

Minutes of the Special Parish Meeting held by Zoom
Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillor Richard Elliott, Chairman,
Councillor Richard Barnard,
Councillor Catherine Turner,

Mr. Ron Gee, clerk

Councillor Lizzie Smith,
Councillor Tim O'Callaghan,
Councillor Tony Scawthon,

1. APOLOGIES - None

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Chairman - Referring to the Agenda, the Chairman explained that as members are aware, this special meeting was called to decide upon the Precept for 2021; to ensure continued qualification for all Councillors and to clear up one or two outstanding issues.

2.2 Flower troughs – After some discussion, it was decided that the Council would continue to allow trough advertising by Gem Cars and Nellie's café, but with some changes. New signs would be needed, to emphasise safe driving in Laughterton with a prominent message such as:- "**Drive carefully through our village**", with '*as sponsored by Gem Cars (or Nellies Café)*' beneath.

Nellie's Café owner had asked if his sign could be moved from opposite the golf course, where customers were being misdirected up Kettlethorpe Road, to a better location, possibly on Newark Road. It was recommended that if the new notices for Gem Cars were fitted on the A 57 side of the troughs as now, i.e. where they will be seen by traffic entering Laughterton from the Newton direction, Nellie's Café signs could be fixed on the reverse of the troughs, where they would be seen by drivers leaving Laughterton which would correctly direct them to the café on the A57 layby. It was further suggested that the space vacated by Nellie's Café signs at the other end of the village, could be offered to Gem Cars if they wished, where signs would be seen by drivers entering Laughterton from the Torksey direction.

The Chairman offered to speak with the owner of Gem Cars' and Tim with the café owner.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

This is being circulated and will be listed in the January notes

4. PLANNING

4.1 Application reference no: 142026 - application to erect. free range poultry unit with ancillary feed silos, generator, hardstanding and access, Naylor's Hills Farm, **Laughterton**.

There is much resentment in the Parish to this application for a number of reasons, to do odours, noise, etc with a recommendation that it should be installed on the owner's land, in his own Parish of Newton Many residents have contacted members of the Parish Council and West Lindsey Planning Dept. to object and leaflets advising of the application were distributed to homes on Marsh Lane, which are the nearest to the site. The poor location of the official announcement had been queried as it is posted about 20 m inside the village boundary, by the new approach road, where it is unlikely to be seen from moving traffic.

It was agreed to create and distribute fliers to the residents of Laughterton, to also enhance the issue on the Parish Facebook and to bring D/Cllr Jane Ellis into the picture.

A full 4 page response based on input from Council members and residents has been sent to WLDC Planning Dept.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Precept – to confirm estimate for 2021 – Following a proposal by Councillor Turner, seconded by Cllr Barnard, it was fully agreed by the meeting that the Council should apply for £9,500 as per estimate submitted earlier in the year..

5.2 PAYE / Salary for end December – to be paid in accordance with earlier proposals

5.3 Christmas lights' competition – Refund clerk cost of voucher prize - £20.00,.

5.4 Christmas tree lighting box - reimburse Cllr Barnard cost of replacement - £18.00,

Above items proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting, and will be paid after month end.

5.5 Parish Accounts – Balance at the bank to month ending 31st December 2020 is £12,915.11, with an expenditure of £7,802.99.

It was agreed that the next Zoom meeting will take place on Monday 1st February at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.10p