

## Overthorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Overthorpe Parish Council held via **zoom video conferencing** on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020** at 7pm

Present: Cllr S Baylis, Cllr R Hawkins, Cllr P Cavanagh, Cllr R Randall, Clerk.

In attendance: District Cllr V Furniss.

**22) Apologies** – None.

**23) Co-option of new councillor** – No applications have been received to fill the councillor vacancy. **Cllr Cavanagh to put notice of the vacancy in the newsletter.**

**24) Declaration of interests on items on the agenda** – None.

**25) Public Participation session** – None.

**26) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12.10.20** – The minutes were proposed, agreed and duly signed.

### **27) Matters arising**

- a) Parish newsletter – This has not yet been completed. **Cllr Randall to send info re Broadband to Cllr Cavanagh before the end of this week. Cllr Cavanagh to finalise newsletter asap.**
- b) Improving communication with parishioners via WhatsApp and e-mail – A note will go out with the newsletter to those who are not already signed up to the mailing list to encourage sign up.
- c) Possible broadband provision – Cllr Randall provided the following update: The initiative continues and we have extended the scope to include Warkworth as advised by Openreach. For a proportionately smaller incremental cost, the project will benefit from the vouchers ( including business) available to Warkworth. The Openreach costs are in the final pricing stage and expected to be in the region of £110K. Our commitment target leveraging the DCMS gigabit voucher schedule is £150K. We are aiming to get to 30% above the build cost such that Openreach do not require the parishes to create a CIC to contract with. Where the commitment level is 30%+ then Openreach are happy to take on the project risk directly. We need to have the project pricing and budget commitment submitted to DCMS before end of January 2021. The DCMS voucher scheme is expected to close by April 2021, so we need to get our submission in well before then. The timetable is to complete the community commitment phase before Christmas. Needs a lot of focus to make this happen. Currently we have approximately 50-60% of residents committed. In parallel we have an escalation with Northants Superfast Programme regarding the existing broadband service provision. Separately to the above, we need the current performance issues with the copper wire feed ( undersized and degraded joints addressed. This is with Openreach to action.

*District Cllr Furniss left the meeting at 7:34pm.*

**28) Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) update** – Cllr Hawkins advised that there hasn't been a good time to get one of the temporary speed devices as agreed at the last meeting as there have not been any more HS2 diversions in place. It was agreed that a device should be hired for a week that does not coincide with school holidays before the end of March, regardless of any HS2 diversions. **Cllr Hawkins to organise hire of temporary speed device.**

### **29) Highways issues - Updates**

- a) Submission of proposal for 40mph speed limit on Warkworth Lane – Refused by Highways.
- b) S106 grant options – Highways are trying to organise an engineer visit to the village and will advise when this is possible. This has now been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.
- c) Proposal to request new signage in the village to help road users - Refused by Highways.
- d) To consider next steps on the crossroads to improve visibility – Highways will not do anything at this stage due to a lack of evidence of any safety issues. Highways have advised that any near misses should be reported to the Clerk who can pass on the information to Highways.

### 30) Planning Applications received by South Northants Council

**S/2020/1694/OUT - Land between Hill House and Chetwode, Overthorpe.** Comment only - The applicant has addressed the second reason for previous refusal, i.e. the width of the un-tarmaced lane leading to the flats, and has proposed widening and surfacing the lane. However, contradicting the Technical Note, the private drive as shown in the Site Plan appears to start outside #8 Chetwode, and the first section of the private road would service a total of 9 properties, not 7 as stated in the Technical Note (paragraph 3.11 on page 5) and would exceed the NCC Highway Development Policy DM15 by 80%. Consent, if given, must include condition to improve manoeuvrability at the point where the drive turns westward (Photo 2 on page 3 of Technical Note).’ (Response made using delegated powers).

**S/2020/2049/LBC – Beech House, Overthorpe Road, Overthorpe.** Listed building consent for the removal of existing windows to house and replacement with conservation DG windows. Raking out all existing mortar pointing which is mostly cement based. Some of the stone work is badly spalled and needs replacing. It is not known if any of the oak lintels above the windows will need replacing but where possible every effort will be made to restore and retain them. Repoint using a lime only mortar. **No objections.** (Response made using delegated powers).

#### Planning decisions received from South Northants Council

**S/2020/1434/TCA – The Grange, Overthorpe Road.** T1-Lawsons Cypress - Fell T2 -Holly tree – Fell. **No objections.**

**S/2020/1481/TCA – Bromley Cottage, Overthorpe Road.** Norwegian Spruce – Fell. **No objections.**

**S/2020/1537/FUL - Castle Farm, Overthorpe Road.** Remove sheep wire fencing on garden south side, and replace with estate fencing painted black. **Approved.**

### 31) Finance

- Approval of the bank statement balances as at 08.12.20 of £58.11 and £21,308.18 – Cllr Hawkins confirmed that the balances stated are correct.
- To agree the budget and precept for 2021-2022 – It was proposed and agreed that the budget requirement for 2021-22 is £10,045 resulting in a precept demand of £7,973 with the extra funds required for the budget taken from reserves and a small underspend in 2020-21. **Clerk to submit precept demand.**
- To note payments made since last meeting under delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

20.10.20	BACS	Joe Heaver	Printing	£56.08
20.10.20	BACS	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreaths 2020	£70.00
20.10.20	BACS	Margaret Stead	Flowers for winter troughs	£41.26
20.10.20	BACS	E-on	Streetlighting Sep 20	£14.87
20.10.20	BACS	Warkworth Church	Donation	£350.00
20.10.20	BACS	Kirsty Buttle	October salary	£139.43
20.10.20	BACS	HMRC	October tax	£34.80
26.10.20	BACS	DKM Garden Services	Verge cutting 09/06, 15/07, 10/09, 16/10 and tree removal	£300.00
30.10.20	DD	NEST	Pension October	£15.45
30.11.20	BACS	E-on	Streetlighting October	£15.36
30.11.20	BACS	Margaret Stead	Bulbs for verges	£36.95
30.11.20	BACS	Kirsty Buttle	Salary November	£139.43
30.11.20	BACS	HMRC	Tax November	£34.80
02.12.20	DD	NEST	Pension November	£15.45

- To note receipts received since the last meeting: Noted.

09.10.20	Lloyds	Interest	£0.16
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09.11.20	Lloyds	Interest	£0.18
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**32) To agree dates for 2021 meetings – proposed dates are 15<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Proposed and agreed.

**33) Items for next meeting** – Broadband update.

**Meeting closed @ 8:07pm**

Signed..... Date.....