

## **BULCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm in Bulcote Farm Committee Room**

**Present: - Councillors K. Simpson, P. Mountain, A. Washbrooke & C.Springthorpe**  
**Clerk: - Mrs. A Knowles**

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr. Leaves, County Councillor Jackson and District Councillor Wendels sent their apologies.

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Open Session for the Public**

There were 11 residents in attendance.

##### Flooding

Issues were raised over flooding in the last 6 months due to the lack of drainage, drains not being maintained and that some riparian landowners were not necessarily undertaking their duties to main their section of the dyke. Cllr Simpson suggested that a survey be undertaken (quote to be sourced) so any problem be identified. One of the residents is having a meeting with Nick Clarke, the Drainage Officer from NCC which Councillor Simpson would try to attend also.

##### Highways/Footpaths

A resident raised his concerns about the condition of the road – many potholes - between Shaftsbury Avenue and the A612 due to the construction of Wysteria Place. The footpath is not wide enough for the use of a mobility scooter and having to use the road is dangerous due its poor condition and the reduced width caused by parked cars that belong to the employees of the construction company. He has provided a letter of complaint and Cllr Simpson will be contacting Highways regarding this matter.

#### **4. Matters arising from previous Minutes**

- Cllr Simpson has contacted Lisa Hughes to familiarise her with the Bulcote Farm application and the objections raised.
- The council has now been reimbursed for the waste bin by VIA.
- Cllr Simpson has instructed a contractor for the slabs adjacent The Spinney noticeboard – start date t.b.c.
- Regarding the encroaching hedgerows, this matter is still outstanding. District Councillor Wendels was absent from the meeting so could not give feedback

- With regard to retrospective planning permission for ref: 19/01788/FUL West Wall Old Main Road Bulcote Notts., it was confirmed that it would be clad in brick slips.

## 5. Report from County Councillor/ District Councillor None

## 6. Highways and Footpaths

Complaints had been received from residents from The Ridings regarding parked cars from employees at the building site.

The poor condition of Old Main Road was raised by Councillor Springthorpe.

## 7. Planning Matters

- Bulcote Farm – District Councillor had confirmed in a conversation with the clerk that it would not be taken to the February or possibly March planning committee. Lisa Hughes, senior planner, is reviewing the objections and also considering the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Simpson suggested to arrange a meeting with Lisa Hughes to discuss. He has asked District Councillor Wendells to enquire.
- Planning Application Ref: 20/00028/FUL 20 The Leys, Bulcote, Nottingham NG15 5HB Householder application for proposed single storey side extension to existing garage along with associated alterations – the Parish Council had no objections. Clerk to confirm and send reply to N&SDC.

## 8. Community Matters

Cllr Leaves visited Ross Clayden at the MacCarthy & Stone site – still trying to arrange a meeting with head office.

The council has declined the offer of free trees from NSDC as it is understood that they are very small saplings and would be vulnerable to damage.

County Councillor Jackson had messaged the clerk to remind them there is still time to claim a capital grant or LIS from NCC and that he had reported the potholes on A612 twice

Hedge to be cut near the church in the next few weeks – cost £110.

Agreed to purchase an additional 10 lamp post poppies for VE Day Neighbourhood Plan – it has been reviewed by the examiner and a number of amendments are required which will be incorporated by NSDC Will go to full council possibly in February with the village referendum taking place six weeks after. POST MEETING NOTE – It now seems that the referendum will be delayed to coincide with elections in May for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## 9. Finance

### a. Bills for payment and Clerks salary

Clerks expenses	£	37.50
Clerks Wages	£	322.41

### b. Precept

It was agreed to that the precept remain at £7,000 and Phil Ward (N&SDC) would be notified accordingly.

Clerk to find out what is actually involved in the referendum and any costs that may incur. – see post meeting note above

Cllr Springthorpe suggested the council pay to clear the dykes as a temporary measure until such time as a survey to find a solution can be undertaken and as that could be a lengthy process with no estimate of cost available. He will speak to a contractor with a view to arranging this.

POST MEETING NOTE -Councillors Simpson and Mountain attended the meeting with Nick Clarke arranged by Thelma Aris. As Bulcote is not perceived to be a high flood risk area it is extremely unlikely that funds would be available to undertake a flood study or to undertake any flood alleviation measures. Nick Clarke supported the Parish Councils initiative to clear the dykes and said this was consistent with the approach taken by a number of small communities where residents were responsible for monitoring flood risk and identifying potential problems such as blocked drains and culverts.

**10. Correspondence**

Passed to Cllr Simpson

**11. Any other business/AOB for which written notice has been given**

There was none.

**12. Reports from delegates**

There were none.

**13. Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 7.00pm**

**Approved**

**Chairman**

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**