

# **AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Virtual Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 2:00 pm**

Present

A Syrett

(Chair)

T Trafford

S Poole

T Howell

T Clough

H Perkins

L Adsetts-Moseley

D Adsetts-Moseley

In attendance:

R Price - Parish Clerk & RFO

R Fearn – Manager Doe Lea Centre

Councillor C Moesby - DCC

### **281/20 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

### **282/20 Declaration of Interests**

T Howell declared an interest in Items 11 on the agenda

### **283/20 Public Forum**

A member referred to the issue of the damaged manhole cover between Bramley Vale and Doe Lea. The Water Board had visited and done some work but the manhole cover had still not been replaced properly. Councillor Moesby explained that he had some pictures of the problems and that he would see if DCC could put some pressure on the water company to resolve the problem.

A member raised a question as to whether the Centre may have any excess computers which could be utilised by the school children through the crisis. The Manager explained that they had nothing suitable. Councillor Clough explained that she had been in contact with the Head who had advised that anyone with problems of access should contact the school. A small hardship fund had been set up to help families in need of food. Councillor Moesby explained that they were still pushing for vouchers to be provided rather than the food boxes, which seemed to be falling well short of expectations.

A member informed the Council that a large number of trees had been bulldozed on the far side of Holmewood Brook, which fell in the Heath and Holmewood Parish. It was suggested that the Heath and Holmewood Parish Council be notified and that this Parish Council writes to Chatsworth Estates expressing their concerns. This action had undone a lot of good work previously carried out in the area by Ault Hucknall Environmental Group.

The Clerk reported receipt of a notification that residents of Bramley Vale had started a petition to submit to DCC requesting the addition of Bramley Road to the gritting routes. This road connected directly to the A617 just below the brow of the hill where traffic generally moved at high speed. Bramley Road itself is really steep where it joins this junction and any vehicle getting caught on ice or snow was in danger of skidding directly in to the path of traffic on the A617. It was agreed that the Parish Council wholeheartedly support the petition as well as making a separate submission to DCC placing the same request.

### **284/20 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

### **285/20 Police Matters**

There were no police matters to report.

### **286/20 Report of County Councillor**

Councillor Moesby submitted the following report:

He had reported problems with lamppost 2157.

He sent regular DCC releases through to the Clerks of Parish Councils within his Ward in order that any relevant information could be disseminated to members.

He referred to the Police and Crime Commissioners Consultation sessions where he had raised the issues of the lack of neighbourhood policing. He suggested that it may be useful to invite the PCC and/or his deputy to a future meeting of the Parish Council to reinforce these concerns.

He explained that he had been dealing with Bramley Vale School and that he had been able to provide a grant to the Friends of Bramley Vale School

### **287/20 Budget and Precept 2021/2022**

This item was brought forward on the agenda as a member needed to leave the meeting.

The Clerk circulated accounts detailing the income, expenditure and balances to date together with an estimate of the outturn for the end of the year 2020/2021.

Members considered the effect that several levels of precept would have on Council Tax. There was now no Council Tax Support Grant creating a greater pressure on council tax payers.

Members were conscious of the devastating effect that the Covid crisis had had on many sectors of the community and they felt that it was not relevant at this time to increase the pressure on their community. Following detailed consideration it was therefore Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that a precept of £40,000 be levied for 2021/2022 being a nil percent increase on the level of precept from the current year. As the Council tax base had been adversely affected by the crisis this would result in an increase of £1.01 **per year** for a Council Tax Band D payer, a rise of 0.01p **per week**.

S Poole left the meeting at this point.

### **288/20 Report of District Councillor**

Councillor Clough reported that there had been many complaints about the red bin collections. A complaint had been submitted to the Manager but a reply was still awaited. She also explained that she had been looking in to the reasons for the number of void properties in Bramley Vale. It appeared that some were due for renovations and there was a possibility that some may be demolished and replaced.

### **289/20 Public Spaces Protection Order**

Bolsover District Council has introduced a Dog Public Spaces Protection Order which covers all areas of open space in the district. They were working to sort signage for

play areas and areas of public open and had already covered most of the sites in Bolsover District Council's ownership.

It has been agreed that we can use a standard sign for areas of open as Bolsover District Council is the enforcing body for the order.

Signs are £44.00 each (including fixings) and will be erected free of charge by our playground inspector who regularly travels around the district whilst undertaking his duties.

It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with BDC and that approval be given to purchase all necessary signage

### **290/20 Grit Bin**

The Clerk reported receipt of a request for an additional grit bin at Northcote Way, Doe Lea to assist clearance of the roads. It was established that the purpose of the provision of the grit bins was for the gritting of footpaths to aid pedestrians. The gritting of roads was the responsibility of the County Council. The level of grit available in a grit bin would fall far short of what would be required to sufficiently clear a roadway, the length of which would be required in this and most other locations. It was therefore agreed not to provide any additional grit bins in this location as it would not be cost effective and would not provide the benefit of road clearance which was expected by the applicant.

### **291/20 Bee Friendly Bus Stops**

The Clerk circulated a paper from Cllr Nick Clarke, Portfolio Holder Carbon Reduction Efficiencies, Bolsover East Ward.

He was exploring the possibility of introducing Bee Friendly Bus Stops throughout the District.

“Essentially it means the roofs of bus shelters covered in sedum plants which help to contribute to the biodiversity of the area and create habitats for Bees and other insects. They also capture fine dust particles from traffic, store rainwater and help with sequestration of CO2 emissions in the atmosphere.

As bus shelters throughout our District are under the control of different authorities i.e. Town, Parish, District and County Councils I am taking the opportunity as Portfolio Holder for Carbon Reduction Efficiencies to contact you all to seek agreement for all bus shelters in the District of Bolsover to be covered with “Green Roofs” as part of our ambition to reduce Carbon emissions in the fight against Climate Change.

At this stage this is just an idea but if I can gain support from all the relevant Councils in the first instance it would help prepare the way for a programme of “greening” the roofs of bus shelters. This idea does not need to be limited to just bus shelters, any suitable roof could be considered such as covered cycle racks etc.

This initiative has already taken place in cities such as Sheffield, Leicester and Utrecht in Holland. <https://www.greenmatters.com/p/bus-stops-for-bees> <https://www.outsmart.org.uk/news/leicester's-bus-shelters-go-green> <https://www.greenroofs.com/projects/sheffield-bus-shelter/> “

Members considered this initiative and agreed that it should be supported.

## **292/20 Doe Lea Centre**

The Manager, Richard Fearn, reported on the following matters:

- Financial Report:

Business Grants from BDC ~ £6500 Furlough - £2487.80

- Coronavirus Response:

The Centre remains closed apart from Real Ed. and Friday Post Office, we are continuing to use this time to complete repairs, maintenance and have a good sort out of the rooms and storage.

- Holiday Wednesday:

Christmas was again successful, although there were more people without children accessing the service. This will be monitored.

Thanks to Councillor Clive Moesby for the funding that helped provide additional food items, activity packs, chocolates, and gifts.

- Live and Local:

The Live and Local show booked for the start of March has been cancelled.

- Maintenance and utilities:

Utility Aid have been in touch to start the process of getting energy supply quotes for the gas and electric contracts which are up in June – I have again asked for green tariffs.

We are looking at using some of the money from the business support grants to re-decorate the hall.

- Entrust – Landfill Communities Fund

We have been successful in gaining £5000 funding from the Landfill Communities fund. This will allow us to install an induction loop system in the hall, improve the Centre's Wi-Fi, purchase a new projector and larger screen and a new PA system for the hall.

- Other items:

The Centre has purchased a Zoom licence to allow the Craft and Chat group to meet virtually. This has been set up as a Centre account so the liability for GDPR fall to the Centre and not Gwenda personally. We have also set up a [craftandchat@doelea.org.uk](mailto:craftandchat@doelea.org.uk) e-mail account for Gwenda to use but which will be managed by the Centre again improving our security and ensuring Gwenda has separation between her private and professional accounts.

## **293/20 Parish Projects Stainsby School**

A response had been received from National Trust explaining that, in response to the Parish Council's request, they would provide details of the companies marketing the property, as soon as these were available.

It was reported that the Ault Hucknall Environment Group, who were members of the consortium, had access to funding to undertake a survey. It was agreed that the National Trust again be requested to arrange access to the property to allow a survey to be undertaken, as this would allow the consortium the ability to assess how to move forward if the property was marketed.

### **Ramp**

BDC had reported that they were still awaiting information from DCC. The Clerk was asked to speak with the County Councillor to see if this matter could be expedited.

### **Bike Track**

The Clerk was asked to contact BDC to see whether they had any more detail in relation to the proposed route of the bike track in the vicinity of West Street at Doe Lea.

**294/20 Allotment Matters**

The Allotments Manager was shielding and was therefore unable to follow up requests from new allotment holders until restrictions had been lifted.

**295/20 Applications for Grant Aid**

There were no applications for grant aid

**296/20 Financial Matters  
Payment of Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment

<b>Parish Council</b>		
E R Price	Clerk Salary December	£1040.10
	Clerk Salary January	£1032.75
K Gent	Parish Warden Salary December	£491.20
	Parish Warden Salary January	£584.20
HMRC	PAYE & NI December	£343.02
	PAYE & NI January	£343.02
Shelter maintenance	Cleaning of bus shelters 13375	£44.78
(ERP) Cartridge Discount	Toners for printer	£113.55
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£32.78
AML Midlands Ltd	Microsoft 365 Business & Cloudcare (22993)	£14.28
Plantscape	Solar Christmas Trees (8843)	£906.00
R Cook	Supply and install base, supply, erect, decorate and dispose of tree, supply LED Lights, supply power supply	£3720.00
Roy Nadin print	Print 700 newsletters	£266.00
Woolley Moor Nurseries	Winter Planting	£2289.00
<b>Doe Lea Centre</b>		
AML Midlands Ltd	VOIP Calls (23006)	£1.55
	Office & Avast (22920)	£43.14
	VOIP rental & broadband (23028)	£72.60
Mint security	Maintenance of Intruder and fire alarm	£800.00
Premier 1 (UK) Ltd	Window Cleaning	£60.00
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene services (December)	£46.02
	(January)	£46.02
Crown Gas and Power	Gas December	£242.81
	Gas January	£286.78
SSE	Electric	£239.89CR

## 297/20 Planning Applications

<b>Applications</b>			
20/00577/DETAG	Stainsby Farm, Hawking Lane, Stainsby	A mono-pitch agricultural steel framed building for the storage of farm machinery	Agreed that the Parish Council suggest an environmentally friendly roof for the proposed building for eg. bee friendly/moss covered/solar panelled
<b>Decisions</b>			<b>BDC Decision</b>
20/00467/TCON	School House, Hawking Lane, Stainsby	Beech Fagus Sylvania T1 1-2m reduction of overall canopy as part of routine maintenance work undertaken over a 4-6 year cycle to promote health and vigour of tree. 10% outer canopy thin to reduce wind sail	Resolved not to make a TPO and allow proposed work to proceed
20/00419/TCON	Manor Farm Cottage, Astwith Lane, Astwith	Cherry Tree to be pollarded	Resolved not to make a TPO and allow proposed work to proceed

## 298/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 2:00 p.m.