risk Assessment – Emergency Plan. As this is an outstanding topic Cllr Simon Land, who has some experience in this area, is looking into the requirements of this with a view to producing this plan.

3. Speeding in the village. The council has approached the county council and local police with a view to having a presence in the village. (no response at present). It was agreed to look at purchasing and installing our own radar operated speed sign, or signs. Cllr Land will look into the feasibility and likely costs of this and we will discuss at next meeting.
4. Several rights of way leading off the B6282, C31 & Windy Bank Rd (the 'triangle') are missing signposts and/or stiles. This has been reported to Durhan CC rights of way officer for attention. *Note: signage is responsibility of the county council and stiles / access the responsibility of the landowners.*

Next Meeting

Thursday 12th November 2020. 7.30 pm
Venue to be decided depending on Coronavirus restrictions.
Woodland Village Hall / Cemetery Chapel / Remote by Zoom.

This is a true and accurate minute of the meeting as agreed by the council.

DATE

SIGNED