

ISLIP PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the virtual zoom meeting of Islip Parish Council on Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 7.15pm,

Present

Cllrs L Duval, (sitting as Chairman) B Lymn, R Maxwell, R Tarling-Toley

Also NCClr W Brackenbury, ENCClr V Carter. Clerk C Tilley

- 19/165 Public Participation- no items sent to Clerk
- 19/166 Approved apologies for absence from Cllr Harris, Fryatt, Taylor and Horrell.
- 19/167 No declarations of Members' Interest
- 19/168 Resolved to approve the record of the electronic discussion meeting -20th March 2020
- 19/169 **Planning- none**
- 19/170 **Covid-19** -a) Noted that legislation has been passed allowing the use of virtual meetings until further notice.
- b) Islip Parish Council are keeping residents informed with authoritative information. Particular thanks to Cllr Duval for hard work in helping residents with prescriptions etc and setting up coordinated volunteer response to current situation
- 19/171 **Finance** -Received and approve Bank reconciliation & Payments for April 2020 (Attached)
To note that this financial year, the Clerk is changing from Rialtus Accounts software to Excel Spreadsheets to make accounts more understandable
- 19/172 Annual Return- **Council resolved to approve Annual Governance Statement -Section 1
Council then approved Accounting Statements-Section 2
Internal Audit by NCALC IAS-** this was completed remotely and there were no issues identified. An informal suggestion was made to undertake a review of the effectiveness of Internal Control – this will be scheduled for next March.
- 19/173 **Sports Field-** Cllr Maxwell update. Sports Pavilion all locked down and closed- Taking opportunity to bring forward pitch renovation although having to be done by hand as Plant Hire companies have closed down. Very time consuming and labourious. Finance review-£7000 been carved off budget by removing planned project work. Hopeful most hirers will come back, but could lose some due to cutbacks. Sustainable situation for 3 months- and could finance it for a prolonged period but would have to moth ball it.(ie switch everything off completely, and just pay utilities). However, this would incur higher costs ultimately due to boiler problems/ increased repairs needed/increased works needed for pitch preparation- Third Pump now broken on boiler. Sport England issued a fund but excluded parish councils from applying. Various funding discussed- review next meeting. Cllr Brackenbury will also ask at ENC if there is anything available
- 19/174 **Highways** – Cllr Fryatt absent-defer to next meeting
- 19/175 **Recreation Ground-** To note that this has been closed on government advice, but that Annual Playground inspection has still been scheduled
- 19/176 **Community Matters-**
- Defibrillator- To note that Quote was approved for light in telephone box- waiting for works to commence and that batteries will expire in July. Clerk getting quotes for battery
- 19/177 **To receive District & County Councillors' Reports** – Cllr Brackencury
- 913 business have received 10.3 million of either £10,00 or £25,000 distributed by ENC.
 - Stagecoach will be running a No 16 as a replacement for the withdrawn Diamond Coaches service.

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- Government passed legislation giving new timetable for the Unitaries. New Unitary will still come into force 1st April 2020. Existing councillors will become the Shadow North Northants Council. First meeting will be held virtually. Executive committee for each Shadow cabinet.
- NCC have a Covid-19 meeting every morning- mass leaflet drop to follow.
- Mortuary has been set up in Wollaston- the Leys to take overflow from hospitals if and when needed.
- 83% of schools still open for key workers and vulnerable children.

Cllr Carter-

- Local businesses happy that they had received grants.
- Thrapston have had a number of incidents where people have broken into play areas and been antisocial. Councils have had to contact PCSO's. Police have a Covid-19 support team that anyone can contact if they see any anti-social behaviour.

19/178 **Clerk's Update/Correspondence**

Mainly Covid-19- all relevant circulated and put on website

Historic England- the Park Entrance Memorial Gates have now been Grade II listed, as buildings of special architectural and Historic interest

19/179 **Round the table comments (for information) –**

- Vicar keen to have war memorial reinstated.
- ENC website- has virtual tours of areas in Northamptonshire, a Fitness sessions and Covid pages with lots of activities.
- Council to send flowers to Cllr Taylor- Cllr Maxwell to organise
- Congratulations to Lisa and her volunteers for all the help that they have been giving, she is overwhelmed with offers of help from other residents. Scheme seems to be working well.
- Suggestion of putting a book/jigsaw exchange in the telephone box after cleaning it thoroughly and providing wipes as well, but decided against it in case of possible contamination

19/180 **Close of meeting-8.10 Date of next meeting -Annual Meeting 19th May 2020**