**Ullenhall Parish Council**

**Minutes of the virtual Zoom meeting**

 **held on the 5th January 2021 at 19.00 hrs**

**Present:** Cllrs J Clayton – Chairman, J Bucknall Vice Chairman, P Cannings, I D Jones, M Morris R Putnam, S Thirlwell – Clerk to the council, District Councillor M Jennings, County Councillor J Horner.

**Apologies**: There were no apologies required.

**Open forum:** There were no members of the public present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the virtual council meeting held on the 1st December 2020 were approved and will be signed at a later date.

**Conflicts of Interest:** There were no conflicts of interest.

**Report from the County Councillor:** Joined the meeting at 19.40 hrs.Cllr Horner reported on the use of hubs for the vaccination rollout, for this area it will currently be either Stratford Hospital or Studley Village Hall. With regards schools opening it is a balancing act between keeping them open and the infection rate. County Council land ownership and grass cutting if it belongs to the County Council it needs to be maintained, Councillor Horner is investigating the cost of either maintaining or transfer to the Parish Council. Stockholm Agreement with reference to speed reduction. Cllr Horner suggested that Ullenhall and Henley should be trialled by WCC. The clerk to forward a copy of email sent to WCC with reference to traffic calming proposal. Replacement of broken bollards Cllr Horner. Papillon Hall, Cllr Horner to research as if the bollards are 1 metre or less from the highway will have to be removed. Note Councillors were also concerned about Crowley’s Oak within this area.

**Report from the District Councillor:**  Cllr Jennings reported that the latest figures for coronavirus were now 311 per 100,000, this being the highest it has been throughout the pandemic. The Lateral Flow Centre opens 0n the 12 January 2021 at the Courtyard Theatre. GP’S will soon start to work on their priority vaccination lists and will contact individuals directly. **Cllr Jennings emphasised that it was important that when being called for vaccination that people have their NHS number available.** Business rates continued to be paid out via SDC. Elizabeth House will remain closed to the public. The December full council meeting adopted the proposal for a new waste collection service in conjunction with Warwick District Council and that a request for a ward boundary review would be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission in 2021. No further action needed on grass cutting query.

**Planning applications:** There were no planning applications to be determined.

**Planning decisions:** There were no planning decisions to report.

**Appeal decisions: Appeal Ref APP/J3720/W/20/3256014 reference planning application 19/02100/FUL for Mr G Connonlly Firs Farm, Deans Green, Henley in Arden, B95 5RJ.** The development proposed is refurbishment and extension of existing agricultural barn. Appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted.

**Bank Accounts:** The clerk reported the following balances as at 01/12/2020 Charity account £25447.70, Precept account £6465.29 which includes CIL of £609.44 and £339.07 transparency

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grant. The following payments were authorised, Hughes Contract Services £143.50 Christmas Tree.

Microsoft renewal £79.99 – reimbursement to the clerk as paid by his credit card. Clerk’s quarterly salary payable 31/12/2020 £439.92 and HMRC est. 109.98. Mr Hughes to be thanked for arranging Christmas tree installation.

**Ongoing matters:**

1. Wi-fi – the clerk had been in contact with Mr Jones who is progressing the contract with the supplier.
2. Electricity contract. It was noted that there was a vacancy for a clerk at Wootton Wawen, the clerk would therefore write to the chairman of Wootton Wawen Parish Council.
3. It was noted that the clerk had written to John Brown with reference to the damaged bollards.

**Correspondence and other matters.**

1. There was no correspondence for consideration.
2. The council declared a precept for the financial year commencing in April 2021 of £9020. The council needs to create a reserve for future projects such as street lighting replacement.

**Councillor comments:**

1. Cllr Bucknall queried when the gateway signs would be installed. See County Councillor’s comments reference Stockholm Agreement – current specification is 30 mph, this could change.
2. Cllr Morris registered concern about Crowley’s Oak tree. Noted under County Councillor’s comments.
3. Cllr Cannings noted that the December sale at the Village Hall was adhering to the Covid regulations. Cllr Cannings also reported that the Village Hall car park seemed to be coming a late night meeting point for people in cars and creating a nuisance. The clerk to write to the Village Hall.
4. Cllr Clayton requested that the clerk to write to the resident to thank her for her assistance in placing cones by the damaged bollards.

The chairman closed the meeting at 20.00 hrs.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 2nd February 2021.**

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