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| Minutes of the Annual Newborough Parish Meeting, held via<br>Zoom video call | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm |
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Present;

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| Councillors  | Cllr Waite; Cllr Gill; Cllr Sherwood; Cllr Bullingham; Cllr Fernyhough; Cllr Williams |
| Also present | C Holmes; Borough Cllr Beech; 5 Parishioners  |

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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#### 2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019

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| All agreed to be a true record of the meeting<br><b>Action; Clerk to convert to pdf and upload to website</b> |
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#### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

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#### 4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

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| <p>Cllr Waite discussed the report sent out this morning and passed to Charlene Gethin, Executive Headteacher for The Forest Family schools.</p> <p>Charlene explained how they have learnt a great deal from 2020 and grown closer as a family. They have worked hard to keep the children and families safe with no school closure. Children have been involved in lots of work throughout the year. Some virtual author visits have occurred, work on a Ugandan project and classes have been exposed to a wide range of the curriculum, having not missed out on anything. Charlene explained that she would be leaving this summer and it is with a heavy heart. She thanked the community for their support.</p> <p>Cllr Waite paid tribute to her fellow councillors. Explained that she was saddened at the loss of Diane Dolling as Parish Clerk but welcomed Charlotte Holmes and thanked her for the work undertaken so far and in the audit report.</p> <p>Cllr Waite discussed the outcome of Poplars Farm and how we can feel comfortable going forward with the restrictions that have been put in place with the planning.</p> <p>Cllr Waite explained how Covid 19 has made us feel lucky to be a part of the community</p> <p>Cllr Gill discussed highways and the new project looking at how to slow traffic and stop irresponsible parking. They now have an agreement to change the speed limits on B5234. Expecting shortly to have drawings sent to all people who will be affected by the change and will form the base of a consultation period.</p> <p>Cllr Gill discussed the changes in speed limit and disruption to the road caused by the new build houses and that he is still working on a resolution to this.</p> <p>The bridge in Elton Close was also hit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time so a long-term solution is being looked for. The track in this area has also been repaved having experienced some damage from large vehicles with additional drainage to stop flooding.</p> <p>Discussion of the possibility of horse and rider signs towards Eland Lodge, something that will be discussed at later parish council meetings.</p> <p>Playpark has experienced a great deal of work throughout the year and hoping shortly to install the rainbow anti slip plates across the bridge.</p> |
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James Bullock has been given another 2-year contract for the grass cutting and village maintenance. Cllr Gill discussed the issues of dog fouling and asked to be kept informed. Moving forward Cllr Gill explained we would be looking at flashing speed lights, possible finger posts and keeping on top of the play park.

Cllr Waite thanked Cllr Gill and his wife for all the work they have done for the village. Cllr Williams discussed some stiles that need replacing and the walkways need further maintenance. These have been reported to SCC and Cllr Williams is waiting for further updates. MOP explained that the SCC will only do work on certain footpaths and stiles as some of the Newborough stiles & footpaths have been downgraded.

Cllr Sherwood explains that he hopes the well-dressing will go ahead in 2022 and will be looking for volunteers.

#### 5. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

##### Income:

Precept was an increase year on year – showing as an increase of 5% from £13,969 in 2019/2020 to £14,993 in 2020/2021

We didn't receive any donations in this year due to no well-dressing taking place because of Covid 19 so our overall Income is lower. A grant was however received from SCC for grass cutting.

##### Expenditure:

This was significantly reduced from 2020/2021 mainly due to there being no well-dressing as previously mentioned. Budget tracker shows a slight overspend on Clerks Salary due to a period where I was training under the previous clerk.

Another over-spend has taken place on training throughout 2020/2021. This is significant largely due to the appointment of a new councillor and a new clerk as well as new courses being on offer by the SPCA. This is not an overall area for concern however due to many savings taking place across other categories.

Other than the well-dressing spending itself some other areas we have seen this make an impact on savings for 2020/2021 is mower and mowing expenses which has seen a massive decrease. Some amazing improvements have been made to the play park so some great work on being budget conscious throughout this.

#### 6. REPORTS FROM BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Beech explains that she is reporting over 2 years and lots of work have been completed throughout this time with securing funding for various projects in Burton on Trent. Cllr Beech has tried to continue to work as normally as possible and is immensely proud of how everyone has come together and worked as a community. Looking forward to getting back to productive human interaction and is open to any questions and emails if you need her for anything.

Cllr Beech explained that we will be part of a new ward joining Hanbury, Marchington and Draycott in the Clay.

Cllr Waite would like thank Cllr Jessel for supporting the highways projects

Cllr Williams discussed the pub and how this has been affected by Covid. A shop was opened throughout this time and they have been serving takeaways.

#### 7. COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM PARISHONERS

No Comments from Parishioners

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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| No other business |
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Meeting closed at 20.13 pm  
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<https://www.newboroughvillage.co.uk>