## Harborough Magna Parish Council

## Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council 26 October 2020

## ONLINE

Cllr Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner Cllr Toby France (TF) Cllr John Brady (JB)

Cllr Adrian Warwick - online until end of item 4.

In attendance:

Clerk: Leona Bendall

Parishioners: Harriet Hart and Caroline Tavinor

1.26.10.20	Welcome     Cllr Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the councillors to the two parishioners in attendance	
2.26.10.20	Apologies for absence  Cllrs Skidmore and Clark	
3.26.10.20	Declarations of Interest  None made.	
4.26.10.20	<ul> <li>Update from County Councillors</li> <li>Cllr Adrian Warwick gave apologies for Cllr Gillias and on his behalf expressed his concern that Remembrance Sunday would be very different this year.</li> <li>Cllr Warwick updated the meeting that the proposals to merge all the Warwickshire councils into one authority had been dismissed by the government. Finance however has become a very real problem for all local authorities, he gave the example of WCC which for the last quarter had a £7m deficit. Some tough decisions on spending in future years will be necessary.</li> <li>Cllr Warwick explained that he had a meeting with his contact in highways this week and hopefully he can fund the dropped kerb and new parking outside the village hall. He wanted the parish council to be involved in the decision process and that the options were for a tarmac surface or grasscrete. Cllr Brady asked him to consider cobbles and after some discussion he agreed to see if this was possible (costs may make this unviable) but if not he accepted the PC's preference for grasscrete</li> </ul>	

5.26.10.20	Supposion of standing arders to allow parishis ners of	
5.26.10.20	Suspension of standing orders to allow parishioners of Harborough Magna to address the meeting	
	No matters were raised but both Harriet and Caroline welcomed the opportunity to get involved in the village.	
6.26.10.20	Standing orders were resumed	
7.26.10.20	Approval of minutes and financial papers from July meeting	
	- The minutes and financial papers from 21 September 2020 were approved and will be signed after the meeting.	
8.26.10.20	Matters arising from the minutes	
	- There were no matters arising from the minutes	
9.26.10.20	New Village Issues	
	- The only issue raised by EBP was the new footpath 'bridge' on Back Lane that seems to be hazardous when wet. PC to keep an eye on this.	All
10.26.10.20	Parish Plan/OSCR Project	
	<ul> <li>EBP confirmed that the finances for the build had been agreed and there were no surprises.</li> <li>Donations and fund raising were necessary as clearly all plans had been overturned by Covid</li> <li>EBP commended Mrs France who has turned her 100 Club idea to support the Hall into reality and the funds raised will make a difference</li> <li>The project's chairman and two members of staff from Big Lottery, inspected the Hall and there were only 10 minor issues that required action – none of which were urgent.</li> </ul>	
11.26.10.20	RBC/WCC Fosse Community Forum and Walc update	
	- Nothing to report	
12.26.10.20	Planning applications and appeals  Clerk advised that the Solar Farm is going to planning committee for a decision in November  Cllr Biggs-Poyner registered her concern that the applications for 2 The Bank still appeared to be live.	
	<ul> <li>Cllr Biggs-Poyner commended the work of Monks Kirby Parish Council and its reponse to the Government's consultation on changes to the planning system. It was agreed that a further response from Harborough Magna Parish Council should be submitted endorsing the points Monks Kirby raised.</li> </ul>	Clerk

13.26.10.20	Neighbourhood Watch		
	<ul> <li>John Brady reported a suspect incident of a white van outside his property for the second time and this was reported to the police.</li> </ul>		
14.26.10.20	Financial and Governance issues		
	<ul> <li>a. Clerk presented the financial spreadsheet and the following points were noted Tab -1. Cash book is fine, Tab - 2.</li> <li>Spending slightly below budget and she is now projecting a draft 3 year budget, Tab -3. Bank reconciliations are now complete to end of September and Tab 4. Formal report on the half year position – to be signed and minuted.</li> </ul>	Clerk	
	b. Confirmed payments of £610.14 for our annual insurance (£140 below budget) and £50 for changes to the website .	Clerk	
	c. There were no cheques signed at the meeting.	Clerk	
	d. Governance framework – the first three policies/procedures (IT Recovery; Standing Orders for conduct at meetings and Members Code of Conduct) had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting and were approved at the meeting. Clerk was authorised to buy a usb stick as an additional back up for all parish documents.	Clerk	
	Clerk to begin work on two further policies for the next meeting: Resilience – Community and Transparency		
15.26.10.20	Correspondence  - Request from Salix Finance who supplied the interest free loan to undertake a compliance and savings audit. The clerk was able to supply information for both in that all the work had been completed and we had used the loan from Salix to meet the cost of the lamps. In terms of savings we are repaying the loan at a rate of £1200 a year and our savings are £1212 a year. Once the loan is repaid the PC will realise significant energy savings. This meets all of our objectives for the project.		
16.26.10.20	Other ongoing village matters		
	All councillors agreed to meet and discuss role of chair to enable Cllr Biggs-Poyner to stand down after November meeting	All	
	- Playpark – no report on either the monitoring this month from Cllr Clarke and no progress on plans to update the park from Cllr Skidmore		
	Clerk advised that RBC had asked if we still wanted to extent the lease in both terms and land area. The clerk replied yes and RBC will come back to us with a price for renewal of the		

	<ul> <li>lease – which expires in November 2020.</li> <li>Cllr Biggs-Poyner noted the changes to the 585 bus route that will now stop at Elliott Fields and asked that the changes and the timetable be placed on the village website.</li> </ul>	TF/Clerk
17.26.10.20	Items for next agenda	
	<ul> <li>Preliminary discussion on budget for 2021- 2022 financial year</li> <li>Playpark monitoring and upgrading</li> </ul>	All
18.26.10.20	Date of next meetings	All
	30 November 2020 and 11 January 2021	All
	Meeting closed at 21.19	

Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner	Date
Chairman	