

NEASHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Neasham Parish Council meeting scheduled for April 6 2020 at 6.30pm in Neasham Reading Room.

Due to the cancellation of the scheduled Neasham PC meeting there are no minutes for that meeting. The following is a brief summary of Neasham PC business executed during March 2020.

1. Approval of the minutes held on March 2 2020 has been deferred until the next Neasham PC meeting.
2. Because of restrictions on public gatherings the Neasham PC Ordinary Meeting scheduled for April 6 2020 together with the Parish Assembly scheduled for May 14 2020 have been cancelled. Subsequently scheduled Neasham PC meetings will be subject to continuing review. Virtual council meetings are currently not permitted, but it is hoped that this will be amended. In anticipation of this the use of “WhatsApp” was suggested and although several members do not have access, it may be a useful tool.
3. Meetings: There were no PACT or Airport management meetings and none anticipated in near future. There had been no contact with the Environment Agency. Darlington BC Highways have suspended all work except where in an emergency, Darlington BC have also suspended many other services as set out in the “screenshot” circulated March 25 2020.
4. Village green: The flagpole had been delivered and the concrete foundation cast and awaiting curing before erecting the pole. The Neasham Emblem flag had been delivered. Three other flags – the Union Jack, St Georges and NHS had been donated by J Weighell, D Dodwell and Fibreglass Flagpoles respectively.
5. Planning: The DBC planning committee is not holding any meetings at the moment and consequentially we have not received any applications or decisions.
6. Risk management: Site inspections currently have been deferred. One outstanding defect has been closed. Other documentation will be processed whenever possible. Several youths had been noticed congregating on the green and not social distancing. It would be difficult to physically close off the green, however if it became a problem J Weighell and G Crute had agreed to source some “home grown” warning notices. Also signs requesting dog owners to take their dog waste away with them.
7. Finance: The accounts have been completed and sent to the auditor electronically. A copy of the Financial Statement to end of March is attached to these notes which show that the reserve carried forward to 2020/21 as £8973 (£7060 ring fenced and £1913 general). Payments made on March – Clerk £413.32 (Salary), HMRC £103.40 (PAYE), J Walker £13.05 (Post and stationary), Harrisons £58.80 (Flag), ICO £35.00 (Data protection), Eden Landscapes £50.00 (Minor works). Anticipated invoices for April – CLCA, Website and Antivirus. The issuing of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been slightly delayed and we may have a slight problem to overcome in that under current legislation the accounts must be approved by the council members no later than June 29. We will continue to monitor the situation.
8. Other matters: A letter had been received from T Dent apologising for any inconvenience caused by grain lorries passing through the village on Sundays. (circulated)
A decision by the Tees Valley Nature Partnership on grant applications (which included Neasham PC) has been deferred to April 10.
The Chair has completed the forms nominating Sam Walters for the “Best of Darlington” awards for his sterling work in litter picking the roads around Neasham and Hurworth. Fingers crossed!
A group has been formed in Neasham for “looking after the vulnerable” during the current crisis which was advertised on a flyer, we wish them well, but hope that their services are not called upon.

J Weighell (Chair)
J Walker (Clerk)
Neasham Parish Council
March 31 2020

Accepted my Members 04/05/20
