

**FISKERTON-CUM-MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.00pm**

**The meeting was recorded**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs. R.Lancaster, H.Gibbins, A.Price, & J.Larwood

Also in attendance Clerk L.Holland, NCC Cllr. S.Saddington & N & S D C Cllr. R.Blaney

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs. B.Magrath, S.Holloway,& L.Moakes. Accepted & approved.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

None

**3. Minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

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**4. Clerk's Update**

- Update on LIS application for street lighting near the station –Letter received confirming Fiskerton's application unsuccessful due to "not enough additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the project".
- Update re camper vans at Riverside car park, fishing from the road & absence of posts to prevent access to grassed area by motor vehicles - Cllr. JL confirmed posts sourced & sign for no overnight parking would cost £37 each. Approved purchase.

**5. To review on going response to coronavirus –**

- Adhere to national guidelines noting current legislation re virtual meetings only in place until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Suggestions are this would not be extended ie. from May onwards face to face meeting would have to take place subject to a risk assessment re COVID precautions. A few people at the meeting confirmed they had received their first vaccine.
- Update from Chairman re guidance for managing play grounds – Chairman updated members on his contact with the representative of the ARC.
- Grant Application under N & S D C "Community Resilience Support Scheme" received from Morton St. Denis Parochial Church Council. Application had been sent direct to N & S D C copied to Fiskerton PC. Unanimously supported.

**6. Reports from County & District Councillors**

**County Cllr. S.Saddington** confirmed the following:

- Network Rail Virtual Meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021 6pm. Cllrs. RL & AP to attend.
- Racecourse Planning application. Cllr. SS had requested a further detail report from NCC Officers. Further conversations with N & S D C Officers but whilst final decision was with N & S D C it had been agreed both Principal Authorities would work together to provide the best outcome for all parties. Cllr. SS felt that a fence should be erected on the Racecourse Road to prevent any accident due to walkers & vehicles sharing the same route.
- Interactive speed sign to be erected on Station Road, Fiskerton by end of June 2021.

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**N & S D C Cllr. R.Blaney** reported the following:

- Network Rail – RB to attend virtual meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Planning application submitted for Southwell Racecourse re replacement of all weather surface. This had become more complicated with 3 main issues
  1. Traffic management
  2. Actual surface
  3. Impact of flooding & possible leakage into surrounding water courses.
- Trent Lane flooding issues – Pressure on NCC to address as the Highways Authority; standing water due to blockage of ditches & flood alleviation areas. Once current problem addressed it would be for riparian owners to be identified & assist with future maintenance.

**7. Members of the Public Question & Answers session** – None present.

**8. Planning Applications & N & S D C decisions.**

- In line with tables in Appendix 'A'.

**9. Payments for approval**

Payments (Refer to appendix 'A') for payments £1,158.83

Clerk presented budget monitoring along with Bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**YTD Income £12,015.95 Expenditure £15,832.28; Balance £66,845.89 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

**Resolved to approve payments in line with Appendix 'A' to value of £1,158.83, budget monitoring & bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

**Noting dog waste bin emptying contract 20212022 had been received from N & S D C – approved.**

**Bank had provided a new bank mandate form for completion. - Approved Cllrs. RL, SH, HG, AP & LM to be added.**

**10. To Review Council Policies**

- Standing Orders – **approved no amendments required.**
- Financial Regulations – **approved no amendments required.**
- Risk Management Policy – **approved no amendments required.**

**11. To discuss “Village Communication Ideas” including Welcome Pack, Village Walk Cards planning.**

Cllr. AP gave a brief update on the ideas discussed to date. Agreed Cllrs. AP/LM/HG/JL to have another informal meeting & report back.

**12. Update from Councillor A.Price on development of a Community Support Hub re posters for transport for injections.**

Cllr. AP confirmed that transport was being addressed by NHS Voluntary Transport Teams.

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**13. Update from Councillor on electronic speed sign on Station Road including speed signs & traffic on Main Street, Fiskerton**

VIA had confirmed an electronic speed sign on Station Road, Fiskerton would be in place by end of June. Drawings & location photographs had been provided. All in favour of the location.

**14. Update from Cllrs. JL & SH on actions arising from Annual Play Area Inspection report.**

Defer to next meeting due to inclement weather.

**15. Consultation on A46 Southern Relief Road around Newark. – approval of response. Councillors approved response submitted by Chairman – option 2.**

**16. Flood management & response in the Parish –**

- Update from Flood Wardens on action taken & future requirements including:
- To consider a Flood Forum

Cllr. HG provided a report on action to date (refer to Appendix 'B'). Chairman thanked members for their action to date & agreed it was necessary to keep the pressure on NCC. Supported creation of Friends of Trent Lane once current issues have been addressed. Cllr. AP to liaise with Bleasby PC as they have a positive Flood Group.

