

TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 6:00 pm

P R E S E N T

Councillor D Hancock (in the Chair) Councillors J Ahern, N Dart, C Goodyer, J Hancock, C Pollendine, C Ramshaw, R Shipman, K Windley and P Windley.

G Watters (Tupton Community Group), Hannah Morris (Tupton Celebrates Together), two members of the public and Parish Clerk

Councillor D Hancock addressed members giving an outline of the variety of projects which had still progressed during the year despite the awful effects of the Covid pandemic. He stated that he had been proud to serve as Chair during these very challenging times and was confident that the parish council could now build on these projects and look forward to them developing further in 2021. Because of Covid the May 2020 annual meeting of council, where a Chair for the year would normally be elected, was postponed until May 2021, a situation which hadn't happened since the Second World War.

Councillor Hancock believed that it was fairer to his successor that they be given the opportunity to be the driving force behind those new ideas from day one, rather than having to pick up where he left off.

He therefore declared his intention to stand down from the office of Chair of the Council and, in accordance with Standing Order 10 (v) called for nominations from members to elect a Chair of the Council to serve for the remainder of the municipal year.

It was Proposed by Councillor D Hancock, Seconded by Councillor J Hancock and Resolved that Councillor Camille Ramshaw be elected Chair of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

516/2020 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Peters

517/2020 Declaration of Interests and requests for Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation

518/2020 Minutes

RESOLVED unanimously, by each councillor indicating by raising their hand, that, the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Ankerbold Road Development

Mr P Goodman did not attend the meeting

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Updates from District and County Councillors

Councillor D Hancock informed members that there would be a District Council meeting the following week when it was expected there would be information relating to the review of the tiers.

Matters raised in Public Participation

None

519/2020 Urgent Items

None

520/2020 To determine which items, if any, from the agenda should be taken with the public and Press excluded.

It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that in accordance with Paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 7,8, 9 and 11 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the discussion on the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee at Item 14 on the agenda.

521/2020 Report of the Clerk

The Clerk submitted the following report:

1. Barrier at Northside – update

Having received a second quote for the barrier at Northside the work had now been commissioned with the lowest quote and the gate was due to be installed on 12th December

2. Birkin Avenue Play Area Project

Councillor D Hancock and the Clerk were due to meet with the contractors on site on 16th December to discuss pre contract matters. Two quotes had now been received for the installation of footpaths. A meeting of the Working Party would be arranged in order that they could discuss the plans for the management of the installation of the play areas, following the meeting with the contractors, and to choose a contractor for the footpaths

3. Tupton Community Hub

Information was still awaited from DCC

4. Sensory Garden

The design company had sent a holding reply regarding the proposed installation of a sensory garden at Birkin Avenue, and they were hoping to get designs and costs through to the Council in the near future

5. Clearance of leaves at Station New Road

The clearance of leaves from footpaths on Station New Road, was an issue every year. A meeting was due to be held in the near future with the Street Scene department from NEDDC when this matter could be raised.

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6. Snow Warden Scheme

It was agreed that the Parish Council participate in the Snow Warden Scheme for 2020/2021

7. Grounds Maintenance Contribution 2020/2021

The breakdown and invoice for the grounds maintenance work by NEDDC for 2020/2021 had now been received showing a slight reduction in cost as there was a reduction in service at the beginning of the pandemic.

8. Sanitising station

The Parish Council now had an automatic free standing sanitising station for use at events and it was agreed that this could be made available to other local organisations, for one off community events.

9. Response from Tupton Primary School re cutting of hedges

The Clerk had distributed a copy of the response from Tupton Primary School to all members. It was agreed that a response be sent to the school thanking them for their reply and requesting some flexibility for residents accessing the land to maintain hedges.

10. Fireworks

The Clerk reported receipt of a complaint regarding the setting off of fireworks when the Christmas tree was lit. This was an annual event and the complainant was concerned about the effect on animals. A private resident was responsible for the fireworks and this had become an accepted annual event. Tupton Celebrates Together always attempted to get the message out to the community about this occurrence but it had been more difficult this year distributing the information. There had actually been a lot of positive feedback for the event and many residents had now come to expect it. Whilst the Parish Council empathised with the issue they also recognised that this was undertaken by a private individual and that Tupton Celebrates had taken steps to pre warn of the event to try and mitigate its negative effects on pets.

11. Land at Nethermoor Road

An enquiry about a possible encroachment on to parish council land at Nethermoor Road had been received. This was being followed up and a report would be brought back to a future meeting.

