The **February Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held on **Monday 17th February 2020 at 7pm** in the **Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs Sheila Irving, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees,

**Officer**: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that Item 12 be brought forward and discussed at this point. He then welcomed Mrs. Bradford to the meeting.

# Notice of Meeting

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

# Apologies

Cllrs. Maxine Smith, Diane Hughes, PCSO Dylan Middlemiss (Police)

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting held 20th January 2020**

# Speed Issues

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Suzanne Bradford and her father to the meeting.

Mrs Bradford expressed her concerns together with those of local residents about the 60mph speed limit along the B1432 and in particular the section of the road near Hawthorn and including: -

1. Mrs Bradford said she had contacted Graeme Morris (MP) and had also spoken to the Traffic Commissioner, the Police and DCC Cllr Angela Surtees about the matter.
2. The speeding issues are exacerbated when there is an accident on the A19 and traffic is diverted onto the B1432
3. The Police have indicated their support to her
4. She was aware of requests to reduce the speed limit made in the past but more recent incidents have resulted in the urgent need for a reduction
5. The creation of a petition to support the request for a speed limit reduction

DCC Cllr Angela Surtees also gave information including: -

1. This is the fourth time she has been involved with requesting a review of the speed limit
2. Details of how DCC assess and review the speed limit and the criteria they use from Dept of Transport regulations.
3. Support for a reduction in the speed

**RESOLVED**

1. **The Clerk to write to DCC requesting they now review and re-assess the speed limit on this road.**
2. **This to be a standing item on future agendas**
3. **To advertise the petition through the Community, Round Up**

# Matters of Information

## Neighbourhood Watch

To launch at the Annual Parish Meeting

## Community Bench / Trellis

Looking at alternative quotes from Gardening Club: On hold

## Speed Watch Information received.

Looking to include with the Neighbourhood Watch

# Reports

## Police

The Police were not present but had forwarded a record of recent incidents including: -

# 10x A19

# 1x Burglary

# 1x Vehicle Crime

## Co. Cllr.

The Chairman invited DCC Cllr. Surtees to give her report. This included: -

1. Continuing to stress concerns re the surface of the footpaths
2. DCC currently consulting on a licensing scheme for private landlords and stressed the need for people to take part in the consultation.
3. Cllr. Sheila Irving reported fly tipping at the entrance to Hall Fields Farm

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the report**

## Community Centre

The Chairman gave the report including: -

The AGM is Friday 27th March

The Trail Run is 16th August

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the report**

## Annual Report 2019 / 2020

The draft report had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the report**

## Any other reports

None

# Public Participation

Residents were invited to give their views and comments to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda.

There were no comments.

# Correspondence / emails

## Confirmation of successful grant application from the Lottery Community Fund

The Clerk gave details of the successful grant application for £950 towards activities to celebrate VE day. The Clerk was thanked.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

## Scam awareness information event

Details of the above were given.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

# Financial:

## Approval of cheques

**RESOLVED**

**To endorse the following cheques**

**101032 18/01/2020 Poundland Snowmen £7.96**

## Bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

**To approve as below.**



# Training Events

The Chairman reported that he is attending the Planning Training

# Current Planning Applications

No new applications

# Events / Information

## Norman Hughes Award

Members discussed all the nominations.

**RESOLVED**

**Les Newby was selected and the presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.**

## VE Day Celebrations – May 8th

The Clerk circulated a draft action plan for the day which includes: -

* Church Service
* Laying of the Poppy Wreath
* Lunch in the Community Centre
* Entertainment

The Clerk said she had received confirmation from Pittington Brass Band that they are able to play that day, Rev. Paul Paterson has also confirmed re the Church Service.

Cllr. George Vest to forward details re the entertainment.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

## Annual Parish Meeting

Details have been circulated

## Sunflower Competition

**RESOLVED**

1. **To purchase sunflower seeds and envelopes**
2. **Members to fill envelopes etc after the next meeting.**

## Big Lunch / Open Gardens /Treasure Hunt July 5th

The Clerk reminded Members that she is on holiday for this event but suggested details be confirmed at the next meeting.

# ‘Keeping You in the Know ‘

The Clerk gave a progress report on the project and circulated information and prices for the new solar noticeboards and lectern notice board.

**RESOLVED**

**To accept the spec and price in principle from Signscape but to discuss finer details at the next meeting.**

# Date of the next meeting:

1. Annual Parish Meeting 7pm Monday March 16th, 2020
2. Monthly Meeting following the Annual Parish Meeting at approx. 7.45pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm