

ASHBY CUM FENBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2020 AT 7.00PM AS VIRTUAL MEETING ON SKYPE

Present: Cllr John Shaw Cllr Nick Pettigrew
Cllr Jane Thomson Cllr Brian Purchon

In Attendance: Kim Kirkham Parish Clerk Rhys Evans and Jacqu Pretorius

(members present by audio and visual access) Clerk as minute taker (present by audio and visual access)

20/046 Quantum Air Fibre – Rhys Evans & Jacqu Pretorius

The Chair welcomed Mr Evans and Mr Pretorius to the meeting. Mr Evans advised that Quantum Air Fibre has been trading as a Wireless Internet Provider and is based locally in Brookenby, Lincolnshire. The company can provide an improved internet service to local villages, fibre to the premises (FTTP), which means that fibre optic cable runs from the exchange and then straight into the home or business. Existing infrastructure is used wherever possible, which ensures minimal disruption. Contracts are for 24 months and is direct to the customer, this is flexible if people move houses. Quantum covers the cost of installation for the fibre sono cost to the community. Monthly rates for up to twenty members of the community start at £29 for speeds up to 120 megabits per second (Mbps). A Link to their website and brochure will be emailed to the clerk. The Chair thanked them for a very lucid and interesting presentation.

20/047 Declaration of Interest (Model Code of Conduct Order 2012)

- (a) To record declaration of interest by any member of the Parish Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interest should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared – Cllr Pettigrew declared an interest on agenda item 20/052-09/104 Whitsend.
- (b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the Agenda Items listed below – None received.

20/048 To receive apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting

Apologies were received from Councillor C. Shaw and Councillor Philip Jackson NELC.

20/049 Questions raised by members of the public on agenda items (15 minutes)

- None present

20/050 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 2020

To consider and approve the minutes held on 6th July 2020. **Resolved: The minutes were approved as a true record and the Chairman confirmed to be signed virtually.**

20/051 Police Report

The Police were unable to attend the meeting. The Police report was not received in time for the meeting.

20/052 Highways / Public Footpaths / Items Carried Forward

- 09/104 Whitsend – Chair said that this item could be deferred until the end of the meeting due to Councillor Pettigrew declaring an interest.
- 19/060-1 The Stables – Clerk advised that Martin Ambler NELC has confirmed that he has contacted the Planning Inspectorate to ascertain when a site visit is likely to be conducted. They have advised they are hoping to conduct the visit late July. Cllr Pettigrew said that the site visit was held on Friday 24th July. **Action: Clerk to contact Martin Ambler for an update.**
- 20/041-3 Notice Board – Cllr Purchon said that he has purchased two doorknobs. **Resolved: Cllr Purchon agreed to fit the doorknobs.**

20/053 Items for Discussion

1. Proposed Bus Stops – Ashby cum Fenby. Clerk reported that NELC thanked the Parish Council for their letter and have noted their concerns regarding safety issues. They now need to look at costs and will respond once they have any update.
2. Defibrillator Checks – Clerk advised that Cllr Shaw has agreed to complete the necessary checks. **Resolved: Clerk to email results to the Circuit.**

20/054 Planning Matters

Application Received:

- a) DM/0577/20/OUT – The Cottage, Post Office Lane. Outline application to erect one two storey dwelling with all matters reserved. Councillors discussed and asked the clerk to obtain clarification from NELC planning officer regarding a few points raised. **Resolved: The Parish Council reviewed the plans and recommended to oppose this application on the grounds that there is no mention of soakaways or their locations and grave concerns were raised regarding the Japanese Knotweed plant that has been found on this site. The Parish Council seek eradication of this highly invasive plant before any planning application is approved for this site.**

Pending Consideration:

- a) DM/0127/20/FUL – The Cottage, Post Office Lane – Erect two dwellings (Amended plans).

20/055 Clerk's Report - To receive and report any correspondence from Councillors or Members of the Public for consideration at the meeting

1. Concerns have been received regarding a tree at the entrance to the church car park that looks dead. This has been reported to NELC, a response was not received in time for the meeting.
2. ERNLLCA has produced a checklist for any Councils that may wish to consider face to face meetings. **Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to continue holding virtual meeting via Skype.**
3. Clerk advised that she is attending a Highways meeting with Debbie Swatman on 12th August and asked if there were any issues Councillors wished to be raised. Cllr Purchon asked if there are to be any further closures on the A16.
4. Clerk asked Councillors if they wished to continue to receive emails regarding surveys from NELC and other associations. **Resolved: Councillors agreed that they wished to continue to receive these emails.**

20/056 Future Dates

- Date of Next Virtual/Remote Meeting – **Monday 7th September 2020 at 7pm.**
- Planning Committee Virtual Meeting – Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 9.30am.

20/057 Finance

To receive a list of Accounts payable up to 3rd August 2020 and approve their payment: -

- 1) Kim Kirkham – Salary £143.00
- 2) Southern Electric – Telephone Box electric supply £6.97

Resolved: Accounts approved for payment.

20/058 Audit

- a) To consider signing the Certificate of Exemption 2019/20. ***Resolved: The Parish Council reviewed and approved the signing of the Certificate of Exemption virtually. Clerk to submit document to external auditors.***

20/052 09/104 Whitsend – Cllr Pettigrew having declared an interest left the meeting. Councillors discussed an email received from NELC. ***Action: On going.***

Prepared by Kim Kirkham, Parish Clerk

Approved by: _____

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council.