

2021/1 Withybrook Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a virtual meeting of Withybrook Parish Council held via a Zoom Video Call on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present

Present were Cllr M. Hydon (Chair), Cllr M. Hewitt (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ollier, Cllr M. Dunderdale, Cllr Harman, Cllr T. Gillias (RBC), Cllr A. Warwick (WCC) and T.C. Moore (Clerk).

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared against any of the items on the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous virtual meeting on Monday 7th December 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed to be a true record.

Matters Arising

Re-profiling of the brook. A response and apology had been received from STW. Their partner on the project, WCC, had questioned the viability of re-profiling the watercourse. Joint STW/WCC discussions were taking place to see if there was a way forward.

Leak through Carriageway in Bow Lane. WCC were establishing a schedule for the work.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Correspondence

Various agenda, minutes of meetings and circulars.

Planning

1. An application had been received by RBC for the demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling with garage, stable block, tack room and office at New Haven Rugby Road. The application was a re-submission of a previous application in the 2016 which had been approved. There were no objections.
2. An application had been received by RBC for the change of use of land as a residential caravan site on land at the corner of Millers Lane Monks Kirby and Fosse Way. The Parish Council was unanimous in objecting to this application:
 - a. The site is in the Green Belt and is an inappropriate development for which there are no very special circumstances to justify it.
 - b. The site is immediately in front of Withybrook Spinney, an ancient woodland and a rare example of woodland that forms part of a Parish boundary.
 - c. The application meets none of the requirements of NPPF 145 which sets out the exceptions to inappropriate new buildings in the Green Belt.

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- d. The site and its entrance are at the staggered junction of Bow Lane and Millers Lane with the B4455 Fosse Way where there have been numerous serious and fatal road accidents in recent years.
 - e. The area surrounding the site is subject to local regular flooding.
 - f. The application includes the erection of two stables on a site which totals 0.75 acres and is inadequate in size for the grazing of two horses
3. Planning permission had been granted by RBC for the erection of a garage at lavender Cottage Main Street.
 4. Planning permission had been granted by RBC for the partial conversion of stables at Main Street to provide a two bedroomed dwelling.

Accounts

1. An invoice for £80.64 had been received from E.On for street lighting maintenance for the ¼ ending 31/12/20 and was approved for payment.
2. The Parish Council precept for 2021/22 was set at £3,500.
3. It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to All Saints Church Withybrook
4. The Clerk's salary of £200 for the 6 months ending January 2021 was approved for payment.

Any Other Business

1. Cllr Gillias advised that a Covid-19 rapid testing centre had been established in Rugby and that RBC was committing further significant funds to supporting businesses in the Borough during the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Cllr Harman advised that the street lamp at the corner of Bow Lane and Main Street wasn't working. E.On had already been advised.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next virtual Parish Council meeting was set for Monday 1st February 2021 at 7.30 pm. Villagers wishing to join the meeting should email the Clerk for instructions.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.