

A virtual meeting of Drayton Parish Council took place using Zoom on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm. Present with Cllr P Brown in the chair were Cllrs, Mrs N Musgrave, Mr M Blencowe, Mr D Webb. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs D Foulk

1/21 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed, proposed by Cllr Musgrave seconded by Cllr Webb

## 2/21 MATTERS ARISING

2/21/1 Highways. The Clerk to remind OCC highways again of the recent agreement to paint hatch lines at the entrance to Mill Lane, repaint the 30 roundels and arrange for a speed Check on the A422

2/21/2 Parking Cllr Brown had walked the site and intends to apply for a pre-app soon for about 10 spaces

2/21/3 Church Fence. This has been repaired

2/21/4 Tree near village hall OCC have agreed to do work on the tree. Clerk to chase.

2/21/5 The noticeboard This had been erected and a vote of thanks to Cllr Brown was agreed

2/21/6 Nothing further on the elder tree nor the problem with motorbikes.

2/21/7 A planning application had been allowed for works to the hedge to the north of the A422 in Wroxton parish which will involve clearing and pollarding

## 3/21 FINANCE

3/21/1 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 000454 £52.40 to HMRC for ¼ tax, No 000455 £198 to Progardens Ltd for mowing,

3/21/2 The following cheques were agreed at the meeting No 000456 £210 to D G Webb for labour and materials (church fence). No 000457 £877.74 to Mr G A Reynolds for (salary £840 & expenses £37.74) and No 000458 £33.95 to G A Reynolds for printing ink.

3/21/2 The financial update was noted.

3/21/3 The Clerk reported he had approached 3 contractors for quotes for the grasscutting in the village and graveyard. I responded that he had too much work at present. Of the other two PROGARDENS quoted £180 per cut plus VAT and Mr N Prickett quoted £170 per cut plus VAT. Subject to the Chairman examining the quotes it was proposed by Cllr Brown seconded by Cllr Musgrave that the quote from Mr N Prickett be accepted for the next 3 years with a possible extension of 2 further years.

**3/21/4 PRECEPT Having checked the proposed budget and discussed the figures and expecting to spend up to £1000 on the possible parking area and £800 on a possible election it was proposed by Cllr Webb seconded by Cllr Musgrave the the precept remains at £9000 for 2021/2022.**

3/21/5 The Council confirmed it was content for Mr N Turner to complete the Internal Audit

3/21/6 The Clerk was appointed the Responsible Financial Officer

3/21/7 It was agreed to discuss the clerk's salary outside the meeting and report back in March

3/21/8 It was agreed that no allowance would be paid to Councillors although travelling might be allowed

3/21/9 Donations

3/21/10 It was agreed to remain a member of the OALC

3/21/11 The insurance was agreed. The clerk to check if the bus shelter was insured

3/21/12 The risk assessment was checked and agreed

3/21/13 The asset register was checked and noted

3/21/14 Extra expenditure was discussed and it was agreed that the £1000 pounds in the budget would be enough for this year in order to deal with any possible planning application.-

**4/21 WEBSITE** Cllr Musgrave updated the council on the progress. It is hoped that it will be up and running by the end of the financial year. It is hoped a resident from the church could be represented on the group organising the site.

## **5/21 PLANNING**

5/21/1 The oil depot application at Hornton has been refused

5/21/2 Enforcement The OCC had responded to the Council's concerns with a detailed response that appeared to show the highway boundary against the dwelling. The council agreed to check the letter from Mr Vidovic before replying

6/21 **EMERGENCY PLAN** The clerk said he was putting a plan together in draft form for the Council's thoughts. He did suggest that all councillors get a generic email address that can go into the plan so their personal one need not be used.

**7/21 Correspondence.** All has been circulated.

**8/21 Village Matters** When the village verges are to be cut the contractor to asked to them to cut the sides of the Jitty and then get OCC to check the surface. Cllr Webb to approach Mr Fox to ask that the hedge on the left as you enter the village from Banbury is cut back.

9/21 Elections It is intended that there will be elections in May although they may be delayed due to Covis not only will there be a Parish election but also ones for the District and the County and for the Police commissioner. It was noted that there are now 127 residents registered on the new estate.

The next meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>.