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The Minutes of the virtual ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

PRESENT: Cllrs D Cumberlidge (Chair), R Allwood, D Batey, P Hancock, R King, A Malcolm, J Munroe, R Murray, J Pearson, M Pringle, L Shilling, R Shilling, B Wells

Mrs K Wakefield – Clerk

Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Cllr N Mitchell – NSDC

Two members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Staley for personal reasons

Resolved: that these apologies be accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING: None other than for minute taking purposes.

Cllr D Cumberlidge welcomed everyone and the Clerk informed members of the protocol regarding the procedures to be used during the virtual meeting.

20/70 To approve the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 16th September 2020

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

20/71 To receive any information from the Clerk following actions agreed at the last meeting (*not already covered on the agenda*)

The Clerk informed members that all previous actions items were covered under this agenda.

20/72 To receive and consider any applications for co-option to the Ollerton North Ward

The Clerk informed members that although there had initially been 3 applications for the vacancy one of the candidates had withdrawn. Both of the remaining candidates were present and they were each invited to give a short presentation.

Due to a technical issue this item was moved to later in the meeting.

20/73

To receive a report from the Clerk regarding ongoing management of the following due to Covid-19:

1. Town Hall

The Clerk reported that as discussed previously the Town Hall continues to be available to members of the public via telephone, email and physical attendance, with a prior appointment. No complaints have been received from any member of the public regarding the lack of access to the Town Hall. These measures will again remain in place until the Government Guidelines state otherwise.

The DWP had informed the Clerk that they had delayed their proposed return to the Town Hall as part of the Outreach Service, screens had been purchased if required and an appointment system would be in place when the Service was once again up and running.

2. Cemetery

The Clerk informed Councillors that there was no change to the Government instruction and currently 30 people are allowed in the Cemetery grounds to attend a funeral. The gates are still being locked prior to a funeral taking place to allow family members to pay their respects with regard to restricted numbers.

3. Public Toilets

The Clerk reported that the public toilets still remain closed as they cannot be made COVID secure.

4. Playparks

The Clerk informed members that the skate-park is currently locked due to areas of the timber needing replacing. This is mostly caused by wear and tear but one area could possibly have been caused by anti-social behaviour.

The Chair of Special projects requested that the subject of CCTV be placed on the next agenda of the Special Projects meeting. The outcome of the discussion would be reported back to the next Full Council meeting.

20/74

1. To receive written reports from District and County Councillors

Members noted that the reports had been previously circulated by the Clerk.

2. To receive any appropriate questions

Cllr N Mitchell (NSDC) informed members that there was nothing further to report regarding issues relating to COVID than what has already been reported on the current news bulletins.

Cllr M Pringle (NCC) reported that he had sent a press release to the Clerk which outlines the do's and don'ts. The Clerk was instructed to circulate the information to all members.

20/75 To suspend Standing Orders to allow for Questions or Statements from Members of the Public

None.

20/76 To resume Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed.

20/77 To formally receive any proposals discussed whilst Standing Orders were suspended

None.

Item 20/72 revisited at this point in the meeting.

20/72 To receive and consider any applications for co-option to the Ollerton North Ward

Both candidates gave presentations to members of the Council and following a discussion a vote took place and by unanimous decision it was agreed that David Shelton be co-opted onto the Town Council.

Thanks were given to David McKeever-Williams for his presentation and interest in the local council.

20/78 To receive an update regarding Unitary Councils

Cllr Malcolm had attend the recent consultation on unitary authority and reported that many in her group were against it.

Cllr Pringle reported the lack of information had been highlighted from the consultation.

20/79 To receive a report from Councillor Cumberlidge regarding visioning priorities

Cllr Cumberlidge gave an amended presentation of priorities to members and informed them that she would ensure that copies of the documentation were sent out to all members.

Following discussion the Town Clerk asked all members to take part in this project.

