

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Due to the Covid 19 outbreak, no Parish Council meetings have been able to take place since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. As lockdown measures began to ease it was agreed for the Parish Council to get together via Zoom to reconnect.**

**Present:** Councillor Hicks, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Gautrey, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Brearley, Councillor Annett, Councillor Daniel McNally and 2 members of the public.

**Apologies:** District Councillor McMillan and Councillor Johnson

- 1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**The following points were noted:**

- 2. MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Rural Safety Partnership – Speed Watch Scheme update** – No further updates or news. No police meetings have taken place and due to the current pandemic, there are currently no scheduled dates for meetings.

**2.2 Village Hall/Church – update** – Currently there are no church services due to the current situation. Thanks, were given to Frank and his team at NTM and the Cllr Marsh for giving up their time to make the church grounds look nice again.

It was noted that the Village Hall could apply for a grant from the government as it is classed as a business that has had to close due to the pandemic.

**2.3 Overview of Crime – update** – All quiet in the crime front at the minute, although it was noted that some criminal activity was on the rise again for people to remain vigilant. It was noted that eggs and money had been stolen from one home in the village. The culprit had been apprehended, but homes should remain vigilant in these challenging times.

**2.4 Fleetway – Results of Archer Survey** – The results of the survey were discussed. It was noted that although there were a few instances of people driving faster than the speed limit were more instances of people sticking to the limit. It was noted that highways had requested that a fallen sign be re-erected and that the faded speed limit be repainted on the road.

**2.5 Tetney Lock Footpath** – The meeting was joined by 2 members of the public to discuss this issue. There were concerns about privacy to the properties that the footpath would now pass by. It was agreed that the Parish Council would issue the view that the path deviate slightly away from the properties by apx 100 yards or that if possible, the council find an alternative route. **Action:** Parish Clerk to respond to Lincolnshire County Council.

**2.6 Sea Lane** – It was noted that Sea Lane is a particularly ‘dicey’ road especially to people who are new to the area. It was noted that several times this year cars have had to be removed from the local farmer’s field. It was also noted that these incidents should be reported to highways to enable highways to re-evaluate the speed on this road.

**2.7 Precept 2020/21** – It was noted that the precept is due to be submitted in January and that the councillors take a moment to think about any projects that could come up in the coming year to the benefit of the village. A few ideas were: Village crest/welcome to the village sign. Visual noticeboard about the village/history etc. The precept will be agreed at the meeting in January 2021.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**3.1 No Correspondence had been received.**

### **4. FINANCE**

**4.1 Cheques** – The following Cheques were approved:  
Parish Clerk Wages – Cheque No: 324  
Memorial Wreath – Cheque No 325

**4.2 Accounts Year End** – The Annual Governance Statement was unanimously agreed that it be signed and approved for this financial year. The annual financial statement was also unanimously agreed that this was a true and accurate account of all financial transactions during the past year and would now be inserted into the web site. Income for the year was **£6500** Expenditure for the year was **£6405.01** leaving a balance in the Current Account at year end of **£7830.13** The Business Reserve Account had a balance of **£899.77**. T Davey of T Davey Accountants had once again carried out the internal audit and no problems were reported and all criteria and transparency guidelines had been adhered to.

The Certificate of Exemption (stating an income/expenditure of less than £25,000) was signed and dated and would be returned to the PFK Little-John LLP as the external auditors.

All will display the Notice of Dates of the Period for Exercise of Public Rights on the web site and notice board whereby the accounts will viewable.

All signed and passed financial documents will be displayed on the web site as per the Transparency Code.

It was agreed that £5000 should be transferred to the Business Reserve Account for Election fees/resources.

## 5. AOB

**5.1 Phone Box** - Great to see this commodity being used, but it does need tidying up as recently it has seen an influx of books being deposited.

**5.2 Potholes-** Keep using fix my street. The council have been out fixing some, but not all.

**5.3 Driving Conditions** – The council will grit the main road into the village up to the war memorial, as per previous years and will not do any other roads in the village.

**5.4 Thank You** - It was agreed that Thanks should be given to residents of the village who have ‘gone beyond’ during this difficult time. **Action: Parish Clerk to send out letters to the individuals suggested by councillors.**

**The date for the next meeting - was fixed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed – dependent on Covid regulations).**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm**