

TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the remote
Annual Parish Open Meeting of Tabley Parish Council held on Monday 11th May 2020

PRESENT: Councillor H Gurney-Smith (Chairman)
Councillors: D Bailey, S Carson, G Bowen, S Wharfe and A Greenway.

Also Present: Ms. S Booth (Clerk)
Mrs P Robinson (Member of the public)
The meeting commenced at 8.05pm.

1. Apologies:

Councilor, N Withenshaw, G Lang and. T Jackson

2. Declaration of Interest:

None declared.

3. Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Open meeting 20th May 2019 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

4. Chairman's update:

Cllr H Gurney-Smith welcomed everybody attending the zoom meeting and said 'who would have thought that this time last year we would be in lockdown to the Coronavirus'.

It has been a busy year with various meetings. The M6 smart way motorway has been open for over a year now and the work at Jct 19 is progressing nicely.

HS2 and the Airport meetings have been ongoing throughout the year, as well as other active groups in Tabley.

The Holly Grove play area is currently closed due to Covid-19.

Sarah our long serving Clerk has retired so we now welcome Sharon the new Clerk.

Cllr Gurney-Smith went on to say that she hopes that the council has seen some improvements this year and thanked all the Cllrs for all their hard work and dedication.

5. Reports to be received from Cllrs:

The Chair asked if the Cllrs to update on the area that they looked after and offer an update if they had one.

Cllr David Bailey – Highways

DB updated that they are cracking on with the M6 junction 19 improvements although Tabley Hill Lane and Pickmere Lane traffic lights aren't up and running yet.

Moss Road is struggling and has been over the years with pothole which are quite deep and the resurfacing of the whole road would be beneficial. There are also deep potholes on Old Hall Lane.

The footpath on the A556 is not safe! It is severely overgrown onto the footpath and pedestrians now have to walk nearer to the road. Could this be looked into as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Graham Bowen – Broadband

GB updated the Cllrs on the research he has been working on regarding broadband speed. GB went on to say that he has written to MP Esther McVey who has informed him that on the 20th of March 2020 it is everybody right to have access to 10 MB of broadband. GB has therefore contacted BT/EE to pick up a box/aerial ping box but because of coronavirus and as they are made in China, they are currently unavailable: GB will continue to pursue at a later time.

Cllr Stephen Wharfe

SW - Informed the Cllrs that he no particular responsibility, he is a general member and this year is his 50-year anniversary of being a Cllr.

SW was congratulated and it was agreed that once we are all back to normal the Council will arrange a day to celebrate this achievement. Stephen said he was looking forward to attending the bluebell walk but this will be postponed and revisited at a later date.

Cllr Sarah Carson – HS2

SC – has attended the HS2 meetings, it is all quiet at the moment however MP Esther McVey has updated her Twitter feed with an estimate for HS2 which has been considered under the light of coronavirus. SC said that she also was looking forward to the bluebell walk and hopefully that will be revisited next year.

Cllr Alan Greenway

AG – was also looking forward to the bluebell walk. Junction 19 has worked well with the lack of the traffic due to the lockdown and AG welcomed the new Clerk, Sharon Booth.

6. Guest speakers:

No representatives in attendance this year due to Covid-19

7. Open Forum Q & A

There were no questions received via email from the parishioners in the period of 1st May to 7th May 2020.

Mrs P Robinson updated the Cllrs that Revd Philip Robinson has been to visit the church and the plastering is in progress, hopefully the floor can be completed at some point.

The Parish magazine was successful and circulated via email to the Clerk who then distributed to the Cllrs and parishioners. It was a big task and a collaboration of all different parishes. Excellent feedback has been received; the Cllrs also confirmed that they also have received good feedback. The Cllrs were reminded to pass the word around, that if any parishioners need help or just a chat in these testing times there is help, please contact PR.

8. Financial Report Year 2019/2020.

The financial report was presented to the officers. It was asked if the officers of the council had any questions. It was RESLOVED that they were satisfied with the report; all commitments were attended to and the council is always trying to get best value

IT WAS RESOLVED that the annual audit will soon be in progress for 2019/2020 and all accounts presented were a true & accurate record.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed

Sharon Booth
Parish Clerk