Minutes of the virtual meeting of Islip Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.15pm

**Present**

Cllr E Taylor (Chair), E Curbishley, L Duval, P Fryatt, S Harris, R Horrell, B Lymn, R Tarling-Toley, R Maxwell,

ENCllr V Carter Clerk C.Tilley

1. Public Participation- none present
2. Apologies for absence received from Cllr W Brackenbury
3. There were no declarations of Members’ Interest on the Agenda
4. Resolved to approve the Minutes of the last virtual meeting 15th December 2020. Chairman to sign
5. **Planning** – To discuss and make comment where required

**NE/21/00007/TPO/** 29 Lowick Rd- Reduce x4 Ash tree crowns. Reduce conifer hedge by 2mtrs- Resolved to make no objection

1. **Internal Control**-Cllr Duval to perform after meeting due to technical issues. Cllr Lymn offered to perform the next one

1. **Governance –** Clerks annual review due- Clerk left the meeting whilst councillors discussed this

Resolved to move Clerk up 2 SCP from April 2021 and to ensure that back pay is calculated to cover last years’ rise. Clerk appreciative of this.

1. **Finance**
2. Received and approve the Financial Report, Bank reconciliation & Payments Due for January 2021. Resolved to approve payments
3. Received and approved the Budget monitoring statement- all on budget. Ringfenced monies for the Heritage Board have now been allocated.
4. **Highways** –
5. Cllr Fryatt reported that the path down past The Rose & Crown pub is very dangerous and muddy.
6. Discussed quotes for Mowing contract from Apr 2021 and resolved to continue with Norse.
7. Lowick Rd- broken fencing-still not fixed- Clerk to chase again
8. Long length of fencing along the A14, broken, dangerous. Cllr Curbishley to get details to clerk to report to Highways
9. **Recreation Ground**- Rec checks fine
10. Cllr Taylor will chase up Fenland Leisure to see about getting a price for repairing the play area surface
11. Path across rec past the bowls club needs some attention, Cllr Horrell will spray it in the Spring

New rota needed-Clerk to produce

1. **Sports Field**- Cllr Maxwell reported that a couple have been seen walking a dog across the Sports field, and although asked not to, continue.

Open ditch that runs past the Sports Field, has been filling and causing the pitch to become waterlogged**.** This has now been cleared, so should be remedied

Cllr Fryatt performed an inspection of the rotten soffits around the pavilion, due to poor design of the roof valleys, which means the water does not go int the exterior guttering. Cllr Lymn is in correspondence with the original builder and will chase them prior to next meeting

1. **Community Matters-**
2. VAS signs- received quote for installing three signs- £240 & VAT- No response from Highways regarding the quote for the actual post installation. Clerk looking at other contractors and will chase Steve Barber.
3. Update on Christmas competition entries- Lots of entries were judged and prizes given. Photography contest, not so many entries, but three winners will be announced in the next newsletter- deadline 25th January for copy
4. National Tree Week- various ideas proposed. Possibly within the hedge around the Sports Field, or in the area near shed where existing trees have come down. Cllr Curbishley will investigate any grants/trees available.
5. Dog mess bins- deferred from previous meeting- discussed additional sites further down Ridge rd. Cllr Duval will take photos of location to send to Clerk
6. Vote of thanks to Neil Busby for designing the Heritage Board, many residents are stopping to read it.
7. **To receive District & County Councillors’** Reports –

Cllr Carter reported that planning policy for the Local Plan Part 2 should be going for consultation shortly.

 Cllr Brackenbury had sent in a brief update. Vaccinations being ramped up across county. Criminals using this as a scam opportunity- so residents are reminded that vaccinations are free, and to not give bank details or entertain anyone at their house with regards to it. North Northants Draft budget consultation closes 29th Jan. Children eligible for free school meals, will receive them from NCC during Feb half term, utilising government Covid winter grant.

1. **To receive the Clerk’s Update** and correspondence received-

East Northants Housing Needs survey- Tresham Garden Village project- being distributed randomly

1. **To receive the round the table comments** –

9 Arches Bridge- closing 17th Feb

 Road signs have been stolen- will go in newsletter

 Broken BT manhole in Chapel Hill- opposite houses. BT have been out twice, needs a new cover.

Recent powercuts at far end of village- Western Power doing work- 9-9.30am 26th Jan. Power will be out just when home schooling should start. Cllr Taylor will contact them

Hedge outside of allotments, not cut. Church responsibility-Cllr Horrell will ask local contractor if they could do it

 Village Hall now closed again- so no income.

1. **Close of meeting- 20.50** Next meeting February 16th 7.15pm