

**Held on:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6pm

**Place:** Online

**Present:** Cllrs Roy Piddington (Chair), Christine Lewington, Len Carter, Lynne Stanton and Oliver Stiley

**In attendance:** Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk)                      **Members of the public:**2

**28/20 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Councillors received and accepted apologies from Cllr Carter who had been unable to join the meeting.

**29/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared in any item of business on the agenda.

**30/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

**Proposed Cllr Stanton                      Seconded Cllr Lewington                      All in favour**

**31/20 OPEN FORUM**

- A MOP reported that there had been a suggestion to turn the little chapel into coffee shop or art gallery. This would be a long-term project so a small working group would be set up to do a feasibility study.
- A MOP reported that a tree had fallen on a neighbour's fence. The PC advised that this would be the responsibility of the landowner from where the tree had fallen.
- A MOP asked if the PC would be making a donation to the upkeep of the graveyard as they had done in the past. The Clerk advised that should not have been allowed previously as Parish and Town councils were prohibited from giving money to places of worship as S8(1)(i) of the Local Government Act 1894 prohibited financial support and that, unlike other aspects of that Act, there has been no subsequent legislation that has decisively overridden the prohibition. Therefore, it was suggested that an approach be made to the Community group.

**32/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Cllrs received and noted the report from the RFO on payments:

Inv. No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
53	K Finlayson	Salary	215.80
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55	K Finlayson	Allowance etc.	46.00
			<b>477.60</b>

**Proposed Cllr Stanton                      Seconded Cllr Stiley                      All in favour**

Budget Update:

**Proposed Cllr Stanton                      Seconded Cllr Stiley                      All in favour**

- 33/20 PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS**
- ❖ **AP1 Feb** LS/CL - Report to Highways - Cllrs Stanton & Lewington
    - A report had been submitted and a positive response had already been received. Cllrs Stanton & Lewington would continue to keep a record for issues around traffic/flooding etc.
    - Cllr Stanton would be attending the local SAC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April as they would be looking at speeding.
  - ❖ **AP2 Feb** CR - Pursue WCC Flood Risk Management to request for a drain to be installed.
    - Mark Banning from FRM would be coming out to walk/review the area.
  - ❖ **AP1 Sep** LS - Gateways **ONGOING**
  - ❖ **AP2 Nov** CR - Drain blockages and problems.
    - As per AP2 Feb
  - ❖ **AP3 Nov** RP - Parish Cross **ONGOING**
    - Cllr Piddington would be looking to submit grant applications to the National Lottery and the Heritage Fund
  - ❖ **AP4 Nov** KF - Salt Bin
    - WCC had confirmed that they would not provide or fill a salt bin at this location.
    - There was currently a dustbin there that kept getting filled with dog waste & rubbish so the Clerk would look to get it removed. **AP1 MAR**

- 34/20 PLANNING**
- i) 21/00798/TREE Coughton Court  
No objection  
**Proposed Cllr Stanton                      Seconded Cllr Piddington                      All in favour**

- 35/20 VILLAGE REPORTS**
- i. Ford
    - A 'Tidy Up' volunteer day would be arranged for May.
    - Cllr Stiley would move the log bench and would also check to see if there were any others available from Coughton Court as some had been felled recently.
  - ii. Coughton C of E Primary School  
The Headteacher was not in attendance.  
An advert would be placed in the next newsletter to request volunteers for the Community/Flood groups.

- 36/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**  
There was nothing reported.

- 37/20 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
- New date for the Annual meeting on Tuesday 4th May at 6pm was agreed.

- 38/20 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**  
The meeting was closed at 6.36pm  
**Proposed Cllr Stanton                      Seconded Cllr Carter                      All in favour**

- 39/20 PERSONNEL MATTERS**
- i. Clerk's Appraisal  
The date and time for this had now been arranged.

**Dated:**

**Signed:**