522/2020 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Parties

Community Speed Watch

There had been no activity recently due to the lockdown but as soon as regulations were lifted they would be continuing their work

Tupton Foodbank

It was reported that the foodbank was seeing some sad cases during the pandemic. One client with the virus had run out of food. She contacted the church on their Facebook page and they were now helping her and her 3 small children. Following a call from the police at

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10pm on Saturday, about a lady who hadn't eaten for days, they sent her a food parcel on Sunday morning. The foodbank keeps going and the kind people of Tupton and Wingerworth were being very generous with donations.

Tupton Community Group

Gill Watters attended the meeting and gave a detailed presentation on all the activities they had managed to keep going throughout these difficult times. From the VE Day celebrations through to the Santa Sleigh Ride through the village, the group had managed to entertain the community whilst abiding by the restrictions and regulations. All the activities had been very well received by the community and many volunteers had been involved in making sure that they were a success. The next event planned was for a community meal on 28th December, trying to reach out to those who may be isolated or alone. Leaflets were being distributed to all households and, if restrictions meant that the meal could not be held in the Village Hall then the food would be delivered to households. Gill was thanked for her presentation and Members asked that the team be congratulated for all their hard work.

Tupton Celebrates Together

Hannah Morris reported on the activities arranged by Tupton Celebrates Together and was really pleased that the activities of each of the community groups were complementing one another. The Tupton Virtual Market was going really well and was helping local businesses to boost their trade. Performances by local entertainers were being uploaded as part of the Christmas Festival. The elves had been out and about leaving parcels around the village which so far had all been picked up. There was one more surprise activity in December for the community to look out for.

In relation to next year everything was under review but so far it seemed that everyone who had signed up for carnival 2020 was happy to move the arrangements over to 2021.

Community Awards

Councillor Hancock reported that nominations were now being invited for the proposed Community Awards. It was hoped that a ceremony could now be held in the late spring 2021. He had approached the Chair and Vice Chair and Clerk of Wingerworth Parish Council who had agreed to act as independent judges. 25 nominations had already been received.

523/2020 Community Recognition Scheme

In recognition of their work carried out in the community it was **Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that, in accordance with the Parish Council's Community Recognition Scheme, the following be awarded:

Mr Colin Morton and Mrs Rosemary Morton – Certificate of Thanks in recognition of their outstanding community work

Mr Alex Bramley – Letter of Congratulations – in recognition of being awarded 2020 Golden award for Primary School Teacher of the Year

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524/2020 Planning

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

525/2020 Discretionary Grants Application

An application for a grant of £500 was received from Tupton Community Group to assist them in providing and delivering a community festive meal to vulnerable residents on Monday 28th December depending on the current Covid restrictions, this will either be a sit down meal at Tupton Village Hall or a home delivery service. It was therefore **Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that a grant of £500 be made to Tupton Community Group

526/2020 Finance

Precept 2021/2022

It was **Proposed by Councillor D Hancock, Seconded by Councillor C Goodyer and Resolved** unanimously that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee 23/11/20, Tupton Parish Council request a precept of £102,000 for 2021/2022 demonstrating a nil increase on the level of precept for 2020/2021

Budget Report

It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the Budget Report be accepted and countersigned by a member of the Council.

Accounts for Payment

It was Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED unanimously, by each Councillor giving their vote by show of hands, that the following accounts be approved for payment:-

Trueman Tree Services	Tree at Nethermoor Road	£300.00
AML (Midland) Ltd	365 and AVG (22527)	£12.78
E R Price	Dog Fouling Stencil Spray	£14.94 £28.46
Salaries	December	£1601.41
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£261.45
Eon	CCTV electric	£34.56
Personnel Solutions	Personnel Advice	£120.00
O2	Mobile phones	£54.22
NEDDC	Grounds Maintenance	£18301.10
NEDDC	Rent at Ward Street	£250.00
DCC Pension	Outstanding employer contributions	£2461.16
J B Littlewood	Galvanised barrier	£888.00

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527/2020 Items for Information

Councillor Goodyer asked the Clerk to enquire about the availability of any grants from the Stephenson Fund

528/2020 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

529/2020 Exclusion of Public

It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that in accordance with Paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 7,8, 9 and 11 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business

530/2020 Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 23rd November 2020

It was **Proposed, Seconded and Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23rd November 2020 be received and that the following recommendations be accepted and approved:

- a) The document, 'Balancing the Books' as amended and agreed by the Finance Committee, be approved and adopted by Council
- b) That, in respect of salary payments, the Parish Council accept the NALC agreement as a minimum
- c) That a plan be put in place to undertake extensive consultation which will determine a plan for the future to establish an effective and sustainable youth programme for older young people.
- d) That the reports on spend against budget 2020/2021 and proposed budget 2021/2022 be approved and accepted

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:45

Signed

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