

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Emergency Parish Council meeting held via Zoom video conferencing as allowed by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of local authority and police & crime panel meetings)(England & Wales) Regulations 2020 on **Thursday 23rd July 2020 at 7.45pm**

Present: John Seville (JS) Chair, Nick Kemp (NK) Vice Chair, Joel Pailes (JP), Richard Goodings (RG), Louise Downton (LD)

In attendance: Richard Elliot (RE) District Councillor, Helen Frayer (HF) Parish Clerk

388. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Alan Gooding, John Hipperson. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. JS apologised that the Public Forum had been left off the agenda in error and asked if the council would approve its addition to the agenda.

RG proposed to add this, seconded NK, all agreed

389. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

390. VILLAGE HALL ROOF

HF explained the background to the meeting. After the last meeting when the council had agreed to seek a loan for the replacement of part of the village hall roof, when the application process for the Public Works Loan Board had been checked, it appeared a request would likely fail as one of the requirements to get permission from the Ministry to take out a loan, was to show a full budget with the loan costs included. As this was an unforeseen situation it hadn't been budgeted for and with the Covid crisis, the income for the year was a total unknown. There were no grant sources found that were currently accepting new applications and most of the village hall grants are only for halls run by a charity. After discussion with RE and several members of the parish council, a bid had been put to South Norfolk Council (SNC) for a five year, interest free, loan against the precept. This had now been granted. This would be a cost of £4,200 on the precept however that is less than it had been raised last year for the footpath. **JP proposed to accept the loan, seconded NK, all agreed.** JS and HF thanked RE for his help and support in getting this through.

391. PUBLIC FORUM

RE thanked HF for putting together a good case and said that in addition to approving this loan, SNC had now approved the principle of giving interest free loans to parish councils up to £25,000 which will now mean other parishes can benefit.

392. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be 3rd August via Zoom. Items for the agenda to be sent to the clerk by 26th July.