

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Neroche Parish Council held via Zoom on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members Present: Cllrs. Aplin, Beck, Bray, Macey, Palmer, Parsons, J Parsons, Pope and Street

In Attendance: Miss Harrop (Clerk), Cllr John Thorne, Cole Ross Henly and 3 parishioners

2020/62 Apologies

Apologies were received by Cllr Jon Bell. cllr J Parsons (vice chair) to chair meeting in Cllr Bells absence.

It was resolved that the absence of this Councillors be recognised as approved absences for the purposes of s.185 Local Government Act 1972.

2020/63 Declarations of interest and dispensations

Cllr. Karen Street will not be commenting on matter of - T2/11 footpath due to a professional relationship with an interested party.

2020/64 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th November 2020 were approved as a correct record will be signed by the Chairman at later date.

2020/65 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Thorne (SCC) circulated his written report to the council members via email.

2020/66 Questions from members under Standing Order 8

Cllr Aplin raised the matter of the future works of the land east of the M5 - Keith Read from West Hatch has started a garden community for all local parish councils to work together on this matter. Neroche Parish council confirmed that they will be working with Keith and the community garden on this matter in the future.

2020/67 Questions from members of the public under Standing Order 1 (d-h)

A parishioner asked why the matter of footpath T2/11 discussions would be postponed. Also if the parish council could write to the PROW to request the bridal way to be reopened. The parishioner expressed their opinions on the matter but it was confirmed that the matter would not be open for discussions via zoom and until further notice the parish council would not be participating further discussions or taking any action.

2020/68 Matters arising from the last meeting

Footpath T2/11 - After hearing from a member of the public on this recurring matter, the council under the advice of the clerk voted to postpone the matter while legal parties are involved. This matter will no longer be discussed at Parish Council meetings held via Zoom. Future discussions can be made once normal meetings in person resume.

2020/69 Accounts for payment.

Resolved that the following accounts be paid.

- a. Salary and expenses of Clerk - £380.20
- b. Staple Fitzpaine PCC - £850.00
- c. Orchard Portman PCC - £260.00
- d. Stoke St Mary PCC - £260.00
- e. TD Methodist Church - £170.00
- f. Ian Perry - £120.00

2020/70 Items of report and Correspondence

- The council agreed that all future Parish Council meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. If parishioners would like to attend a meeting via zoom could they please contact the Parish council Clerk who can invite them to future meetings.

- The Finance committee, after meeting in December and reviewing the Councils finances, put forward a proposed increase in the precept of a 6% increase. The council voted with a clear show of hands and the increase was unanimously approved.

-Defibrillator. The council are awaiting a breakdown from Cllr Jon Bell in costs of the two options of either purchasing or hiring of a defibrillator.

-CPRE and BHPN memberships were raised by Cllr Street. Neroche Parish Council in the past has been members of both organisations and felt that becoming members again would have significant benefits. The council voted with a show of hands and becoming memberships to both organisations was unanimously approved. Cllr Street and the clerk will coordinate the memberships.

2020/71 Items and date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th March 2021

Meeting closed at 8.50pm