

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Neroche Parish Council held via Zoom on Thursday 12th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Members Present: Cllrs. Bell (in the chair), 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

2020/52 Apologies

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

2020/53 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.

2020/54 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th September 2020 were approved as a correct record will be signed by the Chairman at later date.

2020/55 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Thorne (SCC) circulated his written report to the council members via email. Cllr Henly also spoke in relation to the ongoing planning enforcement issues at Curland. Cllr Henly will keep the council updated via email on any progress.

2020/56 Questions from members under Standing Order 8

There were no questions raised.

2020/57 Questions from members of the public under Standing Order 1 (d-h)

A query regarding mud on the road from tractors and farming was raised by a member of the public through their local councillor. The matter was discussed and it was concluded that the clay content in the local land meant that brushing roads would not be beneficial and that a wet weather spell would be sufficient to clear the roads.

2020/58 Matters arising from the last meeting

2020/59 Accounts for payment.

Resolved that the following accounts be paid.

- a. Salary and expenses of Clerk - £352.70
- b. SALC affiliation fee - £147.10

2020/60 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 was agreed upon. The committee will consist of Cllr Bell, Cllr Aplin, Cllr Parsons and the Clerk. A meeting will be held in December to review the precept and 2021 budget ready to put forward at January Parish Council meeting.
- Defibrillator. Unfortunately the community defibrillator is needing to be replaced. Cllr Bell will look into options of purchasing or hiring a defibrillator in the future and the matter will be discussed at the finance committee meeting.
- environmental grant. The council were grateful for the many ideas that were put forward. Including windmills for clean energy, a village shop and faster broadband. However it had come to light that the application process was extremely in-depth and lengthy. The council felt that there was not a member of the council that had the knowledge or skill to undertake this task and oversee such a big project. Therefore this time around Neroche Parish council will not be applying for any grants. In future if there are any parishioners that feel they have the time and expertise to run a project like this please let the clerk know.
- Footpath T2/11 - a lengthy discussion was held regarding the use and reopening of footpath T2/11. The footpath that is currently closed is in dispute if indeed it is an active footpath or bridleway. The council heard from various parties however are yet to make a decision on the matter as more information and clarity was needed. Further information provided by Cllr Beck and Parishioners is available on request from the clerk.
The council will discuss the matter at a later date.

2020/61 Items and date of next meeting.

- Annual Parish meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th January 2021

Meeting closed at 9.05pm