**Whiston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom.**

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

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

1 member of the public, J Arno Youth Worker and MP Alex Stafford for Rother Valley.

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| **174/20**  **175/20**  **176/20**  **177/20**  **178/20**  **179/20**    **180/20**  **181/20**  **182/20**  **183/20**  **184/20**  **185/20**  **186/20**  **187/20**  **188/20**  **189/20**  **190/20**  **191/20** | **Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence**  C Davis (other commitment)  **Resolved:** That the above reason for absence be approved.  **To Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing**) - None  **Public Discussion Period**  MP Alex Stafford introduced himself as the local MP.  **Public Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 15th March 2021.**  **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record.    **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  Initial update regarding the police noted.  **Approve the Monthly Accounts for April**  **Resolved**: That the monthly accounts for April be approved.    **Bank Reconciliations to 31st March 2021**  **Resolved**: That the bank reconciliations to 31st March be agreed (Year End).  **Budget Monitoring to March**  Members received the budget monitoring report to March (Year End).  **Health and Safety** – No matters raised.    **Youth Club - Update**  Youth Club restarted at the hall two weeks ago. Interest from new members noted. Junior club to recommence September. Update provided regarding the development of a Youth Council.  (J Arno left the meeting)  **RMBC -Ward Councillor Report**  No Ward Councillor in attendance.  **Staff – Approve Continuation of delegated powers to Clerk/RFO**  **Resolved:** That the Clerk and RFO have delegated powers to undertake any required day-to-day matters including approve payments should a meeting not be called due to the Council being inquorate  **Parish Hall**   1. Approve placement of advertisement for caretaker & cleaner positions.   **Resolved**: That the draft advertisement be approved and placed on the RMBC website, on local notice boards and Rotherham Advertiser via Elaine Raynard. Local candidates to be preferred.   1. Agree interview panel for caretaker and cleaner interviews.   **DEFERRED** until new members were appointed after the election.   1. Approve caretaker/cleaner job specifications.   **Resolved:** That the job specifications be approved with an hourly rate agreed of £9.62 for both positions, with a closing date 21st May 2021.  **Brook Street Garage – Consider sale of garage to tenant.**  Noted recent valuation from the valuer. Members agreed that the garage site should be retained for future development to provide parking for the maximum number of residents but the nearby area of land to be provisionally considered for sale but via the open market. (Noted valued at £15,000 but a restrictive covenant to be added to restrict development other than for parking).  **Cowrakes Recreation Ground**   1. Consider residents request for new signage.   **Resolved:** That new signage be agreed in the sum of approximately £70.00   1. Consider future emptying of bins.   **Resolved:** That the existing contractor be instructed to undertake the work for the 6 months following current caretaker retires, with a review thereafter.  **Christmas – Approve maintenance/repair of lights.**  **Resolved:** That repairs in the sum of £750.00 be approved for the large conifer lights to be repaired and reinstalled for 2021.  (Brook lights to be removed and a Christmas working group to be appointed at the May meeting).  **Toilet Block- Approve flood risk assessment quote.**  **DEFERRED** to allow new members to consider the project in due course.  **Environment**  a) Consider inclusion in RMBC’s application to DEFRA for Treescapesfunding  **Resolved**: That as the Council had no land that required trees at present the Council would not look to be included in the funding application.   1. b) Consider suggestions from PCSO regarding crime prevention/anti-social behaviour   Police indicated that signage was not worthwhile and would quickly be noted as being signage without monitoring. Merits and costs of CCTV discussed together with data issues.  Members declined to invest in CCTV at this time. Promotion of better reporting to be included in the next newsletter and websites as suggested by the Police and the recent situation to be monitored. |
| **192/20**  **193/20**  **189/20**  **190/20** | **Correspondence** - Noted recent correspondence from the Allotment Society and it was agreed this would be dealt with by new members at the next meeting.    **Items for Future Agenda**  Appoint Christmas Working Group.  Approve new bank mandate.  Flood Resilience - Approve public meeting.  Consider provision of Petanque Bowls.  Co-option of new members.  Appoint lnterview panel for Cleaner/Caretaker.  Toilet Block project  Allotments  **Planning Applications**  **RB2021/0331** Hind Road Whiston - Demolition of existing extension and erection of two storey side & single storey rear extensions  **RB2021/0526** 3Royds Avenue Whiston - Demolition of rear extension, erection of two storey side extension and single storey front & rear extensions  **RB2021/0543** 14 Moorhouse Lane Whiston - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by RMBC Tree Preservation Order No.1, 1976  **RB2021/0599** 2 Leasegate Road Whiston - Demolition of detached garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension  **RB2021/0587** 5High Street Whiston - First floor rear extension  **RB2021/0111** 242 East Bawtry Road Whiston - Demolition of attached garage and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions  **RB2021/0599** 2 Leasegate Road Whiston - Demolition of detached garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension  **RB2021/0709** 58 Reresby Road Whiston - Demolition of detached garage and erection of single storey front and side extension  **RB2021/0737** 36 Dewhill Avenue Whiston - Single storey front extension and erection of detached garage to side  ***No adverse comment to the above applications***  **Receive Planning Determinations**  **RB2021/0059** 171 East Bawtry Road Whiston - Single storey front, side and rear extension **Granted.**  **RB2021/0353** 1 Melrose Cottages Mill Hill Whiston - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO (No.1) 1976 – **Part granted/part refused.**  **RB2021/0467** 1 Church Hill Whiston - Application to undertake works to a tree within Whiston Conservation Area **No objections**  **RB2021/0493** 32 Alma Row Whiston - Application to undertake works to tree(s) **No objection.**  **RB2021/0331**- 6 Hind Road Whiston - Demolition of existing extension and rear bay windows and erection of two storey side & single storey rear extensions **- Granted.**  There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.35pm    Signed…………………………………………………  Dated ……………………………………………….. |

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| **PAYEE** | **ACCOUNT** | **TOTAL** |
| Various | Salaries March | 2523.86 |
| HMRC | NICs & IT-March | 355.23 |
| C M Arnold | Goal post re-location | 460.00 |
| Selwyn Trees | Manorial Barn tree works | 420.00 |
| RMBC | Quarterly allotment rent | 9.38 |
| O2 | Mobile phone | 17.04 |
| CBC Computers | Monitor and Soundbar (YC grant funded) | 912.00 |
| Business Stream | Hall water charges | 70.43 |
| EON | Triangle electricity | 9.14 |
| RMBC | Land & Garage Rent | 27.05 |
| British Gas | Hall gas | 0.75 |
| British Gas | Hall electricity | 49.44 |
| Virgin Media | YC Mobile phone (JA) | 6.00 |
| M. Middleton | Gardening tender - monthly | 400.00 |
| YLCA | Annual subscription | 861.00 |
| Rialtas Business Solutions | Annual Year end - Closedown | 672.00 |
| South Anston Fire Extinguishers | Annual Fire extinguishers service | 34.80 |
| South Anston Fire Extinguishers | Fire extinguisher replacements | 154.93 |
| South Anston Fire Extinguishers | Annual Fire Alarm System service | 120.00 |
| RMBC | Annual licence | 70.00 |
| RMBC | Annual waste contract | 1179.00 |
| Npower | Annual Christmas supply electricity | 315.00 |
| Various | Salaries April | 2449.92 |
| HMRC | NICs & IT-April | 510.09 |
| **TOTAL** |  | **11627.06** |