

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 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 Marsh, Councillor Brearley and Councillor Daniel McNally

**Apologies:** District Councillor McMillan, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Gautrey, Councillor Johnson and Councillor Annett

- 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, they are currently looking at scheduling a meeting next month if possible.

**2.2 Village Hall/Church – update** – Currently there are no church services due to the current situation. The church is unable to open due to not having any running water. Village Hall – Football training has been taking place, but there has been no other use of the village hall at present.

**2.3 Overview of Crime – update** – It was noted that crime was on the rise, two people were arrested for 2 separate muggings in Louth and it was noted that a small dark car had been seen around several of the local villages it is believed that this vehicle and its occupants were involved in several thefts that had occurred namely cars and scramblers.

**2.4 Tetney Lock Footpath** – Our response to the location of the replacement footpath was sent to Lincolnshire Council. We received a map requesting us to draw where we would like the new footpath to go. We will submit the map with the Parish Council suggested route. **Action:** Parish Clerk to submit map to Council.

**2.5 Crow Scarers** – It was noted that the farmers crow scarers seem to be a lot louder than previous years and it was thought that an error had occurred in their set up as they seem to be going of. It was noted that the Geese and Swans had been ruining the Rape crop and this is potentially why is as more frequent than usual. **Action:** Cllr Marsh to speak to the farmer to see what can be resolved.

**2.6 Precept 2020/2021** –. It was a greed by members present at the meeting to leave the precept at £6500, same as the previous years. **Action:** Parish Clerk to email members that sent apologies to get their agreement in writing.

Potential projects this year include: Village Sign, Village information sign, Nice trees at all entrances to the village and along some roads where it looks a bit empty.

**2.7 Councillor Resignation/Recruitment** – The Parish Council received Cllr Gautreys resignation due to him leaving the village for pastures new. The Parish Council wished to thank Cllr Gautrey for his work for the council and wished him luck for his future venture. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to recruit more councillors. **Action:** Parish Clerk to advertise vacancies.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**3.1 No Correspondence had been received.**

### **4. FINANCE**

**4.1 Cheques** – The following Cheques were approved:  
Ink & Hard drive – Cheque No: 326  
Parish Clerk Wages – Cheque No: 327  
PKF Little John Admin Fee – Cheque No 328

### **5. AOB**

**Pot Holes** - It was noted that the Council are very busy at the minute, but were sending out teams to get potholes filled.

**The date for the next meeting - was fixed as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm  
(venue to be confirmed – dependent on Covid regulations).**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm**