

# TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 5:30 pm**

### **P R E S E N T**

Councillor D Hancock (in the Chair)

Councillors N Dart, C Goodyer, J Hancock, C Ramshaw, C Pollendine, R Shipman, K Windley and P Windley. Councillor J Ahern joined the meeting at Item 11.

Two members of the public and the Parish Clerk

The Chair displayed a copy of the agenda on the screen with any confidential information redacted.

### **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A member of the public gave an update on the proposed arrangements for the carnival. The group had spoken with other event organisers and, as there was currently no lift on mass gathering, the decision had been taken to cancel this year's arrangements and delay the Carnival until next year on the proposed date of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Everyone had been contacted and sponsors and entertainers would hold off until next year. The scarecrow competition continued in the village recognizing the NHS and key workers. Unfortunately the plans for VJ day had also been cancelled but the group continued to look at ways in which the days could be marked.
- A member of the public had contacted the Council with the following issues:
  - o Concerns about the number of vehicles speeding along Ankerbold Road again, and particularly concerned about what the situation will be following the recent partial lifting of pandemic restrictions on the movement of people
  - o With the relaxation, wondering if Northwood would be starting development works soon and the possibility of whether they will have warning signs at all junctions leading on to the road of HGV movements.

The Clerk to contact police re speeding and Northwood re HGV movements

### **396/2020 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Peters

### **397/2020 Declaration of Interests and requests for Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest

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## 398/2020 Minutes

**RESOLVED unanimously**, by each councillor indicating by raising their hand, that, subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair:

‘ that a memorial plaque be arranged for fixing in the community garden’ be amended to ‘.....that a memorial be arranged in the community garden’

And

‘but it was expected that the Carnival would not now take place until next year’ be amended to ‘....and a meeting was being arranged to consider whether it would be possible to proceed.’

## 399/2020 Urgent Items

There were no urgent items for inclusion on the agenda

**400/2020 To determine which items, if any, from the agenda should be taken with the public and Press excluded.**

There were no items to move to confidential

**401/2020 To consider any items raised by Members**

There were no items raised by Members

**402/2020 Report of the Clerk**

**(a) Action Plan** -The Clerk circulated a copy of the Action Plan to all members and explained the current status of each of the actions.

**(b) Floral decorations** - The Clerk referred to the fact that the Council had agreed funding in the budget for village planters. Members considered the number of planters required for 2020 and it was **Resolved unanimously** that 3 x three tier planters be rented to be sited at the community garden, Sales Avenue opposite the shop, and either top of Green Lane or on Wingfield Road depending on the permissions required.

**(c) Notification of Audit 2019/2020** - The Clerk advised Members that formal notification of the Annual Audit had now been received. Arrangements were in place for the books to be inspected by the Internal Auditor and for the Accounts to be presented to Council at their next meeting in June.

**(d) Community Support Worker** – The Clerk requested Members to consider reinstating the duties of the Community Support Worker which had been suspended during the initial lockdown. Members **Resolved unanimously** to reinstate the duties in line with the recent

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relaxation of restrictions by the government, subject to all necessary precautions being taken in line with government guidance.

## **403/2020 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties**

No representatives were present at the meeting but it was reported :  
Thanks should be passed to Jill and the Committee in recognition of the success of the co-ordination of celebrations for VE Day  
Tupton Ivanhoes were making headway with work to the pitches at Northside  
Some provisional discussions had taken place about possibilities for the Community Service Awards, with a suggestion to consider something for late February 2021

## **404/2020 Finance**

### Summary of Accounts

**RESOLVED** unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the Summary of accounts be countersigned by a member of the Council.

### Accounts for Payment

**RESOLVED** unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the following accounts be approved for payment:-

Salaries	April	£2198.79
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£195.99
Personnel Solutions	Personnel Advice	£120.00
O2 mobiles	Mobile	
NEDDC	Emptying dog bins – Jan-March	£1002.46
	Emptying dog bins Oct-Dec	£925.34
AML MidlandsLtd (21180)	Office Licence and Avast security	£ 12.78
Eon	Electricity CCTV	£33.44

## **405/2020 S137 Grant Applications**

There were no applications for grant.

## **406/2020 Tupton Village Hall**

Councillor Hancock reported that he had spoken with the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, who had requested delaying a meeting until they were able to meet in person.

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Following discussion on the proposals which had been debated at the last meeting of the Parish Council, Members agreed that actions needed to be taken in order to protect both the Trustees of the Village Hall and the Parish Council and it was **Resolved** that:

Arrangements be put in place to progress the proposals, that the Management Committee be kept informed at all stages and that a meeting be arranged with them, as soon as restrictions allowed, in order that the actions could be endorsed and finalised by both parties.

(Councillor J Ahern abstained as he had not been present for the full discussion)

## **407/2020 Birkin Avenue Project**

The Clerk reported that she had now received 2 quotations and was awaiting a third. As soon as that was received the second stage application could be submitted to the funders.

## **408/2020 Youth Club Project**

The Clerk had circulated copy of an email from DCC certifying that they would repair the building to make it safe and compliant and that they would decorate internally. Members referred to the terms of the lease which required decoration internally and externally and agreed that this would be required in order to reach agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the Parish Council agree to move this matter forward as soon as possible but that DCC be required to comply with the provisions of the lease by externally and internally painting and decorating the building.

## **409/2020 Street Cleaning/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance**

The Chair reported that Tupton RUFC had been successful in obtaining a grant which could be used for maintenance of the pitches. They were currently looking at how this could best be utilised before coming back to the Parish Council with proposals.

## **410/2020 Planning**

**RESOLVED** that no comments be raised on the planning applications that have been received.

## **411/2020 Publicity Items**

The following items were agreed for publicity

Update on Carnival

Thank you to Committee for VE Day

Update on Northwood

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Green bins recommencing 18<sup>th</sup> May

From Rykneld/NEDDC – increased calls from tenants – advised that no enforcement action will be taken where rent arrears accrued during lockdown, with the emphasis being on getting back on track. If people think that they are going to get into arrears to contact Rykneld asap. Any residents needing food parcels, or know of anyone struggling, the helpline is 01246 231111

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:15 pm.

Signed .....

Date.....