**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD USING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING AT 7:40 P.M. ON THURSDAY 11th MARCH 2021. NO. 117**

1. **Present:**

 Cllr Harvey, Chairman, Cllr FitzGibbon, Cllr Berry,

 Part meeting: County Cllr. Rickhards, District Cllr. Forman

**2. Apologies:**

 Cllr. Mainwaring

**3. Written requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary/Non- pecuniary Interests.**

 No requests had been received.

 **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st January 2021:**

These were approved for signature by the Chairman.

 **5. Public participation:**

Sarah Brooke-Taylor from WRCC attended, at her request, to explain the processes of site canvassing exercises should we, at some time in the future, feel this would be useful for Aston Cantlow.

 Cllrs thanked her for attending and providing the information.

 **6. County & District Councillors reports**:

 Cllr Forman reported on the current Covid 19 situation and reminded us that after the 1st April if residents haven’t subscribed, and are not displaying a permit on their green bin, it won’t be emptied. Over 23,000 households have already subscribed. Cllr Harvey asked what happens if someone’s bin get stolen. Cllr. Forman was going to have to check on that.

 Regarding the budget, council tax rates for a Band D property will rise by £5 for the coming financial year. At this stage they have not taken away or reduced any council services and by releasing other reserves, cutting back on capital projects, increasing car parking charges from £1 per hour to £1.20 per hour, introducing green bin charges, some redundancies and not filling vacant posts plus other cost cutting measures, they have managed to create a balanced budget that preserves services.

 Cllr Rickhards reported that SDC are working with Warwick district sharing staff and there will be a very important consultation in the Spring when feedback will be important. Local welfare is still supporting vulnerable people with food supplies and there is a one year national settlement for domestic abuse.

 The U route was not put forward for a closure to avoid jeopardizing

 the public enquiry which could take a year.

 Regarding Traffic speeds on the B4089, Cllr. Rickhards was not successful with his request for further warning signs/countdown markers.

**7. Planning matters:**

 Planning Application Nos. 20/00235/FUL and 20/00265/LBC Cantella Farm, Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow: Remove existing brick boundary wall and rebuild with part reclaimed brick and approved new brick.

 One or two queries were raised and it was agreed Cllrs. would look notify the Clerk of their recommendations when they have had another opportunity to look again at the plans.

 Planning Application No. 21/00510/LBC Meadow Barn, Newnham, Wootton Wawen: Change colour of external painted woodwork from dark brown to dark grey.

 Cllrs. Berry, FitzGibbon and Harvey were all in favour of granting this application as it is suggested that grey tones are now more favoured.

**8.** **Correspondence received:**

 All correspondence circulated electronically to date was taken as read.

 A report had been received that some fencing has been erected on highway land by The Gables, Brook Road. The Enforcement officer viewed the site and advised that this fencing would benefit from permitted development.

 Mr. Evans raised the question of why grips were not cut into the verges along Aston Cantlow Road when they have been in other verges close by. The Clerk has made a request to Highways about this with no response. Cllr. Harvey will write again on behalf of the Council.

**9. Lengthsman scheme update:**

Cllr Berry had circulated a draft specification for approval and it

 was suggested that public footpath stiles should be included. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that, in the main, stiles, gates, fences and

 hedges are owned by and the responsibility of the landowner.

 Cllr Berry will edit the document and arrange for it to be included in the next Village Vine inviting interested parties to make contact.

**10. B4089 traffic speeds through Little Alne:**

 As reported in agenda item 6.

**11. Possible plans in relation to flooding:**

 There are various areas in the parish affected by flooding and these will be considered further when we have a contractor able to clear ditches etc..

 **12. Date of next meeting:**

To be advised and in accordance with Government guidelines

 relating to Covid 19.

No further business – Cllr. Harvey closed the meeting at 21.15 p.m.

For information only

The following payments were made between meetings:

Wilmcote Parish Council £572.55 BACS

This VAT payment was made into Aston Cantlow PC bank account in error by HMRC

The correct VAT claim of £286.43 was also paid into Aston Cantlow PC account.