

BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 16th March 2020 at Newton & Bywell Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Gillespie, Capadose, Scott and Richardson. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk, and County Cllr Quinn.

1. **Apologies received:** Cllrs Wright and Thompson
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 20th January 2020:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** ~ The planters on the bridge: these should be removed some time in April when County staff are available;
~ The broken bridge on Footpath 14 will be fixed as soon as special long timbers have been purchased;
~ Stamfordham road potholes have been patched for now. It will be resurfaced properly in spring once the weather has settled down;
~ There has been another near miss accident at the back entrance to Mowden hall. The local resident did not want to report the matter to the Police and the school have promised to inform parents – again – about the dangers. So far, they do not seem willing to put in specific slowing measures such as white lines/speed bumps
5. **Planning:** 19/04577/FUL: Conversion Westside gallery to residence: **Granted** permission;
ADB/DMMO 1-20: to note new definitive map modification;
~ To note the Enforcement Officer is still dealing with the matter of pillars at the houses at Tofts Cottages.
6. **Website:** Although Anne Moyle had apparently agreed to continue to do the website on a month by month basis, no formal agreement was in place and the long term running of the site needs clarification. Cllr Gillespie agreed to meet with Anne; the Council agreed to pay for the time being on monthly invoicing; and Anne would be asked to provide a detailed specification so that the work could be put out to tender in the future. **(IG)**
7. **Anti Social Survey, and Public Spaces Protection Order:** The PSPO had been dealt with by email – there appeared to be no issues relating to alcohol misuse; The Anti Social survey would highlight the problem of fly tipping – this seemed to be the only matter of any significance.
8. **Reports:** a) Chairman – nothing to report; b) County Councillor: Most matters related to the Corona virus pandemic. All planning is being done through on line means with no meetings; the council should ensure that residents are being looked after during the pandemic and if schools have to close (decision taken to do this since meeting) – to offer any help they can. A system has been set up

since the meeting of contacts with councillors and other volunteers to help where possible and to make use of the website as well.

9. **Correspondence:** the list of correspondence received was noted; The Clerk, Clerks and Councils Direct – March.

10. **Finance:** a) The Balance at 31st February 2020 was £1235.54

b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, February 2020	£291.72
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Clerk, Expenses (to date)	£68.75

To note Loan repayment to PLWB (Now HM Treasury) of £721.68 (hopefully without the issues from the last payment).

11. **AOB:** ~ The drain is still an issue at Stelling crossroads(to let Cllr Quinn know);
~ Cllr Richardson was thanked for cutting the hedge by the car park; he also noted they still do not have fast broadband at his home/business. The Clerk will follow up;
~ details of helping residents in the current crisis were sorted out.

12. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 18th May 2020 at 7.00pm. This is subject to confirmation depending on how long the Corona crisis continues. Should it go ahead, this will also be the Annual Parish Meeting as well.

Chair:

Date: