

COVENEY PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 11 January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Present: Mr A Bensted, Mr V Ingham, Mrs N Laredo, Mr B Matthews (Chairman), Mr C Senior, Mr A Stygal

Also Present: 6 members of the public, Cllr A Bailey, Cllr L Dupré, Mrs S Thompson (The Clerk)

21/001 Apologies for absence

Caroline Badcock has sent her apologies and also her resignation.

21/002 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda

None made

21/003 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Subject to the addition of 20/112 (to be agreed next meeting), the minutes of 14 December 2020 were approved.

21/004 Public Question Time

Rural Fibre Broadband –it was confirmed that this is being rolled out in Wardy Hill but not yet in Coveney. A resident explained about the voucher scheme for installing fibre broad band and will be taking the initial steps to get Coveney included. The Parish Council will be happy to support the scheme.

Allotments – access to the site has been chewed up by sugar beet harvesting and is currently impassable. The Parish Council has contacted the farmers requesting that the entrance to the site is repaired as soon as possible.

21/005 District and County Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dupré reported that schools are now closed due to Covid 19, except for certain exceptions which have been difficult to manage from a numbers perspective, Vaccines are beginning to be rolled out but it does vary across the district, Lancaster Way roundabout improvement plans are still not finalized. A parliamentary boundary review is about to get under way

Cllr Bailey reported that the District Housing team have achieved Gold Standard. A new 5 year land supply has been published and development envelopes stay in place. The latest judicial review case in Witchford has been successful, Covid currently at 470 per 100,000 due to the new variant (lower than National and County) but still increasing dramatically. Local Hubs are up and running again.

Cllr Bailey - Gave an overview of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) scheme as it relates to Coveney and will forward the information in writing.

21/006 Traffic issues due to roadworks at BP Roundabout (A10/A142 junction)

- Condition of road surface in West Fen Road – Highways have inspected the layby work done in West Fen Road and are content with the work and do not intend to do anything further.

21/007 Planning

- i) The following application has been approved - noted

20/00552/ARN- Lane Farm, 7 School Lane, Coveney – Change of Use of agricultural building to three dwellings

- ii) The following new applications have been received for comment:-

20/01653/RMA – Meadow Croft Lodge, 10A Gravel End, Coveney – The matters reserved by condition, appearance, scale, layout and landscaping in respect of the proposed dwelling of planning application 18/01302/OUT on Plot 4 only. It was agreed to recommend refusal. The footprint of the proposed dwelling on the plot is excessive. The scale, form and design of the proposal are large and overbearing and out of keeping with the village and the setting at the rural edge of the development. In particular, the height of the proposed dwelling contributes to the overbearing design. The proposal is not in keeping with policies HOU2, ENV1 and ENV2 of the ECDC Local Plan.

20/01656/RMA – Meadow Croft Lodge, 10A Gravel End, Coveney – The matters reserved by condition, appearance, scale, layout and landscaping in respect of the proposed dwelling of planning application 18/01302/OUT on Plot 2 only. It was agreed to recommend refusal for the same reasons at the previous application.

20/01390/VAR – Yard adjacent to 41 Main Street, Coveney – To vary condition 1 (approved plans) of previously agreed 16/00730/FUL for Redevelopment of the existing farm yard including the removal of agricultural building to provide 7 No dwellings, including the erection of 6 no dwellings and conversion of existing agricultural barn to 1 no dwelling, erection of cartlodges and associated works - noted

20/01514/FUL – Site North East of 2 Main Street, Wardy Hill – Proposed 1 no 3 bed two storey dwelling to include single garage replacing double car park. Revised proposal of previously approved application 19/00644/FUL (at appeal) - noted

21/008 Working Groups

- a) Allotments
 - Boundary – further advice will be sought from the solicitor
 - S106 grant application – the draft prepared by Mrs Laredo was approved for submission,
 - Borehold – a quote of £2,500 for sinking a borehold has been received, further equipment to make it work would cost an anticipated £3000
- b) Policies and Procedures – No progress
- c) Website – working well
- d) Assets
 - Pond – no work currently required.
 - Grasscutting – advice has been received from solicitor on the requirements of self employed compared with employed. Mr Senior is meeting a potential equipment supplier tomorrow.
 - Noticeboard – replacement and costs oak approx. £1400
- e) Village Hall update – Connections newsletter is being prepared. It will include the vacancy on parish
- f) A defibrillator is being donated by a resident and will be located at the village hall. It will require a lock box and it was agreed to support this to a cost of £500.

21/009 Finance

- i) Internet banking – Forms for the three signatories are being processed. The Clerk has access already. On preparing payments for this month, it was discovered that the payments went through without authorization from the signatories. The Clerk queried this with the bank straightaway and was told that this will not be possible when the signatories set up is completed.
- ii) Community Infrastructure Levy – Cllr Bailey gave the meeting an up date earlier.
- iii) Monthly income and expenditure, financial reconciliation and budgetary Bank Reconciliation control reports for the year to date were presented

Current Account	14,934.42	Brought Forward	37,173.55
Deposit Account	21,147.92	Income	-
Uncleared Cheques	(437.00)	(Expenditure)	(1,526.21)
	35,647.34		35,647.34

- iv) The following payments were approved for payment.

Payee	Detail	Chq No	Amount	
Mrs S Thompson	Expenses	Internet	78.44	384.77
Mrs S Thompson	Salary	Internet	306.33	

21/010 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 8 February 2021, online (to be confirmed)

Meeting closed at 22.15