

NEASHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **Emergency Neasham Parish Council meeting** held July 27 2020 at 6.30pm (held remotely)

Present: Councillors G Conlin, G Crute, D Dodwell, P Dunn, J Grainger, J Weighell (Chair), Ward Councillor L Tostevin and J Walker (Clerk).

Apologies: Apologies for absence from E Miller (illness) and K Sandick (no internet connection) were accepted.

20/053 J Weighell welcomed Councillors to the meeting and confirmed that it constituted a quorum.

20/054 Declarations of interest.

Declaration of interest in respect of item 3.i Website was presented by G Crute.

20/055 Minutes of the last meetings.

There are no previous minutes to present at this meeting and no matters arising.

20/056 Agenda Item 3.i Website Required to be Compliant with Accessibility Regulations.

Five proposals in respect of the website were considered and it was resolved to accept the proposal of AC Media dated July 22 to design a new compliant website. It was also agreed that the preferred template should be ZeroFour and the Neasham history page should be included. It was further agreed that Councillors G Crute and J Grainger should work with the clerk on matters requiring Neasham PC input.

20/057 Agenda Item 3.ii Approval of Public Safety Risk Assessment to Include Covid 19 Considerations.

It was agreed that "No Cycling" signs should be displayed to discourage cycling along the embankment, also that the seat adjacent the Fox and Hounds is a cause for concern as it restricts social distancing forcing walkers off the footpath at the top of a steep embankment. It was resolved to re-locate this seat to the area of the flagpole where it could become a feature. A quotation of M Harrison for this work was agreed. The Village Green Public Safety Risk Assessment was agreed. In response to his Freedom of Information request to the Environment Agency, G Crute reported that he had received the same information from the EA relating to Kent Beck as previously. When informed the EA stated that they were looking to see if it had been archived.

20/058 Agenda Item 3.iii Approval of Maximum Price/Budget for Signs.

A budget of £250 was approved for signs associated with the Virus and Kent Beck which also included the cost of moving a seat (item 3.ii). D Dodwell suggested that there should be a limit of the numbers of signs on each post as it was causing confusion. G Crute agreed but stated that the signs would be temporary for the moment, due to rapidly changing advice in respect of the virus. Once a sense of normality returns signs would be combined and simplified into 3 boards.

20/059 Agenda Item 3.iv Provision of Live Saving Device.

Previously an indicative cost of £327 (excluding fixings and V.A.T.) was provisionally approved. It was resolved to increase this budget to £425 for other unforeseen works. The unit would be located near the Fox and Hounds to minimize vandalism. It was queried whether permission would be required.

20/060 Other Matters (not requiring formal notification).

- New Lane gated residential area – there had been complaints from neighbours regarding noise, accumulation of bins and delivery drivers waiting to gain access. This should be a temporary problem as the developer was constructing a bin collection area and the issue would soon be resolved.
- P Dunn expressed concern about moles in gardens and river embankment, Chair to raise with the EA.
- A suggestion that the Neasham PC flag should now be flown instead of the NHS flag was agreed.
- The clerk reported that the current insurers wanted a £50 arrangement fee for any alteration to the value of items insured. The clerk had requested that CAME and Co withdraw this charge.
- L Tostevin reported that Arriva were proposing a revision to the No 12 bus service, that it would have the route direction alternating half hourly. It was felt that Neasham Road is a hazardous route for buses and if they were not coming into Neasham they should be encouraged to use an alternative route.
- The Chair formally offered his thanks to M Blundell for repairing the notice board at no cost to Neasham PC.

20/061 Date of next meeting

Monday September 7 2020 at **6.30pm.** The meeting concluded at 7.30pm

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Signed(Chair) Date07/09/2020

Edited to Comply With Website Accessibility Regulations