**Whiston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom.**

**Present: -** M. Yarlett, G, C. Davis, D. Dodson, G. Smales, T. Stevenson, K Ferris, N. Tranmer, R. Carter,

& A Griffin

**In Attendance:** E. Keeling-Heane,Clerk to the Council, A. Harrison RFO, Ward Cllr Allen Cowles.

3 members of the public

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| **149/20**  **150/20**  **151/20**  **152/20**  **153/20**  **154/20**    **155/20**  **156/20**  **157/20**  **158/20**  **159/20**  **160/20**  **161/20**  **162/20**  **163/20**  **164/20**  **165/20**  **166/20**  **167/20** | **Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence**  No apologies received.  **To Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing**) - None  **Public Discussion Period inc Police attendance**  Attendance by 3 police officers in light of recent events reported. Recent problems with drug dealing, burglary and intermittent petty theft noted. Open drug dealing with a lack of a local police presence suggested at the last meeting by residents. The police reaction by attending the meeting was welcomed.  Police gave some background and a summary of their recent activities. There had been a move away from Neighbourhood policing a few years ago, which in hindsight had been a mistake. Neighbourhood policing was therefore now being increased again with better links to the community.  Crime had reduced significantly in the last 12 months – partly due to the increased neighbourhood policing and partly due to Coronavirus. Anti-social behaviour was probably the only notable area that had increased. However, a number of drug warrants had been issued in the last month.  Reporting of incidents discussed and access to local neighbourhood officer contact details on the police website. Anonymous reporting through 101 or Crimestoppers also encouraged together with Alerts and Facebook/Twitter providing details of Police activities. All contact methods to be highlighted to the public.  Hotspots currently Alma Row and Hollowgate. Cowrakes play area also noted to have a problem with drug use and historically Doles Lane. The Police assured members that all reports were taken very seriously and reports would be acted upon.  **Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting –15th February 2021.**  **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record.  **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None  **Receive/Approve the Monthly Accounts for March**  Deferred until the end of the meeting for further update.  **Bank Reconciliations to 28th February 2021**  **Resolved**: That the bank reconciliations to 28th February be agreed.  **Budget Monitoring to February**  Members received the budget monitoring report to February.  **Health and Safety** – No matters raised.    **Youth Club – Update**  None  **RMBC - Ward Councillor Report**  No new matters to report.    **Parish Hall**   1. Discussed request for replacement of fence panels.   **Resolved**: That the fence panels be replaced. (Clerk to arrange under delegated powers as unlikely to exceed £500).  b), c), d) Staffing matters- Moved to confidential session.  **Manorial Barn – Oak Tree Update**  Planning permission had been granted with tree works due to be undertaken on the 19th March.  **Toilet block – Update**  Noted planning permission now submitted with use for community purposes only - not for profit. (This would include local surgeries etc).  **Summer festival – Consider feasibility of 2021 festival /instruction of event company.**  Members expressed concerns about planning an event when this would be very close to the restrictions for large gatherings being lifted.  **Resolved:** That in light of the restrictions and possibility of the lockdown being pushed back it was agreed that it was not feasible to run the festival in 2021. A later event to mark the ‘end’ of the pandemic could possibly be arranged with the event company to be advised accordingly. Decision to be publicised.  **Youth Activity – Consider orienteering/trail project.**  Update provided. Fairly easy to create the trail with a relevant map. Cllr Ferris to help arrange over the Easter break.  **Environment**   1. Hanging basket update   Noted recent quote by the gardening contractor.  **Resolved:** That the existing contractor have the contract extended to cover hanging baskets. Approximately 28 in number.  (Noted they would be watered for as long as required dependant on the weather).  Locations to be the same as previously agreed - excluding Pleasley Road where trees hampered development. Cllr Davis to provide previous column details as RMBC have given consent for these columns to be used.   1. Consider installation of camera signs.   Members considered the merits of installing signs and would seek advice from the Police prior to reverting to members for possible locations.  **Press Release Policy**  Noted policy was to ensure that all press and social media to be arranged through the Clerk to ensure press releases were accurate.  Currently the clerk did provide details of actions from meetings and activities to the Rotherham Advertiser.  **Correspondence**  Consider offer of purchase of Brook Street Garage. Noted this was a different request to those made previously. Only a portion of the existing site was requested –just the garage, if the alternative area was not to be available in the foreseeable future.  Update on the area to be transferred from RMBC was provided and it was agreed that this would be expedited if possible.  **Resolved:** That a valuation of the garage/site to be arranged. |

**168/20** **Items for Future Agenda and approve 2021 Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting dates**

**Resolved:** That the Annual Parish Meetingbe scheduled for 6pmon 19th April,prior to the April Council meeting at 6.30pm

**Resolved** That the Annual Parish Council Meetingbe held on the 24th May 2021 following the election on the 6th. May with members to take office from the 11th May.

**(**Future Agenda - Attendance Janice Curren at June meeting re: Joint Working Agreement)

**169/20 Planning Applications**

**RB2021/0317** Bishops Roost, Pleasley Road Whiston - Replacement of windows

**RB2021/0244** 269 East Bawtry Road Whiston - Two storey side and rear, first floor rear and single storey rear extension

**RB2021/0353** 1 Melrose Cottages Mill Hill Whiston- Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO (No.1) 1976

**RB2021/0422** 6 Hollowgate - Two storey rear and single storey rear extension with rooftop terrace

**RB2021/0434** 7 The Pieces North Whiston -Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey side/rear extension

**No adverse comments to the above applications.**

**170/20 Receive Planning Determinations**

**RB2019/0552** Outline application for the erection of up to 450 No. dwellinghouses including details of access at land to the North West of Worry Goose Lane – **Granted**

**171/20 Monthly Accounts**

**Resolved:** That the monthly accounts for March (Year End) be approved (schedule below) with retainer refunds of £100.

**172/20 Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

That in light of the business to be transacted the public and press were excluded.

**173/20** **Parish Hall- Cleaner /Caretaker**

Cllr Yarlett to approach thecaretaker to see if a limited role could still be maintained.

The Clerk to arrange a job specification/draft advert for approval at the April meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

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| **PAYEE** | **ACCOUNT** |  | **TOTAL** |
| HMRC | Furlough Claim - February | CREDIT | -855.73 |
| British Gas | Hall electricity | DD | 34.62 |
| O2 | Mobile phone | DD | 17.04 |
| Wilko | Stationery (Reimburse EKH) | BACS | 4.25 |
| Screwfix | Padlock (Reimburse EKH) | BACS | 14.99 |
| DMC Architecture & Design Ltd | Toilet block architect fees | BACS | 660.00 |
| RMBC | Toilet block Planning fees | BACS | 256.00 |
| British Gas | Hall gas | DD | 5.32 |
| RMBC | Land & Garage Rent | DD | 27.03 |
| Virgin Media | YC Mobile phone (JA) | BACS | 6.00 |
| M. Middleton | Gardening tender - monthly | BACS | 400.00 |
| **TOTAL** |  |  | **569.52** |