

**FISHLAKE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**January 2021 AT 7.00P.M IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FISHLAKE.**

**PRESENT:** The Chairman, Councillor J.S. Waite.

Councillors: D.Chaffer, P. Trimingham, P. Webb and D White

1. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None.
2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS.** None.
3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING MEETING:** It was approved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be accepted as a true record.
4. **TO CONSIDER ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS.** The Clerk presented details of the receipts and payments account of the Council for the period to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Total income for the parish was £35,760.47 that compares with expenditure to date of £5,271.86. In addition, donations collected through the activities of the Community Group in response to the Flood appeal of £52,763.28 were transferred to the Rotary Club for distribution.

The total expenditure included the following payments that were presented for approval.

BACS	K. Evans	M9 Sal	£217.02
BACS	HMRC	M9 PAYE	£49.80
BACS	HMRC	M8 PAYE	£50.00
BACS	K. Evans	M10 Sal	£46.06
BACS	HMRC	M10 PAYE	£11.06
BACS	HMRC	M2 PAYE	£48.60
BACS	A P Duckitt	Hedge cutting	£144.00
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	Limited assurance review	£360.00

It was resolved to approve payments. **Action** Clerk to effect BACS transfer in settlement of the amounts agreed.

The Clerk presented details of the budget for 2021/22; as follows:

General Administration	£2,500.00
Clerks Salary & PAYE	£3,150.00
Open spaces	£6,000.00
Section 137 donations	£800.00
Street Lighting	£5,000.00
Improvement Programmes	£15,000.00
Church Christmas Power	£50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£32,500.00</b>

Signed.....Chairman, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Based on anticipated budget expenditure it was resolved the precept be set at £31,687 which maintains the Band D tax base per household at the same level as 2020/2021.

**Action:** Clerk to notify Doncaster Metropolitan Council of precept requirement for 2021/2020

5. **TO CONSIDER ALL ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.** None.
6. **TO CONSIDER ALL PLANNING MATTERS.** The Clerk advised there had been no planning matters reported. The Councillors remarked on the nature of building activity in the proximity of Grant House Farm and speculated that work was being undertaken on embankments at the rear of the properties and questioned whether this was subject to planning approval.
7. **TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS.**  
It was noted that the roads are still in a terrible state following the flood damage with several potholes remaining exposed. **Action:** Clerk to correspond with DMBC to establish the intentions of Doncaster highways to progress road repairs.  
  
The failure of regular gritting of the roads in the proximity of the village particularly on Jubilee Bridge Road was noted; any activity being ad-hoc.
8. **TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME:**  
The deployment and the effectiveness of speed signs within the village was discussed with the conclusion that enforcement action by traffic control police was critical. The initiation of regular speed checks was considered with possible approaches being made to community police support officers.
9. **TO CONSIDER FISHLAKE PLAYING FIELD MATTERS.**  
The merit of installation of double gates at the entrance of the community playing field was discussed and it was agreed that a quotation from local fencing supplier should be sought for council consideration. It was suggested that approaches could be made to the "playing field committee to request a contribution to the cost of these gates. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quotations for the fencing. Cllr Trimingham to consult with members of the Playing Field Committee.
10. **TO CONSIDER FLOOD PLAN/PREVENTION.** Cllr Trimingham commented that the actions of the DMBC and Environmental Agency in response to the recent flood alert was exemplary and a marked improvement to previous experience. He was pleased to report that sandbags were distributed to all house and business in the village. Such was the quality of the response that the 26 flood wardens in Fishlake are cautiously optimistic about the outcome.  
  
**Action:** Clerk to send a letter to DMBC and Environmental Agency commending them on the prompt and effective action in response to the flood alert.

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11. **TO CONSIDER POLICE MATTERS/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ISSUES.**  
The meeting expressed concerns about the extent of increased speeding in the village.

Cllr Trimingham reported on the theft at Foster House. The incident involved a gang who threatened a security guard before making off with a 4 x 4 vehicle.

**Action:** The Clerk to communicate with Syke House Parish Council and share information about the incident and ongoing investigations.

The council noted that recently there has been several parked vehicles near Jubilee Bridge which is some cause of suspicion and concern given the much-reported increase in County Lines activity.

The increase in the incidence of fly tipping was noted.

It was noted that these matters were potentially significant and may warrant some discussion with the local police inspector in Thorne.

12. **TO RECEIVE COMMENTS BY COUNCILLORS ABOUT ANY MATTERS OF CONCERN OF INTEREST:**

The Council wish to ensure that there is nothing outstanding on the account with the Parish Councils garden contractor. **Action:** The Clerk to establish the status of invoices received to date to confirm that all outstanding amounts are settled.

Following the appointment of the new Clerk the Council wish to recognise the work and effort contributed by the retiring Clerk and to that end approve the delivery of a bouquet of flowers in appreciation **Action:** Cllr Webb to arrange the delivery of flowers.

13. **TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** as Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. on Zoom.

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:15p.m.