**17. General maintenance of the Parish –**

- report from Councillor JL – liaising with NCC re kissing gates for footpath.- NCC Footpaths Officer supported kissing gates on FP2 & may even provide funding. Once this project has been completed if sufficient funding still available then a further set of kissing gates could be purchased utilising donation from Fishing Club.
- Footpaths update Councillor BM – nothing to report.

**18. Correspondence**

- Inspector Sutton update.
- VIA EM –  
level crossing closure Station Road between junction Claypit & Marlock  
15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 8 – 18.00.
- Letter from CAB requesting donation.
- Email from resident re mud of road & abandoned motorised home. Clerk had referred the resident to both N & S D C & NCC.

**Agenda items for next meeting:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> location for kissing gates
- Welcome packs & action plan

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- 19. Date of next meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 7pm**

**SIGNED.....**

**DATE.....**

**Meeting ended 20.11**

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APPENDIX ' A'

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Planning Reference	Address	Details	FcM decision
20/02118/HOUSE	Baytree Cottage	Amended planning application	Unanimously supported

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DECISIONS:

PLAN REF. NO.	ADDRESS	DETAILS	N & S D C Decision
20/02526/FUL	Lavender Garden, Claypit Lane, Fiskerton	Proposed carport	Grant Full Plan Perm.
20/02426/CPRIOR	Syndre Farm, Occupation Lane, Fiskerton	Prior approval COU of Agricultural building to dwellinghouse & building operations necessary	Prior approval required and granted
20/02162/HOUSE	Clairedale House, Gravelly Lane, Fiskerton	Retention of domestic outbuilding & 2.45m boundary fence	Grant householder application
21/00030/TWCA	The Stables, Main Street, Fiskerton	Various tree works	No objection

Payments for authorising 15TH February 2021

PAYEE	DETAILS	PAYMENT	£
1.L.Holland	Feb. Salary, home allwce.	online	241.52
2.HMRC	Feb. tax deductions	online	53.00
3. L.Holland	Reimbursement re cartridge	online	63.67
4. British Gas	VG meter	DD	9.45
5. N & S D C	Emptying dog bins inv. I0139563	online	374.40
6.Community Heartbeat	Inv. 7649 new electrodes	online	46.80
7. Community Heartbeat	Inv 7700 annual support cost	online	198
8. NottsALC	Subscription 2021/22	online	171.99
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1158.83</b>

**Note of meeting between residents, PC representatives, EA, NCC and IDB 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Yesterday morning, Linda, John and myself attended a meeting at Trent Lane to discuss the concerns we, as a parish council, have regarding flood prevention and drainage in Fiskerton.

Also present were Chris Price, who had largely arranged the meeting, two representatives from the Environment Agency, one from the Inland Drainage Board, Cllr. Roger Blaney, Scott from Notts County Council (who had already visited the site with Linda, John and myself) and a resident, the resident who owns the land abutting Trent Lane.

In brief, the issues discussed were:

The height and integrity of the flood banks

The condition of the drainage from Trent Lane and what can be done about it

The condition of the sluice further along the river in the Bleasby direction.

Firstly Ash, the EA representative, was able to reassure us that the flood banks were thoroughly surveyed and inspected in 1971 and again in 2017 and were found not to have diminished in height over that time and they thought it unlikely that they had diminished much at all since being constructed c. 1958-60. They were not 100% sure about the integrity of the flood banks but said that the EA had deemed them fit for purpose for at least the next 100 years and would continue to inspect them. The conclusion I think we can draw from that is that we do not need to worry about the flood banks.

The discussion concerning the poor drainage in Trent Lane and its almost total lack of maintenance took up the majority of the meeting. It was agreed that the watercourse itself needs clearing and ongoing maintenance if it is going to do its job in the future. It was also agreed that ownership of the lane was difficult to establish. Scott agreed to report back to Ross Marshall at Notts CC to see if they could find out which body is actually responsible for Trent Lane. There was some feeling that, as the lane used to be the main thoroughfare into Fiskerton it may well be the County Council. There is also the question of riparian rights and responsibilities and these would fall on the landowner. However it was agreed that it would not be at all fair to expect him to take full responsibility for clearing the debris and overgrowth in the drainage channel. It was agreed that the County Council would potentially take up the baton but that the IDB, who have the heavy machinery necessary for the initial clearing, would help. It was also suggested that a group of local volunteers might be established - 'Friends of Trent Lane' to assist and to help maintain the Lane going forward. The main problem is getting it to a decent state in the first instance.

Finally, while some attendees left the meeting, Linda, John, myself and the EA reps walked on to the sluice which the EA were able to assure us is inspected every 6 months and is in good working order.

The meeting lasted over two hours so I may have missed something! If Linda or John would like to add anything please feel free.

In conclusion I would like to say that I felt that the meeting was constructive and achieved what we were hoping for. Our concerns about two issues were allayed and it looks like action might finally be taken, initially by the County Council with help from the IDB and with assistance from the parish council and residents, to resolve the thorniest issue - Trent Lane.

**Councillor Hilary Gibbins**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2021