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Minutes of the meeting of the **Full Parish Council** in St Andrew's Room, the Old School Rooms, Congresbury, on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm held remotely via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Beyfus, Clarke, Greaves, Freeman, Hacking, Hill, Jones and Sampson.

In attendance; Cllr Stuart Treadaway, Liz Greaves

Public Participation

- District Councillor's Report: Cllr Stuart Treadaway initially apologised for not being able to join previous meetings as it had been difficult during lockdown. Cllr Treadaway outlined the consultation on the Local Plan and provided details of the 4 alternative options being put forward which are; retaining the green belt, urban focus, transport focused and greater dispersal. Cllr Treadaway stated his preferences was for urban focus or transport focused as more sustainable options. Cllr Treadaway also outlined that Bristol Airport had submitted an appeal which is with the Planning Inspectorate and that he was not in the small group of Councillors looking closely at the response to the appeal. It was reported that the NSC Covid 19 response was taking a lot of time and resources. Most of the staff are working from home with only a skeleton staff in the offices.
- Tom Leimdorfer started by thanking all councillors for their contribution during this difficult time. Tom wished to discuss item 20093 and support the proposal that the Parish Council should form a working group to look at 20 mph areas. As he was actively involved in the Neighbourhood Plan where highways were a key area considered and was initially put as a policy. The inspector changed the status of this to a community action but the information is in section T3. The Parish Council needs to initiate the process and can submit to NSC proposals for 20 mph areas. Many areas would fit the criteria including Brinsea Road along to the precinct also there have been residents approaching him with regard to Cobthorne Way and Furnace Way as extra dwellings are placing extra impacts on the roads and there are vehicles that are speeding along the straight road of Cobthorne Way causing a danger to other road users and residents. There was a condition placed on Gladman and the original Furnace way development when the number of houses was greater and the developers would have had to pay for the changes but currently the Parish Council would need to fund the project. Kent Road should also be considered as an option for a 20 mph limit and he fully supports the idea of a group preparing a proposal.

Police Report: All crime statistics are now available on-line at;
<https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/AN007/crime/>.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 20077** **Apologies for absence**
Cllr's Hathaway and Doolan
- 20078** **Declarations of Interest and to consider any written applications for dispensations**
N/A
- 20079** **Exclusion of the press and public**
N/A
- 20080** **Approval of minutes**
a) Full Parish Council - 12th October 2020
b) Planning Committee - 26th October 2020
Resolved: That the above minutes were approved and signed as a correct record (signing to take place following the meeting).
- 20081** **December Full Council**
Resolved: That a December meeting will not be held unless there is essential business.
- 20082** **Revision of Standing Orders – Addition of 4e and 9b**
Resolved: That the revisions to the Standing Orders are adopted (signing to take place following the meeting).
- 20083** **Revision of Committee membership - Addition of members for Finance and Staffing and Administrative Committee**
Resolved: That;
a) Finance Committee - Cllr Freeman to join
b) Staffing and Administrative Committee – Cllr Clarke, Cllr Jones and Cllr Sampson
- 20084** **King George V Trustees**
Cllr Greaves stated that he was the Parish Council representative and also the Chairman of the Trustees. The main issue for the Trustees has been the New Village Hall which has been a project for over 5 years. The Trustees voted to let the Rec Club led project called Construct (an acronym for CONgresbury SporT and Recreation Upgrade in aCTion) to proceed with their plan for replacing the Rec Club, tennis club and changing accommodation. This is to maintain the use of the KGV for sports in the village. Cllr Jones expressed thanks to Cllr Greaves for providing an update and moving on with this scheme.
- 20085** **New Village Hall project – consideration of email**
Resolved: That the Parish Council will send a response to the New Village Hall Development Committee outlining the thanks of the Parish Council on the project and asking for confirmation of how the funds will be distributed now and in the future. Cllr Sampson to draft a response, send to all for comments and the clerk to finalise and send.
- 20086** **Armed Forces Champion – consideration of a nominee**
Resolved: That Cllr Freeman will take the role of Armed Forces Champion for the Parish Council.
- 20087** **Smallway Housing Developments**

The Clerk has asked NSC officers for information on the conditions especially with regard to the pedestrian crossing. Cllr Treadaway stated that he will also speak to officers with regard to this issue. This item will be placed on the next available meeting.

20088

Congresbury Doctors Surgery

Cllr Hacking updated the meeting to state that the surgery was being used as the Covid 19 hot site for the practice. Cllr Beyfus stated that the Parish and the CCG will have an input into the long-term viability of the practice to ensure adequate medical services for the size of the population. Cllr Beyfus to provide further information.

20089

Asbestos Management Report

Resolved: That the revisions to the Asbestos Management Policy are adopted (signing to take place following the meeting).

20090

Covid-19 Update

Members noted that the Old School Rooms and Library are now both closed for the lockdown period and staff are revising their working hours and practices to ensure compliance with Government guidelines.

AMENITIES

20091

Grant Request – Congresbury Footpath Group

Resolved: That the request will be accepted but with CIL funds as the project is in accordance with the Community Action T2 (f).

PLANNING

Cllr Hacking left the meeting due to technical issues and Cllr Jones took responsibility for chairing the meeting.

20092

New North Somerset Local Plan 2038: Choices for the Future

Resolved: That the Planning Committee would debate the responses at the next meeting and the details will be added to the website and social media to publicise the consultation to residents.

20093

Proposal to request formally 20 mph zone for the areas outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: That a plan will be developed and North Somerset Council Officers consulted with this process. Cllrs Clarke, Freeman, Greaves, Jones and Sampson to form the group and Tom Leimdorfer to assist.

20094

Old School Rooms Windows

Resolved: That a planning application be submitted to North Somerset Council as recommended by the Planning Committee to replace the Old School Rooms windows.

FINANCE

20095 **Budget 2020/21**

Resolved: Members accepted the report on the budget performance year to date for 2020/21.

20096 **Payment schedule**

Resolved: Members accepted the schedule of payments made of £10,640.70 and schedule of receipts of £2,298.82.

20097 Any matters arising to go on the next agenda.

- Allotments – Cllr Sampson
- Smallway Developments – Cllr Beyfus

Meeting ended 8.54 pm

Signed:

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