**Minutes of the Pinxton Parish Council Meeting held on 21st April**

**Partly in person (socially distanced) and partly via Zoom**

**Meeting commenced at 7.17pm**

**Present:** Cllrs M Fox (Chairman), B Marshall, J Coyle, M Dooley, M Hinman, V Meredith and Cllr Street – in the Village Hall

R Fieldsend and C Drake-Brockman via Zoom

Members of the public x 4

Parish Clerk – L Powell

**19/282 Minutes Silence**

**There was a minutes silence held in honour of the sad loss of HRH The Prince of Wales.**

**19/283 Apologies for absence**

**Apologies were received from Cllr Kelly who was unwell and Cllr Bretnall who was working. Both apologies were accepted.**

**No Apologies had been received from Cllr Chippington.**

**19/284 Declaration of Members Interest/Update of Register**

**Cllr Dooley declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 291.05**

**19/285 Dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable**

**Pecuniary Interest.**

**There were no dispensations requested.**

**19/286 Exclusion of Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1.**

No items to which public were excluded.

**19/287 17th March 2021 Minutes**

**Consideration was given to the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 17th March 2021, copies had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.**

**It was agreed that on item 276.13 the situation was not to be allowed to happen again.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes be adopted as a true record.**

**19/288 Updates on matters arising from the minutes (for information only)**

**The Clerk reported the following:**

**Item 276.4 The Village Inn**

Pleased to say the Village Inn is to re-open on 17th May 2021.

**Item 276.6 Litter Pick**

This is to take place this Saturday at 11am, all hands-on deck please.

**19/289 Public Speaking:**

**289.1 Parishioner Matters**

**A parishioner reported that, although originally from a travelling community, she has been a resident of Pinxton for more than 24 years yet has been subjected to much abuse since the recent group of travellers arrived in the village. The Clerk reported that the groups of travellers who set up camp on the Welfare car park had not been troublesome, she had visited the site daily, they had been pleasant and kept the site clean, they had been evicted due to their dog biting an allotment holder.**

**289.2 Police Matters**

**The Clerk read out a report from PCSO Saffron Moncreiffe.**

**289.3 Reports from Council Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**There were no reports from outside bodies.**

**289.4 Reports from District and County Councillor Representatives on**

**matters of direct relevance to Pinxton Parishioners Cllr Dooley reported that the**

**Bolsover Lottery has now started. Vision Bolsover is not down sizing on staff.**

**Hopes are high for a station in Pinxton.**

**Cllr Coyle reported that he has been working in the Vaccination Centre which was**

**progressing well. He advised that people were requesting dog bins on Wharf Road.**

**He reported that he had invited the Leader of the Smotherfly protest group to**

**council meetings, he thought there were a lot of important issues to focus on.**

**He thanked everyone for their support during his term in office as a Derbyshire**

**County Councillor and said it had been a privilege and honour to serve.**

**19/290 Planning Applications**

**A summary of all recent planning applications had been distributed to councillors prior to**

**the meeting.**

**It was agreed that no action needs to be taken on any of the applications, however a**

**previous application, 20/00457/FUL, to be re-addressed at the next meeting.**

**19/291 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action**

**291.01 Allotments**

**Consideration was given to the following requests from allotment holders:**

**The keeping of rabbits and chickens.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) rabbits and chickens not permitted to be kept on the allotments.**

**Permission to place a 5ft x 7ft shed.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) A 5ft x 7ft shed be acceptable on the allotments providing it is of good quality.**

**291.02 NHS Seat**

**At the request of Cllr Kelly, to consider the purchase of an additional NHS seat in a blue colour.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) To purchase a blue NHS bench.**

**291.03 20s Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign**

**Consideration was given to supporting the 20s Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign,** **information supplied to councillors prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) No action to be taken.**

**291.04 Memorial Exiting Covid**

**At the request of Cllr Dooley, consideration was given to a memorial for the exiting of Covid. It was agreed that a large wood carving such as on the Blackwell Trail would be good with input from residents and schools.**

**RESOLVED (1 abstention, 8 in favour) to put notices out canvassing ideas for the sculpture.**

**291.05 Active Communities**

**Consideration was given to signing up to the Bolsover Active Communities Programme. Cost to Pinxton PC would be £1000 with Bolsover DC adding £1500, information supplied to councillors prior to the meeting.**

**RESOLVED (8 in favour, 1 abstention) As Extreme Wheels was unsuccessful last year, Cllr Dooley will look into this further and feed back at the next meeting.**

**291.06 Relief Caretaker/Groundsman**

**Consideration was given to employing a Relief Caretaker/Groundsman to be employed as and when required. The Clerk in conjunction with four Councillors to establish terms and conditions.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) to employ a zero hours contract Caretaker/Groundsman.**

**291.07 Staff’s Vehicles**

**Consideration was given as to what action to take regarding the stone chips to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk’s windscreens caused by the Groundsman strimming too close to them.**

**RESOLVED (7 in favour and 2 abstentions) to pay the vehicle excess totalling £200 for repairs.**

**291.08 Footpaths**

**Consideration was given to any action required in relation to footpaths started by former Cllr Watson.**

**Cllr Dooley reported that another email had been received from a resident which she had forwarded to Matthew Connley.**

**Cllr Coyle advised that he had tried to facilitate a compromise over the footpaths as he had done his level best to find a resolution.**

**Cllr Dooley suggested taking the footpaths off the agenda but nobody was in support of this.**

**291.09 Planning Committee**

**As deferred from the meeting of 17th March, consideration was given to forming a Planning Committee and giving them designated powers to respond to applications on the Council’s behalf and then reporting back to council.**

**It was agreed that there was no point to a Planning Committee.**

**19/292 Financial Matters (March 2021)**

**292.1 Income and Expenditure Details for March 2021**

**292.2 Bank reconciliation Statement as of 31st March 2021**

**292.3 Monthly analysis of cash book for March 2021**

**292.4 Budget to date**

**292.5 Statement of Parish Council Investment.**

**292.6 Bank Statement for both accounts.**

**RESOLVED (unanimous) the accounts for March 2021 be adopted.**

**19/293 Clerks Report**

**The Clerk’s report was received. An update on PPC van was given. A request for a dog bin on Lambcroft Road was made. It was requested that PPC’s containers are inspected for water leakage.**

**19/294 Correspondence received**

**The correspondence received was noted. One item Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – future in person meetings, was explained.**

**19/295 Date of the next Parish Council meeting – 19th May 2021**

**Please note this will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm followed by the**

**Annual Parish Council Meeting. This meeting will be in person, venue T.B.A.**

**Meeting closed 8.35pm**

**Signed:………………………………………………………………………. Chairman**

Date:………………………………………..