20/80 To receive any Questions to Council from Members

1. To receive a suggestion from Cllr Donna Cumberlidge regarding green open spaces

Cllr Cumberlidge suggested to members that circular patches could be cut in the grass on all of the land owned by the Council and using lining paint, play areas could be created on the grass eg hopscotch. These would be areas for children to use their imagination during this unsettled time.

It was proposed that if the costs were within the Town Clerks spend limit that this idea was put into action.

Proposed: Cllr R Shilling
Decision: Nem-Con

Seconded: Cllr B Wells

Cllr Cumberlidge also presented a proposal that each child up to the age of 18 be given a gift this Christmas, due to the lack of Christmas events and the current pandemic situation.

Suggestions included a Christmas mug or tumbler, window stickers, small teddy, LED t-lights in each bag.

The project could involve other groups and businesses.

Following discussion it was felt that it was too late to get this project underway and the Clerk updated members on the current status of funds available.

Cllr Cumberlidge requested that a letter be sent from the Council to two members of the local area who had given their time for many years as community volunteers.

Following discussion it was agreed by Nem-Con decision that the Clerk be instructed to ensure that this was carried out.

20/81

Finance & Audit

1. To receive the schedule of accounts for payment

The Clerk tabled a revised schedule of accounts which was duly approved and signed.

Invoices were available for inspection at the Town Hall Office by appointment or a scanned copy could be requested by email.

20/82

Ownership and management of land

1. To receive an update from the Clerk and discuss urgent actions regarding Cedar Lane green open space.

The Clerk reported that Western Power had recently repaired the gate to the Cedar Lane green open space. The Amenity Team had cleared a metre strip around the area to enable a site visit to take place by Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a site visit and that Cllrs J Pearson and R Shilling would attend.

2. To receive an update regarding the transfer of land at Whinney Lane

The Clerk reported that the square area where the mobile mast was sited was still owned by the Contractors who leased it to the mobile service provider. The Contractor would like to gift the area to the Town Council. The Town Council would then receive a sum of £3,000 per annum for the lease directly from the service provider.

Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to check that the structure was covered by the mobile service providers insurance. The Clerk would report back to the next Special Projects meeting.

20/83

Councillor Training

1. To agree an attendee for the forthcoming Notts ALC Social Media Training

Cllr J Pearson volunteered to attend this training.

2. To receive a report from members regarding any recent training

Cllr A Malcolm had attended a training session earlier this morning and reported that she had found it very interesting and it had opened her to eyes to council business.

Members were informed that there was sufficient money in the budget for anyone who wished to take part in any future training sessions. A schedule was to be set up for areas of training for members.

20/84

Events

1. To receive an update regarding the Scarecrow Festival

Cllrs L Shilling and D Cumberlidge judged the entries for the scarecrow competition. There were 3 categories and prizes and certificates had been awarded.

2. To receive an update re Remembrance Day

The Clerk reported that information regarding the Remembrance Day service had been circulated via social media.

Alistair Littlewood would be conducting a short service of remembrance, which would be live streamed through YouTube and the 1intent website, the link would be circulated to all members.

A member of the Amenity Team would be on duty on the gates to the memorial garden to ensure that rules are adhered to.

'Remember from Home' was also being promoted where members of the public stood on their doorstep at 11.00am for the 2 minute silence. Cllr R Shilling congratulated everyone involved with organising this event.

3. To receive an update re Christmas Events

The Clerk, through social media, would be promoting the 'Christmas Jingle' event where members of the public were being asked to stand on the doorstep at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve and ring a bell.

The Christmas decorations in the town would be switched on remotely on 14th November and it was hoped this would also be live streamed.

20/85 To receive the draft minutes of the following committees and working parties and note the decisions made thereto:

The following draft minutes were noted:

1. Planning Committee – 29th September 2020
2. Special Projects Committee – 23rd September 2020
3. Finance & Audit Committee – 7th October 2020

20/86 Correspondence

None

20/87 Date & time of next meeting

Wednesday, 9th December 2020 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.54