

A Virtual Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held via the Zoom platform on Monday the 27th day of JULY 2020 – commencing 7.33 pm, discuss the Football Club's request for pitch movement and storage of new goals, and the strategy for forwarding capital projects named in the 2020/21 budget.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Messrs Rayner (Chair), Lambert (Vice-Chair), Cock, Cole, Storey and Studd, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bane, Mrs McGeeney and Mrs Peckham.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and clarified the position regarding recording a meeting. He stated a meeting can be recorded unless an attendee objects to this in which case recording must be stopped whilst that attendee is speaking. Also, the Parish Council must have a policy in place to allow recording of a meeting and no such policy exists at present.

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mr Edwards.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mrs Peckham declared an interest in Item 1 – Storage of New Goals, due to a family member tendering for the removal of the tree.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: There were no members of the public present.

Mr Storey lost his internet connection at 7.38 pm.

1. **Football Club Request for Pitch Movement and Storage of New Goals** – Following the Parish Council meeting on 13th July 2020, a meeting was set up between Councillors and members of the Football Club at the playing field on Friday 17th July to discuss the above matters. Five Councillors attended (Mr Rayner, Mr Cole, Mr Studd, Mrs Peckham and Mrs Bane) as well as Mr Kennedy and Mr Peckham of Feltwell United. **Pitch Movement:** The FC had initially wished to rotate the pitch 90 degrees to allow the current goal mouths to recover. The Councillors in attendance believed this would be acceptable. However, Mrs Peckham said that when the area was measured again over the weekend, this was not a possibility as the pitch would be too close to the residents' walls. She said the new proposal is for the pitch to remain as it is but brought towards the play area/car park end of the field which still allows for the existing goal mouth areas to recover. Mrs Bane proposed the pitch be moved as per this request, Mr Studd seconded, all in favour. **Storage of New Goals:** The teams are purchasing two new moveable goals and storage possibilities were discussed. It was felt that the best place to store these would be either side of the existing container however one side has a large, overgrown tree next to it. Mr Rayner felt that the tree should be removed on the proviso that two trees are planted elsewhere on the field to compensate for this. His reasoning was that the trunk of the existing tree has split into multistems and the tree is generally a mess. Mr Studd agreed stating that it would be easier to remove the tree and start again. The Chair read out prices for felling the tree and grinding the stump; R H Landscapes quoted £550, K C Peckham £575, S P Landscapes £390 and Denver Trees £400 although this did not include stump grinding. S P Landscapes had also provided a quotation for this work and all necessary work on the trees at Old Methwold Road and Hill Street which came in at £475. Mr Studd proposed S P Landscapes remove the tree and its stump at the playing field and carry out all necessary work on the other two trees at £475, Mrs McGeeney seconded, 6 in favour, Mrs Peckham abstained. **Changing Rooms:** Mrs Peckham said the FA has issued strict guidelines regarding use of Changing Rooms during Covid-19. She said the teams have some friendly games scheduled and asked if the Club could open the toilets and use the kitchens for these matches. She said hand sanitizer would be provided and the Club would ensure all areas were thoroughly cleaned after use. There would only be two people in the kitchen at any time and social distancing measures would be in place.

Mr Studd asked how this would work if members of the public wished to use the toilet and Mrs Peckham said the toilets would be locked so this could be controlled. Mr Studd felt this was entirely reasonable as long as it was properly managed and Mr Rayner agreed. Mr Storey rejoined the meeting at 7.44 pm and Mr Rayner gave him a brief overview of what had been discussed. Mr Cole said the Football Club should make a contribution to the tree work since this was being carried out to accommodate them. Mr Rayner said he would discuss this and what species of tree to plant with Mrs Peckham and bring proposals to the next Parish Council meeting. He said he would welcome other's views on preferred species of trees as well. Mr Rayner proposed the Football Club be permitted to use the toilets and kitchen only for their forthcoming friendly matches, all in favour. **Movement of current Goalposts:** Mr Studd said that at the meeting on 17th July, it was agreed to move one of the existing goalposts so that the children could use it. Mrs Peckham said the Football Club felt the bottom goalpost should remain in situ. Mr Studd said this would defeat the object of allowing the goalmouth area to recover. Mrs Peckham agreed this was a good point. Mr Storey said it would be better to discuss this with members of the Football Club and Mrs Peckham said this was the point of the meeting on the 17th July when two FC members had been present. Mrs Bane said she appreciated that people were busy but all Councillors were given notice of this meeting and she felt enough Councillors were present during that meeting to make decisions. Mr Rayner said he thought the Football Club had felt it easier to leave the goal in situ without thinking about recovery of the goalmouths and that for the time being this matter was not important as this could be worked on.

2. Discuss Strategy for Forwarding Capital Projects Named in the 2020/21 Budget – Mr Rayner asked for all Councillors' ideas on this matter as not much had been achieved even though September would be halfway through the financial year. **Planters:** Mrs McGeeney said planters are lovely but realistically would be left to get overgrown or abused. Mr Rayner said Plantscape offer hanging baskets installed on lamp posts but there are only 2 metal lamp posts in the whole figure of 8. Mrs Peckham felt that during the current situation, this idea should be put on hold because if a further Covid-19 outbreak should occur then this would completely remove the possibility of anyone maintaining them. Mr Cock agreed and said he felt planters were better planted in the Spring anyway. Mrs Bane agreed that the planters should be put on hold. Mrs Peckham proposed the planters be put on hold, Mrs Bane seconded, 7 in favour, Mr Cole abstained. **Repairs to Falcon Road Alleyway:** Mr Rayner reminded everyone this was an unadopted alleyway but extremely well used. Mr Lambert said that before any work is carried out, all tree roots need to be removed from the area towards the playing field from the section repaired. Mr Studd was concerned about liability should the Parish Council carry out repair work on land that didn't belong to them. Mrs Peckham queried whether something could be insured if it wasn't owned and asked if the Parish Council could adopt it and be legally responsible for it. Mr Cock proposed the Clerk enquire about adopting the alleyway so that it can be fully maintained by the Parish Council, Mrs Bane seconded, all in favour. Clerk to enquire. **New Office Equipment for Clerk:** Mr Cole said he believed a budget had been set for £1000. **New Street Light Columns:** Mrs Bane said that whilst she and the Clerk were carrying out the Street Light survey a few years ago, she thought Oak Street and Munsons Lane/Munsons Place area did not have enough street lights. Mr Cole said Mr Edwards had identified High Street as being another area. Mr Studd asked if there were any guidelines as to how frequently street lights needed to be placed around the village. Mrs Bane suggested Councillors walk around the village during the Wintertime to establish those areas that could do with more lights. Mr Rayner felt this was a sensible idea. Mr Cock said there could be increased street lighting on Munsons Lane when the new meeting hall is built by the Trust. Mrs Bane proposed obtaining costs for three new street lights with a view to voting on exactly where these would be placed at a later date, Mrs Arnold seconded, all in favour. Clerk to obtain costs.

Playing Field: Mr Rayner said that when the annual operational inspection was carried out by Wicksteed earlier in the year, numerous items were identified as needing repairing and questioned whether it would be better to replace items than repair them. He suggested setting up a Working Party for the playing field with a plan to regenerate and improve facilities. He said there would be cost implications but hoped grants would be available to cover most costs and CIL money would be available at some point. Areas which needed improvement were discussed as was a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) as this had been highly favoured by parishioners during a recent Facebook survey. Mrs Bane thought a Working Party would be a good idea and said she would be happy to be involved as did Mrs Peckham, Mrs McGeeney and the Clerk. Mr Rayner therefore proposed setting up a Playing Field Working Party consisting of Mrs Bane, Mrs Peckham, Mrs McGeeney and the Clerk, Mrs Arnold seconded, all in favour. Mr Studd added that he hoped the Working Party recognized that all Parish Councillors are happy to assist where necessary. Mrs McGeeney departed the meeting at 8.43 pm.

3. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4. Barratt's Lane – Mrs Arnold said this area is disgusting with various items being dumped and suggested the owner be contacted about this. Mrs Peckham believed this area was unadopted.

5. New Meeting Hall – Mr Storey advised all queries relating to this be directed to Mr Barry Hawkins.

6. Allotment Gate – Mr Cole asked for an update on this and Mr Rayner said the recent quotation obtained by Mr Edwards had been forwarded to the Allotment Committee.

Meeting declared closed 8.52 pm.
