

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER as Virtual Zoom Meeting (ID 73528623067)
COMMENCING AT 2:45PM.
2020**

Present: Cllr. D. McGregor, Cllr Smith, Cllr. J. Wells, Cllr N. Sanders. Cllr. C Gilfillan, Cllr E. Glassey, Cllr P. Richardson Cllr J. Bend, Cllr R. Turner,

Also in attendance: R Nunn (Clerk) A. Ward (Asst to Clerk), PCSO B. Gelsthorpe, Lee Hicken (BDC)

31. Public Participation

1 member of the Public

32. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J. Clifton, Cllr. K. Jones

33. Declarations of Interest

Cllr N. Sanders – item 10.

Cllr D McGregor – item 8.3

Cllr E. Glassey – item 8.4

34. Motions to Vary Order of Business

None

35. Police report

PCSO Gelsthorpe in attendance. Cllr J. Wells expressed concerns that more police presence is needed in the village.

36. To approve the minutes of:

36.1 The Parish Council meeting held 24th September 2020

Moved by Cllr D. McGregor, seconded by Cllr C. Gilfillan

All in Favour

36.2 The Extraordinary meeting held 8th October 2020

Moved by Cllr J. Bend, seconded Cllr C. Gilfillan

All in Favour

36.3 Audit Committee Meeting held 18th November 2020

Moved by Cllr S. Smith, seconded Cllr E. Glassey

All in Favour

37. To consider recommendations from Audit Committee:

37.1 To tender the grass cutting

The recommendation was made by the Audit Committee to tender out the grass cutting to ensure cost effectiveness and value for money..

Recommendation approved. Moved by Cllr D. McGregor Moved, seconded by Cllr Gilfillan

All in favour

Action Clerk

38. Financial Matters

38.1 To approve Financial Statement – September 2020

The Clerk highlighted elements of the financial report, in particular the decrease in income to the Event Centre due to Covid-19 and this is unlikely to improve. The Clerk also encouraged Council to contact him directly should they have any queries.

Moved by Cllr D. McGregor, Seconded by Cllr Glassey

All in Favour

32.2 Approval of Payments – October/November 2020

The Clerk answered several questions regarding the accounts including a query about the music licence, the clerk explained that this is an annual fee that is needed for compliance, alongside another question regarding the emergency lighting, that has been renewed with LED'S.

Cllr Smith moved, seconded by Cllr C. Gilfillan

All in favour

32.3 Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing Centre – Approval to borrow up to £2m

Following from the extraordinary meeting held 8th October 2020 whereby all attendees were in favour of the recommendation to borrow the up to £2m for the project to proceed.

The Council considered a report prepared by the Clerk summarising the financial position for the project. It was resolved that

1. The Parish Council seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £2m over 49.5 years for the Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing Centre. The annual loan repayments will be approximately £75,000.
2. To include in the 2021/22 precept submission provision for the £25,000 recurrent funding required for the project.

Copies of the business plan and summary report had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting in order to facilitate discussion. Cllr E. Glassey who had not attended the extraordinary meeting felt that although she was in support of the project other avenues of funding should be looked at, and did not support borrowing £2m

Cllr S. Smith added that he is also in support of the project, but did not feel able to support borrowing of £2m.

Moved by Cllr J. Bend, Seconded by Cllr P. Richardson that the recommendations be approved
Voting 7 for, 1 against (Cllr Glassey), 1 abstention (Cllr Smith)

Action Clerk

32.4 Graffiti removal cost

It was moved in the September meeting that Big Local and the Council fund a 60/40 split for the cost of removal of the graffiti and application of anti-graffiti paint in the railway tunnel on Elmton road subject to cost. The approval is requested for the full amount of £4,280 cost be approved as a 60/40 split between Big Local and the Council

Moved by Cllr D. McGregor, Seconded by Cllr. S. Smith

All in favour

32.5 Precept Suggestions for 2021/22 The chairman asked all members of the Council to submit any proposals they wished to be considered for 2021/22 precept to the Clerk by the first week in January 2021

32.6 2019/20 External Audit Report

The clerk explained that the audit report included no material issues, but attention had been drawn to the delay (3 weeks) in commencing the public rights period.

Noted

32.7 To approve new bank account with Yorkshire bank

The Council has been informed that it must close and transfer its banking business with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). This is because the RBS group is deemed to have too much of the business banking sector. The Clerk was recommending that the Councils RBS banking business be transferred

to the Yorkshire Bank, adding that a financial incentive may be payable.
Moved by Cllr. S. Smith. Seconded Cllr D. McGregor.

All in Favour

33. Planning

33.1 20/00367/FUL – 20/00367/FUL - Single storey extension to rear of 1 Craggs View Creswell Worksop S80 4AE,

No comment

33.2 20/00426/FUL – Demolition of Creswell Leisure Centre – additional information

Cllr Sanders made comment to ask why it is deemed that more retail is need when there are already shops in the village. PCSO Gelsthorpe added that a meeting had taken place regarding the security of the building due to ASB at this site and once it is demolished ABS is expected to decrease.

34. Allotment – Delegate feedback

A request was made by Cllr J. Wells that a meeting be held, with the Chair, Vice chair, himself and the Secretary of the allotment committee in order to reach a conclusion on ongoing grievance issues.

Cllr D. McGregor Moved, seconded by Cllr S.Smith

**All in Favour
Action Cllr J. Wells**

35. Correspondence

35.1 Tree planting initiative

The Clerk highlighted the key points of a Tree planting Initiative that had been communicated to the Council asking to express an interest in working in conjunction with the Woodland trust to site areas that we may suggest to be used for new trees to be planted.

Cllr Smith volunteered to look into some potential sites

Cllr D. McGregor Moved, seconded by Cllr S. Smith

**All in Favour
Action Cllr S. Smith**

35.2 Request for funding - DUWC

A request for a donation of £500 was made to be considered. Approval granted.

Moved by Cllr D. McGregor, Seconded by Cllr S. Smith

**All in Favour
Action Clerk**

There being no other business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 15:45 pm

Signed

Date.....