Minutes of the meeting of Islip Parish Council held at the **Village Hall**, Islip on 14th December 2021 at 7.15pm

**Present**

Cllrs E Taylor,(Chair) L Duval, R Dunn, S Harris, R Horrell, B Lymn, R Tarling -Toley.

North Northants Cllr W Brackenbury. 1 resident, Clerk C Tilley

1. **Public Session**. The resident asked for council opinion on the presentation by the planners of the proposed Titchmarsh/Thrapston warehouse. Amongst concerns is the siting of the warehouse on the horizon. Cllr Brackenbury had attended and gave information. Strategic Planning department at North Northants Council will deal with any actual applications. (Policy 24)
2. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Curbishley.
3. Declarations of Members’ Interest on the Agenda- None
4. Resolved to approve the Minutes of the last meeting 16th November 2021
5. **Planning** – to discuss and comment where appropriate

 **NE/21/01524/TCA** Various tree reductions- 10 Wellington Terrace- resolved no objections

1. **Governance – to review and approve where appropriate**

a) Resolved that the council meets the criteria to use the General Power of Competenceas all councillors are elected and the Clerk holds the CILCA qualification

 b) Considered and resolved to adopt new version(s) of Health & Safety Policy

c) Cllr Horrell reported all correct on Internal Control, and Cllr Harris volunteered for the next quarterly one

1. **Finance**
2. Received and resolved to approve the Financial Report, Bank reconciliation & Payments Due for December 2021
3. Discussed and approved budget monitoring document and final draft of proposed budget for 2022-23.

(i) Budget agreed at £23,464

(ii) Resolved to precept for £23,000 (same as last year) to cover budgeted amount – expected income of £595- balance £22,869

1. Resolved to approve a purchase in January sales for a new Laptop for the Clerk, mobile phone and possible phone contract- agreed a maximum budget of £1000.
2. **Highways** –
3. Cllr Taylor had been informed of a bus crash along High Street. Clerk had written to Highways Liaison Officer regarding this. Councillor felt reply was a little dismissive. Cllr Brackenbury offered to look into it.
4. To note that a Streetlight in Drayton Close was damaged in storms. Clerk has actioned this due to the nature of the incident. Balfour Beatty have provided a quote for replacement- £1266, (&VAT) which is covered under the insurance apart from the VAT and £250 excess.
5. Discussed the idea of some wildflower planting along verges-very expensive.Decided to look at planting trees instead (21/97a)
6. ‘20s Plenty’ wheelie bin stickers. Cllr Lymn will put an item in the newsletter to garner resident interest.
7. **Recreation Ground**-

a) Rec checks received showing that small climbing frame steps need repairing- Cllr Taylor will ask Ady to fix it-

b) Cllr Dunn reported briefly on memorial/sensory garden- will try and get some plans together, and get some quotes for path, along with help from Clerk

 c) To note that a neighbour backing onto recreation ground has sent in a report on state of the Parish Council owned boundary wall. This was discussed and decided that no actions were needed at present. Any comments can be made when a planning application goes in.

1. **Sports Field**-

a)Cllr Maxwell not available to give a report

1. **Community Matters/Updates-**

 a) Cllr Curbishley unavailable to comment on tree planting along Kettering Road (Queens Canopy)

 b) Lowick Road planting scheme- two more bags of soil needed at some point. Planting scheme to be the same as Chapel Hill. Cllr Duval to speak to Neil Busby about possibility of an extra heritage board. Other options to be considered- possibly a memorial to a RAF pilot. Include options on next Agenda

c) Police Liaison- Cllr Lymn couldn’t attend last minute but is confident it would have been of no benefit to Islip, as no questions answered. Does not think it worth attending again.

1. **North Northants Councillors’** Reports – For Information Only

Grant funding/draft budget going to executive on 23rd Dec- then out for consultation. Continuing works on ‘transformation’ which was held up due to Covid.

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

 a) Clerk reported that portable CCTV for the Safer Streets Initiative was not really relevant to small parish councils as licenses and in -depth training required

 b) Various updates circulated- including NNC Community Grant funding and survey on Electric vehicle charging points- Council determined there were no appropriate places for the points.

1. **Opportunity to update colleagues** –

Cllr Tarling-Toley had received 14 entries to wreath competition. Cllr Taylor and Tarling-Toley to judge and purchase prizes

1. **Close of meeting-** Next meeting –Tuesday January 18th 2022 7.15pm