

## BYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020 at the Community Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Gillespie, Scott, Thompson, Wright. Also in attendance - Monica Anderton, Clerk.

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Richardson and Cnty Cllr Quinn. Cllr Capadose had submitted his resignation which was accepted with regrets and thanks for his work. Notices for a Councillor Vacancy would be put out.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes from meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020:** These were agreed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:** a) The Clerk reported that the Trust were going to take over the majority of grass cutting from 2021 as it was putting out a tender for a handyman to do that and keep the Hall grounds tidy. This was accepted by members but it was noted that Simon Ogg would be asked to continue to cut grass in other areas of the village and look after the paths/weeds etc.  
b) A new dog sign was being put in place this week to replace the stolen one;  
c) Hedges needing cutting have been reported.
5. **Reports:** from Chairman: None; and Cnty Cllr: None
6. **Planning:** 20/02499/VARYCO – outdoor seating at South Acomb coffee shop – the Parish Council had no objections to this but suggested a condition limiting late night noise;  
20/02582/VARYCO – removal of Condition to an approved application at Newton Hall, Westside Farm – the Council were neutral on this application.
7. **Tyne Rivers Trust:** It had been provisionally agreed that a small donation over three years would be paid to the Trust to help in their work on clearing notifiable species from the Tyne. Following further discussion this was refused for the time being.
8. **Correspondence:** the list tabled was noted (the Clerk; Clerks and Councils Direct: various CPRE publications; The Clerk - September
9. **Finance:** a) The Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 was £2683.23  
b) The following payments were authorised:

Clerk, Salary, August	£291.72
Clerk, Salary, September	£299.78
Clerk, Expenses (to date)	£59.12
Sign & Design (dog sign)	£87.00

To note Loan repayment of £721.68 on 23<sup>rd</sup> September;

To note precept of £4750.00 paid in;

To authorise a letter to Barclays for change of SO to Clerk following a national pay award for 2020/21.

10. **AOB:** ~ The matter of the website still needs attention and should go on the next Agenda;
- ~ A letter to Mowden Hall will be written as speeding out of the back entrance has begun again;
  - ~ Highways would be informed about the poor state of the road especially where the Stelling Road turns left to Newton – the edge is crumbling;
  - ~ With the current epidemic, it was suggested the Council move to quarterly meetings for the time being. This was agreed. However, this would take the next meeting to December when the Council does not meet so it was agreed to hold it in January 2021 on the 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) as the Chair has a previous appointment on the 18<sup>th</sup> which would be the usual Monday. It was also agreed that any urgent issues arising could be covered by an Emergency meeting if they couldn't be dealt with by email.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

Chair:

Date: