

WITHERN WITH STAIN & TOTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes – Parish Council meeting 12th January 2021, 7pm, via Zoom (online)

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Present: Cllr Acklam (Chairman), Cllr Harvey, Cllr Donner, Cllr O’Pray, Cllr Blomley; District Councillor Sandra Harrison; the clerk A Claydon

27. Apologies: Cllr Osbourne; Cllr Jenkinson; LCC Councillor Cullen

28. To Receive any declarations of interest not previously disclosed. None

29. To approve the notes of the meetings on 1st December 2020. Subject to the correction of the date of the next meeting to 12th January 2021, it was RESOLVED to approve the notes for adoption as minutes. (pJH sSA).

30. Updates from ELDC and LCC. Cllr Harrison mentioned the opening of a vaccination centre at the Marisco Medical Centre in Mablethorpe and the availability of grants for groups / projects providing support to the Community, for example, in relation to mental health in the context of the impact of Coronavirus .

31. Planning:

No applications received.

32. Correspondence / Clerks Update. The taxbase information provided by ELDC since the last meeting showed a decrease of 4 band D equivalent properties from the previous year, increasing the parish-level element of Council Tax about 3% despite the precept being frozen. A couple of small planning matters affecting properties in Withern have appeared on the ELDC portal but these are technical issues and thus are unlikely to be the subject of formal consultation. There had been relatively little correspondence over the previous month (around Christmas) but LALC’s training schedule was circulated to councillors.

33. Financial:

a) *Payments* it was RESOLVED to make the following cheque payments: (pSA sFD)

A Claydon (Clerks salary / expenses November / December 2020) £ 124.90

HMRC

£ 29.80

b) *additional signatories for cheques / banking etc.* Cllr Donner offered to act as an additional signatory and it was RESOLVED that he be authorised to act in this capacity (pSA s JH)

34. Grass cutting tender 2021. Members considered the tender composition and decided it was appropriate although questions were raised about whether LCC continued to undertake weed spraying and verge maintenance alongside highways. The clerk was asked to ascertain this. It was RESOLVED (pSA s FD) to seek interest in the specification and report submissions to the next meeting.

There was a brief adjournment at this point as the zoom time limit had been reached and the clerk had to organize a further slot.

35. Any other Matters for general discussion and/or inclusion in next agenda. In addition to matters listed above, councillors asked for the following to be included either as items or under the clerks update:

- Election of vice chairman
- Speed camera battery cost
- Possible date for Speedwatch training
- Litter Pick arrangements (if permissible under CoVid restrictions).

Councillors also discussed the potential for projects to improve the village's appearance and tidiness; and road safety concerns following the tragic accident in December 2020.

36. Next meeting – Tuesday February 23rd (six weeks after this meeting)

The meeting ended at 7.56 pm