## Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm held remotely

<u>Present</u> Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman

Cllr Andrew Pendered Cllr Shirley Firth Cllr Alistair Marr Cllr Simon Brown Cllr Martin Jones

Cllr Tony Reynolds CCllr Steve Criswell until 20:20 DCllr Graham Bull until 19:50

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)

One member of the public

	Cllr Notman opened the meeting by paying tribute to CCllr Jill Tavener, the Parish Council sends it's condolences to Jill's Family.	Action
105	Apologies and reasons for Absence – None	None
106	Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda – None	None
107	Public Forum –. CCllr Criswelll updated the council: The Covid 19 hub is still operational but cases in the area have dropped. There are plans to manage the continuing situation and vaccination rollout. Help is being offered to struggling families to and people who have had issues through Covid 19. The A141 consultation is available and intends to improve infrastructure and cover needs for the future to help impact of housing or Marshalls at Wyton. Wheatsheaf crossroads has been granted £1.2M for a traffic light solution. Cllr Notman asked if this was public knowledge. CCllr Criswell confirmed this and will forward document to Cllr Notman to circulate. Cllr Notman asked why A141 improvements stopped at Hartford. DCllr Criswell said this is where most congestion was and other junctions may be looked at. DCllr Bull informed the meeting that there would be a bi election held on 6th May. DCllr Bull spoke about the Cenus and explained that it provides vital information for council planning. Cllr Jones asked in what way Cenus could be assisted. DCllr Bull asked that Councillors encouraged people to complete and return in order to ensure service is provided. Public member thanked all involved with getting solution for crossroads. Also spoke of sadness to hear of CCllr Tavener's death. Thanks was given to all involved in the litter picks over the last two weekends. Cllr Reynolds added his thanks for this.	None
108	Minutes - Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
109	Finance – Financial Statements were agreed.  Payments to be made –  Clerk Salary £181.44  J.J. Garden Maintenance £134.45  Cllr Notman Meeting Expenses £14.39	SM

LHI – Cllr Notman reported he had recieved some emails regarding the price of the dragon teeth markings and red tarmac and 30mph signs on road, these were not accounted for as had not been included in the original quote. The Parish Council has been for an extra amount to cover these. Cllr Notman commented that this did not feel this fair to do and has now agreed that the County Council will pay for the dragons teeth and 30mph marking.

New tarmac would be £2000 so Cllr Notman feels this is not worth replacing especially as PC would be liable for ongoing maintenance.

Cllr Notman proposed that the PC agreed to cover the £150 shortfall.

Cllr Reynolds asked if the maintenance was if the PC chose to update the tarmac or will PC be told it needed replacing and have to pay. Cllr Notman confirmed that this would be the choice of the PC.

Cllr Reynolds enquired about the justification of cost for a small amount of work. Cllr Notman does not understand costing but existing tarmac would have to be removed first. Cllr Reynolds put the question to CCllr Criswell. CCllr Criswell explained that only approved contractors can be used as they have a licence to work in the road. As this is a large financial investment to obtain licences and kit needed prices tend to reflect this. Cllr Pendered asked if the 30mph marking and dragons teeth be done if red tarmac isn't done. CCllr Criswell confirmed that they would be done and Cllr Notman will also ask for this to be confirmed in writing.

Cllr Brown asked about the effect of red tarmac, is it a key part of cars being able to slow down safely as this is key and would it be monies well spent. Cllr Notman has been told none of these items are essential and are more of a visual measure rather than a road safety measure.

Cllr Jones asked where would it go on the road. Cllr Notman explained it would be between 40mph zone and 30mph zone. Cllr Marr suggested that it would have only a marginal safety effect. Cllr Pendered agreed that cars will be slowing from 40mph to 30mph at this point.

Proposed Cllr Notman and all voted not to replace the red tarmac. Seconded Cllr Marr

ΑN

A141 Consultaion Cllr Notman circulated this email and commented that the PC should respond. Cllr Jones commented that it seems an oddly connected roadway. CCllr Criswell explained that it would separate through traffic from local traffic. Cllr Notman commented that he thought the idea was to move traffic away from Huntingdon. Cllr Firth commented that the road would not cope if houses were built on Wyton. Cllr Jones does not feel it is worth doing as will not help problem. Cllr Jones and Cllr Brown to do to formulate response.

MJ/SB

Health & Safety / Public Right of Way –.Cllr Marr has been approached by a parishioner who expressed concern that drug dealers are in St Ives at the end of Butts lane using the bushes as way to delivery deals. Concerned about dogs picking up dropped drugs. Asked Cllr Marr to highlight this to Woodhurst Parishioners. AN to put on the social media.

ΑN

HGV issues continue with Andersons lorries, concern Cuckoo Bridge is being used as lorry park. Cllr Notman has photographed and email Andersons.

Cllr Notman has noticed farm traffic from Envar. Cllr Marr said this was due to Old Hurst road being closed and so this was the only route to get to their farm. Cllr Brown log not possible to keep going, would signage be a better idea to make it clearer that there is a weight limit.

113 | Planning - None

114	. <b>Maintenance</b> – . A Litter pick has been completed. Planters now welded and painted by Cllr Marr.	
	Cllr Notman suggested a possible sign cleaning as this worked well a couple of years ago.	
	The doors of the noticeboard and the pump have been repaired, thanks were given to Roger Growler for this.	
115	Village Hall - Nothing to report. Electrical work should be completed by May election.	
116	<b>Correspondence</b> – Email has been received regarding cutting back the trees in Butt lane, this is not Parish Council responsibility, the correspondent will be referred to County Council. Contact details for Joe Hudson the highways officer will be forwarded.	
117	Items and date for next meeting – all ongoing items.	
	The Meeting Closed at 20:39	
	The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 19:30.	