

Minutes of the MS Teams Meeting at 6pm on Thursday 14th December 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: Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton (arrived at 6.13pm @ Item 85/20), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

081/20 APOLOGIES - none

082/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

083/20 LAST MEETING MINUTES - November 9th - were agreed, and reserved for signature.

084/20 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

085/20 PLANNING - Visit the NSC website for fuller details

New: none

Enforcement: Members decided not to respond to a related planning enquiry received today, but to await the presentation of the formal planning application. Cllr Ashton will check for an update.

086/20 PARISH MATTERS

Footpath Kissing Gate: November meeting Minute 077/20 was overtaken by a suggestion from the applicant that the funding might be allocated, instead, to a gate on the footpath between Plumtree Cottage and Walton Common, as part of a project totally within the parish. Cllr Cannell said that, due to the nature of the path from Plumtree to the Common, a kissing gate would be inappropriate at Plumtree. It would imply that the stiles and the terrain towards the Common were suitable for people with disabilities, which it is not. Cllr Ashton commented that the money saved by our making a contribution to the proposed gate from the Coast Road to the Cliff Path would be spent on parts of the Gordano-Round *outside* this parish, which would not represent a best-practice use of funds and could be open to challenge. Cllr Cannell proposed, and the meeting unanimously agreed, that the decision at Minute 077/20 of the November meeting be allowed to lapse. **Cllr Ralston undertook to contact the parish charity lead on this issue to relay the substance of the discussion and its outcome.**

7.5 Ton Limits: installation due, and its effectiveness will be monitored.

Gullies in Walton Street: Emptying due within 3 months. No firm date yet.

087/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dickinson: 1. **Burst Water Main at Walton Down** - This is the 2nd burst in 6 months. Cllr Dickinson has Bristol Water contact and will follow up. 2. Christmas lights seem to be a huge hit with the children!

Cllr Ralston: continues to report traffic incidents and supply photos of oversized vehicles using Walton Street and would encourage others to do likewise when they see such things in the parish.

088/20 FINANCE

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

2021-22 Preliminary Budget: Reviewed. No issues raised, but adjustments will be notified to the Clerk by Members and the result presented as the budget agenda item at the January 2021 meeting.

Cheques: 795 HMRC re PAYE Oct-Dec £112.50. Clerk to arrange signatures for cheque and minutes.

Online Banking: Due to Covid-19, the meeting agreed that an application be deferred until 2021.

089/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: via Microsoft Teams, on Monday January 11th 2021 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm