

AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Virtual Meeting held **1st December 2020 at 2:00 pm**

Present

A Syrett

(Chair)

T Trafford

S Poole

T Howell

T Clough

H Perkins

L Adsetts-Moseley

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In attendance:

R Price - Parish Clerk & RFO

R Fearn – Manager Doe Lea Centre

259/20 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Moesby

260/20 Declaration of Interests

T Howell declared an interest in Items 8 and 16 on the agenda

261/20 Public Forum

A complaint had been received about overhanging hedges and trees on Oxford Street near the school where parents parked to collect children from the school.

There was also a problem with a broken manhole cover between Doe Lea and Bramley Vale.

It was reported that the new headmaster of Bramley Vale Primary School would be commencing duties in January 2021.

262/20 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council 21st October 2020 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

263/20 Police Matters

The Clerk informed members that she had reported anti-social behaviour issues at Bramley Vale and Doe Lea to the PCSO and the CAN rangers.

264/20 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Moesby had submitted his apologies.

265/20 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Clough thanked the Parish Council and the staff of the Resource Centre for their kind cards and gifts on the very sad news of the death of her husband. Members expressed their sincere condolences.

Councillor Clough confirmed that BDC had made grants to Parish Council for financial assistance due to the coronavirus pandemic and Ault Hucknall had received £5533.

She also referred to the availability of grants for small businesses. All information relating to these could be found on the BDC website.

266/20 Doe Lea Centre

The Manager, Richard Fearn, reported to Members on the following matters: He produced a power point presentation on the financial situation of the centre.

He explained that Real Education were now hiring the Centre on a Monday and no problems were experienced

The Post Office was available at the Centre every Friday

Under the Tier 3 restrictions it was possible to re start the children's dance but it had been decided to postpone this until the new year.

He had received details of performances available from Live and Local and was hoping to put 3 on at the Centre in March, May and August

The wooden baubles and stars for decorating the parish Christmas tree had been received

He had arranged for two deliveries from FareShare, one before Christmas and one between Christmas and the new Year. A grant from Clive Moesby would provide selection boxes and small gifts.

Members had been provided with information about the running and funding of FareShare which relied heavily on donations. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that a grant of £500 be made to FareShare to assist towards their costs.

267/20 Purchase of Storage Container

The Manager explained that he had received enquiries about the availability of office space at Doe Lea Centre from CVS. This had highlighted the problem of the most efficient use of the spaces in the Centre. Storage was causing a problem and was taking up space which could otherwise be more efficiently used for activities. Richard had researched the possibility of obtaining a storage container, and had considered both rental and purchase costs. It was clear that the most efficient method would be to purchase the container. The most favourable quote for purchase, delivery and installation was £2500. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that a storage container be purchased for installation on the existing concrete foundation at the rear of the Centre.

268/20 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk explained to Members that the first step in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan was to apply for approval from BDC, and this involved the Parish Council making a resolution that they wished to develop a plan and to determine the boundary of the area for that plan. It was therefore Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that Ault Hucknall Parish Council submit an application to Bolsover District Council for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan to cover the whole of the Parish of Ault Hucknall.

269/20 Newsletter Winter 2020

The Chair informed members that the draft of the Newsletter was almost complete and that it was expected that it could be distributed in mid-December.

270/20 Stockley Trail Cycle Track

Members received information from BDC on the proposed route for the cycle track. They confirmed that they strongly objected to the route going along West Street as this would cause too much disruption for residents. They were happy with the route going along Willow Walk but needed some reassurance that walkers along that trail would be safe from injury.

271/20 Temporary Bridleway and Footpath Closure

Members received information on the proposed closure of Bridleway No 13 Pleasley and Public Footpath No 29 Ault Hucknall from 16th November until 18th December

272/20 Football Field and Recreation Area

Drainage – the Clerk reported that she had now received the quote for the installation of drainage on the football field to alleviate the boggy area around the base of the mound between the two levels of the football field and the play area. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the quote, in the sum of £2900 be accepted and the work commissioned.

273/20 Christmas Displays

The Clerk reported that she had made arrangements for the installation of a Community Christmas Tree on Willow Walk, the land managed by the Doe Lea Valley Community Partnership at Doe Lea. It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the cost of installation, lighting and removal be approved at a cost of £3100.00. Solar trees would also be installed in all the usual sites around the parish.

274/20 Parking Bays at Old School Close

Members discussed the quote received from BDC for the installation of eco parking bays at Old School Close. The cost of this work was equivalent to almost 30% of the parish precept and members felt that this level of expenditure could not be justified at this time, particularly as they had previously supported the installation of 4 parking bays on the Close several years ago. It was agreed that BDC be asked to consider assisting the three properties at the head of the Close, which were Council owned, even if this was by a smaller scheme such as the provision of dropped kerbs to an area which was already being used for parking. Councillor T Howell left the meeting at this point.

It was therefore Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that the Parish Council do not finance the installation of additional parking bays at Old School Close.

275/20 Parish Projects Stainsby School

A response had been received from National Trust explaining that, whilst they understood it would be a disappointment, they were still intending to dispose of the property in order to finance conservation work required at Hardwick Hall, and that several agents had been asked to market the property. The response was noted and it was agreed that the Trust be asked for the details of which agents to approach for details of the sale. It was further agreed that the consortium should continue to pursue their plans for the building and look for ways in which the survey could be undertaken.

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.

276/20 Allotment Matters

There were no allotment issues

277/20 Applications for Grant Aid

There were no applications for grant aid

278/20 Financial Matters**Payment of Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment

Parish Council		
E R Price	Clerk Salary November	£1039.95
K Gent	Parish Warden Salary November	£491.40
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£366.02
Shelter maintenance	Cleaning of bus shelters Nov	£44.78
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£32.78
Spire Marketing	Black Bags	£16.74£
AML Midlands Ltd	Microsoft 365 Business & Cloudcare (22753) (22534)	£14.28 £14.28
Outdoor Projects	Grass cutting war memorial	£75.00
	Installation and removal of poppies around parish	£450.00
Clarkes Services	Doe Lea Sports Ground (20145)	£330.00
Doe Lea Centre		
AML Midlands Ltd	VOIP Calls (22768)	£5.40
	Office & Avast (22685)	£43.14
	VOIP rental & broadband (22566)	£72.60
	Office & Avast (22466)	£43.14
Curtain Studio	Blinds	£240.00
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene services	£46.02
Crown Gas and Power	Gas	£161.43
SSE	Electric	£697.06?

279/20 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration

280/20 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 2:00 p.m.