

Minutes of the MS Teams Meeting at 6pm on Thursday 12th October 2020

Meetings are held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall unless stated otherwise

Nigel Ashton, our Ward Cllr attends when possible; Colin Medus, our NSC Liaison Officer, attends every other month

There are 2 Councillor vacancies - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved

Present: Cllrs Mike Ralston (Chair), Brian Cannell, Rachel Dickinson

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

062/20 APOLOGIES - Ward Cllr Ashton, Colin Medus

063/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

064/20 LAST MEETING MINUTES - September 14th - were agreed, and reserved for signature.

065/20 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

066/20 PLANNING - *Visit the NSC website for fuller details*

New: 20/P/2229/TRCA The Manor, management of 7 trees. **No objections.**

Enforcement: one case ongoing.

067/20 PARISH MATTERS

Public Footpath - Brighton Cottages to Cliff Path: There is a project to get the 2 unsatisfactory stiles in the field between Walton Street and the coast path (near Brighton cottages) replaced by hooped galvanised steel, disabled friendly kissing gates - the new norm when gates need replacing. This path forms part of what is called 'The Gordano Round' - a walking route developed by a member of the Gordano Footpaths Group, but up-kept as a route independently of that group. The Miles Estate are happy with the idea, as the landowners. NSC will provide the new gates, but will need to be paid £261 each for them. Installation labour will be via Woodspring Ramblers, who have a footpath maintenance team who work voluntarily for NSC installing the gates. The project leader will pay for 1 gate (the Cliff Path one) + a memorial plaque. The 2nd gate needs £261 of funding and the Council has been approached for those funds. Four years ago, 'The Gordano Round' put together a plan with NSC to fund a dozen gates - including the 2 subject gates - via surpluses from the sale of 'The Gordano Round' Guidebook: latest timetabling updates on that project are awaited. Members felt it would good to fund one of the gates out of the 2021 Parish Maintenance budget, thus leaving 'The Gordano Round' funds free for other needed work. **Clerk to add item to November agenda for formal consideration and decision.**

Golf Club Pond: flood-security at Taggart House and Springhead. The Club is confident that works done can cope with reservoir overflow which would flow to holes 15 and 16 before any water was close to spilling out of the course. If they were aware of imminent major storms, they could reduce water level of reservoir. In 2019, with 4 months rain in a week there was no problem.

7.5 Ton Limits: currently out for consultation; installation still expected by Christmas.

Walton Street Ongoing Traffic Incidents: Other traffic management opportunities might present themselves, but the success of the 7.5 ton restriction will be monitored as the initial priority. Cllr Ralston suggested that we put an entry in the November Cross Tree Chronicle reminding people of the value attaching to their reporting of traffic issues to the Clerk for entry into the Council's Traffic Incident Log (*this can be done by email, telephone, or via the reporting facility on the parish*

website). The meeting also agreed that items in the minutes, particularly under Parish Matters, be summarised in a topical way, for the monthly Chronicle entry, on a regular basis. **Clerk to action.**

Fly-tipping on Moor Lane: removed by NSC contractors.

Dead Badger: NSC asked to remove dead badger in verge above golf-course up Walton St.

Blocked Gullies in Walton Street: Reported to NSC and awaiting date of next scheduled emptying.

Recycling Collections at Walton Bay: NSC are taking over collections in April; this reversal of privatisation will be watched with interest in the hope that things should improve: although members felt that the service had improved generally of late.

068/20 GOVERNANCE: Updated Standing Orders adopted as attached, based on latest NALC template.

069/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dickinson: Village Hall bookings are firm, with various bookings holding additional sessions to keep events within covid-19 requirements. **Hedgerows:** They are due to be cut back during the coming weeks - much needed as several traffic signs are hidden by overgrowth.

Cllr Ralston: No reports but emphasised the need for residents to report highway incidents as and when they witness them, to reinforce the evidence base to support highway improvements in the parish.

070/20 FINANCE

2020-21 Accounts: circulated with the meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

Cheques: 795.... No cheques

Online Banking: **Clerk to apply again.** A credit card to be included to enable direct payments to Microsoft for email facilities rather than having to go via Solsoft. Current Financial Regulations make provision for online banking.

071/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: via Microsoft Teams, on Monday November 9th at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm