

A Virtual Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held via the Zoom platform on Thursday the 22nd day of OCTOBER 2020 – commencing 7.00 pm, to discuss plans for Remembrance Sunday, the Christmas Tree in St Mary's Churchyard and to appoint Trustees for the Rawlins and Fuel Allotment Charities.

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies received from Mrs Bane.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None received.

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

1. Remembrance Sunday Plans – The Chair had circulated a plan of action to all Councillors prior to the meeting and asked for any feedback before he submitted it to the Safety Advisory Group (SAG). Mr Studd referred to the last paragraph of the Covid Risk Assessment and asked how the 'Rule of 6 and Social Distancing' would be encouraged and if the Councillors had a role to play if people did not adhere to this. Chair said the only measure that could be used would be signage and Mrs Peckham said it was down to the individuals to comply with this. Chair said individuals would be asked to stand on the opposite side of the road to the Memorial Garden and that the RBL are intending to put signage up requesting this. Mr Lambert said it would be a good idea to put a post on the village Facebook pages and in the local shops so that people are aware beforehand. Mr Studd said barrier tape could also be put up to create a space for the wreath layers and cordon off the pathway in front of the Memorial garden. Chair said this was something to consider and he would ask the Church for permission. Mrs Peckham suggested using cones as well. Mr Studd asked how traffic was to be controlled. Chair said there would be no marching in the road, the entire ceremony would take place in the Churchyard therefore there would be no need for road closures. Mr Studd felt it was not quite right to allow traffic whilst it was taking place. Chair said that there had only been road closures in place for the last two years and before that the Police would coordinate the traffic however there will be no Police presence this year. Mr Lambert suggested a Councillor could stand in the road near Newcombe Drive and Mrs Peckham suggested parking two cars along Bell Street to prevent traffic entering as it would only be for about ten minutes. Mr Storey asked if the public would assume the Parish Council would be in charge of this event and felt a 'Go To' point should be put in place but Mr Studd felt that the most likely pinch point would be where traffic is concerned and therefore placing two Councillors at those points should be sufficient. Chair said he could try pushing again for Police assistance. Mr Storey said he would be happy to help with traffic. Mrs McGeeney asked if a sign could be displayed at the Oak Street junction advising that access would be delayed for 10-15 minutes and she was happy to make one. The Chair thanked her for this and Mr Storey said this should be authorised by Highways and the Police before displaying. To conclude, the Chair said that the amendments to the Risk Assessment were (a) notices to be displayed in all shops and on Facebook beforehand (b) 'Access Delayed' sign at the junction of Oak Street with Bell Street and (c) barrier tape using cones to cordon off areas. Mrs Peckham proposed making these amendments and sending the revised plan to the SAG, Mr Lambert seconded, all in favour. Chair thanked everyone for their assistance.

2. Christmas Tree in Churchyard – Chair advised costs received from three different suppliers for a 12ft Norwegian Spruce; Elveden Farms £150 (£95 tree + £30 delivery + VAT), Real Christmas Trees £145 (inc delivery and VAT) and Just Trees (company based in Swaffham) £25. Mr Lambert felt £25 was too cheap and questioned the quality of the tree and felt strongly that the tree should be purchased from Elveden. Mr Storey agreed and said he

2. Christmas Tree in Churchyard (Cont)

would collect the tree for free. Mr Lambert said he could meet him at the Churchyard with his teleporter to ease this whole process. Chair said he was meeting with the Church next week to discuss positioning. Ideal delivery date was agreed by all to be week commencing 23/11/20. Chair had purchased a stand for £288 inc VAT which was extremely large and heavy. He had liaised with people who put up lights in Downham Market and Kings Lynn and said the best lights he could find were 10m strips of outdoor warm white lights including a connector at a price of £500 + VAT. He said the stand and the lights were something that would not have to be purchased next year. Mrs Peckham proposed purchasing a 12ft Norwegian Spruce from Elveden at £95 + VAT, stand for £288 and lights for £500 + VAT, Mrs McGeeney seconded, all in favour.

3. Rawlins Charity New Trustee – Mrs Arnold said she would be happy to take on this position. Chair proposed Mrs Arnold as a new trustee of the Rawlins Charity, all in favour. Clerk to inform Charity Commission.

4. Fuel Allotment Charity New Trustee – Mr Lambert said he would be happy to take on this position. Chair proposed Mr Lambert as a new trustee of the Fuel Allotment Charity, all in favour. Clerk to inform Mr Hawkins.

5. PLANNING

Mr & Mrs Swadling: Proposed new dwelling to the rear of 47 High Street incorporating access from Payne's Lane, a new double garage and an off road parking space for 5 Payne's Lane. Mr Lambert felt the planned parking spaces were not workable as vehicles won't park at 47 High Street if other cars are in the way and therefore you would end up with two cars on Payne's Lane and another two parked outside the front of 47 High Street. He felt too much was being planned for too smaller space. Mrs McGeeney felt the splay was not wide enough for clear vision. Mrs Peckham said that 5 Payne's Lane currently has three vehicles; two vehicles park at the front of the property and another parks in the Social Club car park. One of the vehicles overhangs part of the access to 47 High Street which therefore cuts off the access entirely and this is totally unacceptable. 9 Councillors against, Mr Storey abstained, therefore application was REFUSED.

ANOTHER OTHER BUSINESS

6. Rangers – Mr Cole said he had seen the Rangers park at Hythe Road at 11.30 am and spend the rest of the day there. Mr Lambert said he didn't believe this to be the case as he had been in the area most of the day and they could have been depositing excess materials there. Mrs Peckham said she had seen Rangers in the past just sitting in the playing field car park for hours and Mr Lambert said they also sit down Blackdyke Road. Mr Storey said he had made a note and will take this forward with Highways.

Meeting declared closed 8.00 pm.
