

# (Virtual) Ordinary Meeting of Coughton Parish Council

Held on: Monday 27 July 2020 at 7pm

Place: Online

**Present:** Cllrs Roy Piddington (Chair), Christine Lewington and Lynne Stanton

In attendance: Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Clive Rickhards

Members of the public: 2

#### 25/20 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Councillors received and accepted apologies from Cllr Stiley who was on holiday and Cllr Carter who had difficulties in joining the meeting online.

## 26/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Stiley had declared in his report a non-pecuniary interest in his report for 30/20 ii.

## 27/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on  $1^{st}$  &  $8^{th}$  June 2020 were confirmed and signed.

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

## 28/20 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public (MOP) reported that the decayed oak tree in the cemetery had been removed for health & safety.

A MOP reported that there had been shooting noises coming from Coughton Wood on  $18^{th}$  July - they were advised to always report this to the Police and to email the Clerk with details of any incidents.

#### 29/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

. Payments & Receipts

Inv. No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
11	K Finlayson	Printing	26.90
12	K Finlayson	PIR Camera	74.99
13	K Finlayson	Emergency Equip	7.52
14	CTKT	Mowing - April	135.00
15	CTKT	Mowing - May	90.00
16	GSC Ventures	Emergency Equip	10.80
17	SDC	Litter Bins	268.46
18	K Finlayson	Ink	18.99
19	K Finlayson	Salary June	263.25
20	K Finlayson	Laptop Repairs	67.99
21	CTKT	Mowing - June	90.00
22	Clerk	Allowance etc.	97.35
23	W J Robinson	Audit	75.25
			1,226.50

Date Rec'd	Payee	Details	TOTAL
06/07/20	Amazon	Camera Return	74.99

Proposed Cllr Stanton

Seconded Cllr Lewington

All in favour

ii. Bank reconciliation

The bank balance as at 2<sup>nd</sup> July was £8513.80 and was balanced

## iii. Budget Cost Centres/Virements

Cllrs approved the following virements:

- o £44.75 from CC1 Audit to CC8 IT & Website
- o £16.72 from CC7 Insurance to CC12 Printing

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

iv. Regular Payments

Cllrs approved the following regular monthly payments:

- o Kerry Finlayson Clerk's Salary up to £300
- o CTKT Lawns Grass Cutting £45 per cut
- Solopress Newsletter Leaflets up to £30

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

v. Asset Register

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

vi. Internal Audit

The report was received and noted.

vii. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2019/20

Kerry Finlayson, RFO, certified that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the accounting statement in the annual governance & accountability return had been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and presented fairly the financial position of the authority.

## a. Certificate of Exemption

Cllr Piddington reported the annual gross income and expenditure for the authority for 2019/20 and the Certificate of Exemption was approved.

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

## b. Annual Governance Statement

Cllr Piddington read out the Annual Governance Statement and Cllrs **agreed** with each statement and that this could be signed off.

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

## c. Accounting statements 2019-20

Cllr Piddington read out the details of the accounting statements on page 6 of the AGAR and these were all **agreed** by all Cllrs.

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

#### 30/20 PLANNING

i. 20/00436/FUL Coughton Fields House, Coughton Fields Lane

No objection

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

ii. 20/01752/TREE Coughton Court

No objection

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

## 31/20 CC RICKHARDS

CC Rickhards commented on:

- o The bollard had finally been fixed!
- Cross party group looking at a Covid Recovery Programme he was part of a group who would be looking at Place, Economy& Climate Change
- $\circ$  Creation of a Warwickshire property company wholly owned by WCC he would be seeking assurance of reasonable democratic control and security
- Looking for local volunteers to continue with all the great work that had been done during this time

## 32/20 DC FORMAN

Cllrs received and noted the report and commented on how disappointed they were with the lack of funding from central government.

#### 33/20 RISK ASSESSMENTS

The report was approved.

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

#### 34/20 POLICIES

- i. Equal Opportunities
- ii. Equality & Diversity
- iii. Travel & Expenses

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

iv. Standing Orders

Proposed Cllr Piddington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

## 35/20 VILLAGE REPORTS

i. Flood Group

Cllrs received and noted the report

ii. Community Group

Cllrs received and noted the report

iii. Ford

Cllrs received and noted the report

• Removal of dangerous tree

Cllrs discussed the two quotes that had been obtained and agreed to award the work to CTKT Studley Lawns & Gardens as this was substantially lower with a request for the base of the tree to be left at a height that it could be sat on.

Proposed Cllr Stanton

Seconded Piddington

All in favour

iv. Coughton Cross

Cllr Piddington was looking into this and would report back at a later meeting, having firstly established who this belonged to.

v. Community Developments

Cllrs received and noted the proposals from Cllr Lewington for a Choir and Book Club. A grant of £500 for the Choir for the remainder of this financial year was approved using S137 funds. Cllr Rickhards advised that there may be a grant that could be applied for from September.

Proposed Cllr Lewington Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

vi. Covid Recovery Fund

There was nothing reported.

## 36/20 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

o Gateways

## 37/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

o Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 6pm followed by the Parish Assembly

## 38/20 TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC and PRESS

The meeting was closed at 20.14

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

Dated:

Signed: