**The November Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held remotely using ZOOM on Monday 16th November 2020 at 7pm.**

**MINUTES**

Present

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice - Chairman)

Cllrs Diane Hughes, Sheila Wilson, Carolyn Winter, Sheila Irving

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

# Notice of Meeting

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 paragraph 10(2) of the LGA 1972

# Apologies

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held October 19th, 2020**

# Matters of Information

##  Cars parked on corner

 DCC are looking into situation .

 **RESOLVED**

**To include in the December Round -Up and discuss the situation again in January when the option remains open to request the Police to issue parking tickets.**

##  Palomino’s

Cllr Sheila Wilson had informed members that the business has the appropriate licenses etc . and will re-commence trading next March.

# Reports

##  Police

 No report – the Clerk to request a report and will circulate.

##  DCC

 No report.

##  Community Centre

 Cllrs Sheila Wilson gave the report which included issues re the ceiling in the centre – but which have now been addressed.

##  Footpath Right of Way see ROW

Cllr. Sheila Irving had forwarded information from the new owners of the land and had explained that the ROW had been ploughed up for the following reasons:-

1. The land is not in good condition and requires a degree of refurbishment; this is due to the land being water heavy.
2. This land has been initially ploughed in order to allow the water to drain into the nearest gulley, east of the Rectory
3. When the land is sufficiently drained, the PRoW will be re-instated by "flattening" a strip of land following on from the already established PRoW, over the field towards Cold Hesledon

Cllr. Sheila Wilson further reported that the field drain has now been repaired and the first section flattened so as to allow walkers to use that footpath. The second section will be reinstated in the Spring.

## Any other reports

The Clerk informed members of the next Smaller Council Meeting and had forwarded the information to the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

# Public Participation

There was no public participation.

# Correspondence

##  Responses from CDALC and NALC to the Planning for the Future White Paper

 The Clerk reported that she had forwarded the Council’s response re the above.

##  Letter from Sustrans

 Information had been received from Sustrans re the resurfacing of large sections of the Cold Heseldon Walkway/Yellow Brick Road (part of National Cycle Network Route 1) between Dawdon and South Hetton and the replacement of the wooden boardwalk at Pespool Wood near Haswell.

A survey has been launched to ascertain views and all invited to take part.

 It was pointed out that this is not within hawthorn’s parish boundary – but members were encouraged to take part in the survey.

# Financial:

##  RESOLVED

 **To endorse the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation**

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| 10/10/2020 | Glasdons | Litter Bin | £170.34 | £28.39 |
| 10/10/2020 | British Legion | Poppy wreath | £25.00 |  |
| 20/10/2020 | C Winter | Plants and flowers | £50.00 |  |
| 20/10/2020 | Comm Centre | Halloween trail | £50.00 |  |
| 01/11/2020 | Glasdons | 2 Litter bins | £825.62  | £137.60 |
| 12/11/2020 | AI Engravings | New Dog signs for the Dene | £60 |  |

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| Business | £10,331.74 |  |
| Current | £12,676.69 |  |
| Total | £23,008.43 |  |
| Less u/p to date | £728.56 | **£22,279.87** |
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| **Receipts To date**  |  | **£9,282.74** |
| **Payments to date** |  | £4,058.00 |
| **Closing balances** |  | **£27,504.61** |
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| Business | £17,105.12 |  |
| Current | £10,748.49 |  |
| Total | £27,853.61 |  |
| Less u/p to date | £349.00 | **£27,504.61** |

##  Financial Risk Assessment

 The financial risk assessment had been circulated. This included new risks which had been identified due to the Covid situation.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Financial Risk Assessment**

##  Signage : Entrances to the Dene

 Cllr. Sheila Irving was thanked for all her work in obtaining the new dog poo signs for the Dene.

# Current Planning Applications

## 7 The Paddocks, Hawthorn

Fell 1 Oak and 1 Cherry Tree

**RESOLVED**

**No objections**

# Events & Information

## Christmas Tree and Switching on the Lights

Cllr. Sheila Irving reported that she had been in touch with Horns. The tree should be ready by the 1st December and she would liaise with the contractor to have the tree erected with lights.

In view of the pandemic there will be a very minimal event of simply switching on the lights as planned on December 5th at 5pm. This has been advertised in the Round Up and the information is on the noticeboards.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

## Snowman Competition / Best dressed house competition

The Clerk reported that both of these will be done by photos being sent to the Clerk by 24th December. Members will then be able to choose the winners etc and who will be announced at the January meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

## Newsletter / Information for the Notice Boards

The Clerk had circulated the draft hard copy newsletter for distribution to all houses together with information sheets for the noticeboards.

**RESOLVED**

**In light of the current lockdown, it was agreed not to circulate the hard copy newsletter – but to place on the noticeboards and the website.**

# Date of the next meeting: Monday 14th December at 7pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm