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Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council

Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council held their full meeting of the council, via video conferencing, on Tuesday the 2nd February 2021 and in attendance were Councillors; Martin Thacker (in the chair), Audrey Broderick, Ann Grinbergs, Diana Hinchliffe, Alan Holmes, Denise Phelps, Jeff Swallow, Paul Truscott, Clerk Kate Brailsford and one member of the public.

Under public participation, NEDDC Councillor Martin Thacker reported that the full council had met for budgetary considerations and included information on the council tax for the year 2021 to 2022.

Following consideration of the planning matters and resolution of previous minutes, members received updates on village hall issues, including the fact that a new modem had been fitted and the approval of the revised booking conditions. Correspondence from Holymoorside Pre-school was considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would be able to sign-post them to possible funding sources. Members were informed that Holymoorside Pre-school and the Post Office were currently the only bookings at the hall due to continued covid restrictions.

Members gave further consideration to the provision of a seat in memory of Cllr N Wragg, when it was reported that location had been agreed and initial prices for supply and fit were noted. Members agreed that wording on the plaque required additional thought and this will be discussed again at the March meeting. It was also agreed that a small plaque will be placed in the committee room at the village hall under Cllr Wragg's Honorary Freedom of the Parish scroll. In relation to the vacancy on the council, created following the death of Cllr Wragg, NEDDC had confirmed that they had received no request to call an election so the council were allowed to proceed to the co-option process. An article will be placed in the Spring newsletter and notices advertising the vacancy will be placed on the website and notice-boards, with a closing date of the 21st May 2021.

The aims in the forward plan were revisited and members were informed that North East Derbyshire District Council had been provided with the parish council's suggestions for wildflower planting in the parish. Also under this discussion, members agreed that no wedding fair would be organised for this year and that Derbyshire County Council's stance on the provision of vehicle activated signs remained unchanged. Members resolved that the criteria for the Local Council Award Scheme was all in place and a submission was to be made as soon as possible.

The council accepted the annual health and safety report and also an update from the Clerk in relation to recent meetings to implement the small changes following receipt of the report. Other administration matters included the acceptance of the Armed Forces Covenant with no changes and agreed that all meetings up to and including April, will be held via video platform.

Outside matters included communication from a resident in relation to the poor condition of the pavements in the parish and it was agreed that the resident be advised to contact the relevant authority and DCC elected representative. Members considered a request from a person, with past links to Holymoorside, and their desire to place a seat on the recreation ground. Two possible sites were identified and the Clerk was instructed to liaise with the person to help on this initiative. The Clerk gave a brief report on allotment matters and members confirmed that precedence would be given to those of the waiting list that lived in the parish. The parish council also considered in depth, communication from residents adjacent the recreation ground, concerned about the large amount of antisocial behaviour they suffered. It was resolved, in principle, to remove all the furniture from that area and efforts will be made to identify suitable recipients for it and also the costs involved.

Under part two of the agenda, members were pleased to have received three nominations, all for the same person, for the Pride of Parish Award 2021 and members had no hesitation in agreeing to the worthy recipient.

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd March 2021 via video conferencing.