

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA 'ZOOM' ON

THURSDAY 18th June 2020.

Present: Councillors: Chairperson I Cole, Cllrs S Watson, P Watson (and Borough), C Brotherton, L O'Connor, David Brown (Boston Borough Council).

Also Present: Cllr P Watson – Acting Clerk of the Council

Public Forum

1 member of the public attended but did not have any questions to ask.

80/20 Chairpersons Comments

Chairperson Cole suggested that he hoped that we would all start to return to some normality regarding the recent events of Black Lives Matter and the issues of school meals for children during the holidays. He hopes that as a community we can pull together to achieve a lot.

81/20 Apologies for Absence and Reason Given

Cllr Auston sent her apologies. Cllr Brookes sent his apologies and requested Cllr P Watson read out a statement for him. Nigel Welton (Boston Borough Council). All were accepted by the council.

82/20 Receipt of any Declarations of Interest in Accordance with the Requirements of the Localism Act 2001, and the Consider any Written Requests for Dispensations in Relation to Members' Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr P Watson declared that he is on the Boston Borough Planning Committee.

Cllr S Watson declared a personal interest as married to Cllr P Watson who is on the Boston Borough Planning Committee.

83/20 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the notes of the meeting held on the 29th May 2020, previously circulated, should be recorded as the minutes. Proposed by Cllr P Watson, Seconded by Cllr S Watson. Unanimously voted and approved. Signed in front of everyone by Chairperson Ian Cole.

84/20 Police Matters

Cllr P Watson has contacted the police for an update on a number of occasions but has not heard back from them. Carl Sharp (ex councillor) advised he will provide Cllr P Watson with contact email addresses. Cllr Brotherton advised that there had been a problem in the Harwick estate with theft of petrol and the police were dealing with it.

85/20 Viewpoints on Questions from Members of the Public

None

86/20 Matters for the Attention of Lincolnshire County Council/Boston Borough Council from/to County/Borough Councillors

Cllr P Watson read a statement on behalf of Cllr Brookes as follows:

Please accept my apologies for this evening. I was intending to join the meeting but I have lost my voice which is a result of hay fever and happens almost every year. I was having difficulty speaking to Colin Brotherton this morning.

I just have a couple of points.

1. I still have some money available to me from the COVID-19 Community Fund Scheme which was publicised before Easter and mentioned at the April meeting. So if you know of any local group who is undertaking any community support to the COVID-19 emergency please let them know. The application process is very simple and is on the Lincolnshire County Council website. I have already granted funds to the Swineshead Support Service who have also been covering Kirton and some other groups and charities covering Boston Rural Division.
2. A LCC Community Maintenance Gang will be coming in to mine and Alison's division (Boston Rural and Boston South) from 7th December to 12th February with a couple of weeks out in the middle for the Christmas period. The type of work they will be covering is overhanging vegetation, cleaning signs, repairs to fencing, renewing existing grips, short lengths of siding work, digging out gullies, hedge trimming etc. This sort of work should be reported on Fix my Street and it will be done as business as usual if possible but anything that is remaining will try and get done with a concerted effort during the above period. Other gangs will carry out more significant work throughout the whole year, for example large footway repairs, kerbing repairs, carriageway pothole repairs, drainage repairs.

As always, please let me know about anything from the meeting tonight requiring my attention.

Cllr P Watson advised Cllr Austins no additional matters.

Cllr Brown advised that he had spoken to the land owner regarding the Bus Stop at Kirton and that he said that he will not do it. Cllr Brown advised that there might be other places to put a bus stop. In regards to the Planning permission for Hubberts Bridge that Lorraine Bush has advised it will go to full council.

Cllr P Watson updated the council regarding planning application B/19/0180 that the appeal had been dismissed.

87/20 **Finance**

1. Accounts for Payment – as per payment sheet dated June 2020/21 (2 of 12). Proposed by Cllr P Watson, Seconded by Cllr O'Connor. Approved by unanimous vote.
2. Cllr Brotherton proposed that the Chairpersons allowance be paid monthly. This was seconded by Cllr O'Connor. Approved by unanimous vote.

88/20 **Report from Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Clerk's Report**

No Clerks report was available due to the Clerk absent on sick leave.

89/20 **Correspondence Received which the Council are Invited to Resolve on**

LIVES – checking pads on defibs at the Town Hall as well checking the sticker on the front. Cllr P Watson will take this on. Chairperson Cole to forward email to Cllr P Watson for him to action.

Poppy Appeal – Chairperson Cole will email regarding the Poppy Appeal. It was suggested to check last years Finance sheet and base our contribution on that.

Allotment – An email had been received regarding availability of allotments. Cllr Brotherton advised that Lincolnshire County Council had offered a plot a few years ago. It was discussed that we should enquire if still available by contacting Cllr Brooks. If so, it was discussed to do a public consultation to see if an allotment scheme would be used.

90/20 **Town Hall**

Chairperson Cole had not heard from Ann Booth but expect they will be opened by November or December. Chairperson Cole to forward an email regarding grants for the Town Hall that was originally sent by Cllr O’Connor.

91/20 **Cemetery**

There is a funeral at 10am Tuesday. Chairperson Cole and Cllr Brotherton are organising and marking it up.

The Social Distance signage quotes for the cemetery have been received. It was discussed that we require 2. One for each gate. This was proposed by Cllr P Watson and seconded by Cllr Brotherton. Approved by unanimous vote to purchase 2 signs.

Cllr P Watson advised that the buffer strip 5 bar gate lever is not working correctly. Cllr P Watson suggested meeting Cllr Brotherton to look at the gate and propose a solution.

Cllr Brown entered the meeting at 7:47pm. Cllr Brown’s comments are inserted into point 86/20

92/20 **Parish Matter**

Nothing to Report

93/20 **Reports from Various Bodies**

Nothing to report

94/20 **Planning Applications**

B/20/0179 No Objection

95/20 **Date & Time of the next Meeting of the Parish Council**

which will be held on Thursday 16th of July via Zoom beginning at 7 pm. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Dated: _____

Chairman: _____