

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
at 7.30pm at North Cotes Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor Hicks, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Brearley, Councillor Annett. Councillor Shipman, Councillor Daniel McNally, District Councillor McMillan and several members of the public

**Apologies:** None

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
2. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - 2.1 **Local Elections** – It was noted that Conservative candidate Councillor Daniel McNally had retained his seat in the local elections and that the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections were won by Conservative Candidate Marc Jones. Congratulations were noted for both.
  - 2.2 **Parish Councillor Elections** - Nominations were needed for the Council Officers for the forthcoming year.

Mrs W van der Horst proposed that Mr A Hicks continue as Chair, this was seconded by Mrs A Marsh and carried unanimously.  
Mr A Hicks proposed that Mrs Wendy van der Horst continue as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr F Brearley and carried unanimously.
  - 2.3 **Rural Safety Partnership – Speed Watch Scheme Update** – No further updates or news. No police meetings have taken place and due to the current pandemic.
  - 2.4 **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, as well as there being no current vicar. There was an issue with grass cutting for the Church and a request for volunteers to cut the grass has been made. It was noted that the Village Hall's business rates had gone unpaid for 2 years. It was agreed that the full amount owing should be paid immediately to avoid further costs but that we should look into getting a rate relief. It was agreed that the Charity Commission should be made aware of the current issue with the Village Hall with regards to current funds and accounts not being completed for over 2 years.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to contact ELDC – Business rates & to contact Charity Commission

**2.4.1 Village Hall Committee** – A new committee was formed at this meeting. A date would now be set for the committee to meet and take the hall forward

**2.5 Overview of Crime – update** – it was currently quiet, but all villagers should remain vigilant and report any incidents

**2.6 Trust Houses** – It was noted that the Parish Clerk had taken over as Clerk to the Trust Houses. An update to the Trust Houses will be provided at future Council meetings. A new committee was formed and a meeting date would be arranged. **Action:** Parish Clerk to arrange a suitable meeting time/date for the new committee.

**2.7 Road Markings – White Lines** – A member of the public requested that central white lines should be marked on the road on the way into the village. **Action:** Parish Clerk to contact Highways

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**3.1 Planning Permission – South View (amended)** It was noted that the planning application had been amended slightly, but the Parish Council views still remained the same as the previous application

**3.2 Donation Request** – It was noted that a donation request of £10 had been received from Lowland Search. The committee was in unanimous agreement that the suggested donation be made to this worthy cause.

### **4. FINANCE**

**4.1 Cheques** – The following Cheques were approved:  
Parish Clerk Wages – Cheque No: 331  
Microsoft Office Renew for Clerk – Cheque No: 332  
Zurich Insurance – Council Insurance – Cheque No: 333  
Donation to North Tribes Mission – Cheque No:334  
Donation for Village Hall – Cheque No: 335  
Payment for Maintaining War Memorial – P Pridgeon – Cheque No: 337  
Lowland Search Donation – Cheque No: 338

**4.2 Accounts Year End** – The year end accounts were agreed and would now be sent the Auditor

**4.3 Accountant/Auditor** – It was agreed that we would retain our current Auditor Mr Davy and that the costs for the service would now be £100+vat. The committee still considered this good value as others councils were playing almost double this fee.

**5. AOB**

**Horseshoe Point** – Please can people keep reporting the state of the road to ‘Fix My Street’

**The date for the next meeting - was fixed as Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm at The Refectory – New Tribes Mission.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm**