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**Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, Held on Thursday March 18th, 2021 at 7:30pm
 By remote link using Zoom.**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the parish council met using Zoom with members of the public being invited to attend.

Members Present: Parish Councillors Stephen Tomlinson, Linda Hook, John Smyth, Richard Matthews, Kathryn Barker, Damon Boughen, and Kevin O'Donoghue

Clerk – Fiona Young,

Also, present – One member of the public

Item no	
21/37	To receive any apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence. It was Resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr Kaur.
21/38	To receive any pecuniary and non-pecuniary Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda None received
21/39	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 18th, 2021 Cllr Barker highlighted a typing error which was amended, it was then Resolved to approve the minutes from the February meeting which will be signed when appropriate.
21/40	Public Session A member of the public explained that when he locked the gates to the Ladybridge Car park he experienced some abuse from some young people who had left their car in the car park after closing. It was clear that the wooden posts that form the perimeter of the car park were becoming loose as one of the young people pulled a post out of the ground. A member of the public mentioned that some more rubbish bins may be a good idea in the parish in general.
21/41	To Receive Reports from a. Police Representative. Non residential burglary 1 Criminal Damage 5 Vehicle Crime 4 PC Jamie Edwards reported that two of the criminal damage cases were historic but reported in Feb. b. Borough Councillor Cllr Brian Oldham reported via Cllr Hook that the covenant on the old pub site had finally been lifted. c. County Councillors Nothing to report.
21/42	To receive report from Councillors or Clerk attending outside meetings on behalf of WHPC Cllr Barker reported that she attended a course with Ncalc on Planning and a course with Northants Acre about Rural Food services.

21/43	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes, for report only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second donation to the ReStore charity was made. The payment to St Benedicts Guiding was made. The Clerk requested a short statement from both organisations to put on the website page. 																												
21/44	<p>Financial Matters</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 421 1481 750"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payable to</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount £</th> <th>Power to spend</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ReStore Northampton</td> <td>Donation Covid, 2nd donation</td> <td>1000.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.137</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Benedicts Guiding</td> <td>Donation Covid</td> <td>1500.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.137</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hunsbury Meadows Primary School</td> <td>Donation for IT assistance during the Covid Pandemic</td> <td>2450.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.137</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F Young</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>736.28</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax and NI</td> <td>218.20</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ncalc Course</td> <td>Planning Course Cllr Barker March 2021</td> <td>38.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s.175</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1. It was Resolved to authorise the above payments. Cllr Hook confirmed that the controls checks had been actioned and there were no issues.</p> <p>2. Bank reconciliation – Balance at start of 2020 £4,647.90 +£45,178.34 less payments £19,768.20 plus receipts £34,030.45 = £64,088.49 Bank accounts at 10.03.21 £18,889.51 plus £45,198.98 = £64,088.49</p> <p>3. NBC Covid Grant - To discuss and agree any further ideas for distribution of the remaining funds The Clerk reported that there is £1556.00 left from the NBC Covid Grant. It was agreed to publicise that the council still has money available.</p> <p>4. Zoom licence – resolution to purchase a licence to use Zoom After some discussion no proposal was made, and the agenda item was not carried.</p>	Payable to	Details	Amount £	Power to spend	ReStore Northampton	Donation Covid, 2 nd donation	1000.00	LGA 1972 s.137	St Benedicts Guiding	Donation Covid	1500.00	LGA 1972 s.137	Hunsbury Meadows Primary School	Donation for IT assistance during the Covid Pandemic	2450.00	LGA 1972 s.137	F Young	Salary	736.28	LGA 1972 s112	HMRC	Tax and NI	218.20	LGA 1972 s112	Ncalc Course	Planning Course Cllr Barker March 2021	38.00	LGA 1972 s.175
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21/45	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Resolution to comment on the following new applications-</p> <p>N/2021/0225 4 Lister Drive, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 9XE. Replacement fence in rear garden (Retrospective) It was Resolved to submit No Comments</p> <p>N/2021/0196 25 Hunsbury Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 9UE Single storey side/rear extension, front extension to garage, conversion of garage into habitable space and first floor extension over garage with dormer roof extension It was Resolved to submit No Comments</p>																												
21/46	<p>Northants Acre</p> <p>1. To receive a report from Cllr Tomlinson regarding recent discussions about partnership working Cllr Tomlinson explained that he had held a Zoom meeting with Northants Acre to discuss how the parish council could work with Nacre in the future. The main concern for Nacre is that there are some incredibly old buildings on site that are very expensive to run, it was agreed that running the site as more of a community facility was more favourable than having to sell the site. There are various grants available to help improve the site if it involves the community more. There is an area of land that used to be the kitchen garden which the parish council are interested in as allotments and a community orchard could be developed on it. It was agreed that the parish council could act as a facilitator between Nacre and the community and any other organisations that Nacre could work with. The parish council are also interested in plans to open some woodland to the public.</p>																												

	<p>It was Resolved that Cllr Tomlinson would continue the dialogue with Nacre and get more information. Cllr Barker also registered an interest in becoming involved.</p> <p>2. Resolution to join Northants Acre at a cost of £35/year, proposed by Cllr Barker After some discussion it was agreed that membership of Northants Acre was not needed at the moment, it was felt that it is more important that the parish council become involved in the future plans for the whole site and that membership was more relevant to rural parish councils. The proposal was not seconded and therefore not carried.</p>
21/47	<p>Grounds and pathways</p> <p>1. Receive update from the Pathways Working Party, to resolve Terms of Reference and to resolve the remit and aims of the working party After some discussion it was agreed that the Terms of Reference as presented to the parish council were too detailed and lengthy. It was agreed to split the existing document into two and have one document as a Terms of Reference and the other as a more details explanation of the aims of the working party. It was Resolved to approve the revised Terms of Reference.</p> <p>2. Green Lane Flooding – to update council on recent correspondence. The Clerk explained to the council that there had been a lot of recent correspondence regarding Green Lane and quite a lot of interest on social media. There has been some fly tipping of green waste on the lane and unfortunately a member of the public had attached plastic ties and notices to the fly tipped branches which are not biodegradable and so added to the issue. The parish council have repeatedly asked for updates regarding the works which had been promised on Green Lane, these included a survey of all remedial works required and also the construction of a new drain to prevent flooding. To date the parish council has not received any updates or confirmation of any works being undertaken. The Clerk contacted NBC Cllr Brian Oldham and NCC Cllrs Pinder Chauhan and Andre Gonzalez de Savage to request that they investigate this issue on behalf of residents who are still experiencing difficulties. The Clerk was asked to follow this up for the April meeting.</p> <p>3. Ladybridge Park – to report on the discovery of a privately cultivated area of the park. The Chairman explained that a park ranger had contacted him regarding a small parcel of the park that bordered the back of Heronsford. Cllr Hook explained that the parcel of land is at the back of her property and that of several of her neighbours. Many years ago, NBC stopped mowing and tending that parcel of land and as a result it became very overgrown and misused. As this part of the park backed onto private gardens some of the residents started to cut back the overgrown grass and shrubs. This has continued and is still being done now. The land is still accessible from the park.</p> <p>4. Resolution to obtain quotes for the cleaning of bus shelter windows and noticeboards. It was Resolved to get quotes for cleaning the bus shelters and the notice boards in the parish.</p>
21/48	<p>Elections 2021 – to discuss and resolve any action required regarding the upcoming elections. The nomination papers are now available to download. It is now possible to deliver campaign leaflets. The Clerk explained that she has the electoral roll and can supply candidates with their numbers when required.</p>
21/49	<p>To review correspondence received and agree actions if any.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiry from resident regarding the parish boundary line – Clerk could not contact as email address was not valid. • Easter Scarecrow festival – Clerk put poster on social media • Resident report of tree fallen on Green Lane – Clerk and resident reported to NBC • DDC Candidate briefing • Rob Sullivan- Northampton 10k run, 6 June 2021 – no action required

21/50	<p>Staffing, confirmation of annual leave.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that she had 12 hours of annual leave left for the current financial year, it was Resolved to allow the Clerk to carry this over to the next financial year. The Clerk also reported that she is hoping to take some leave at Easter depending on the workload.</p>
21/51	<p>Next meeting April 15th, 2021</p>

Signed Chairman

Dated