

DILHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27th APRIL 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. D Bateman (Chair), D. Horvath, J Carnall, S Challinor, S Wildman, E Whitehall, R Howell

D. Cllr Roberts

Members of the Public: none

Apologies: C Cllr Ward

Subject	Description	Action
APOLOGIES	County Councillor Ward	
PUBLIC QUESTIONS	No members of the public present.	
MINUTES	It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and	
	correct record and Clerk signed a copy to retain for Council records	
	when it is safe to meet it will also be signed by the Chair.	
DECLARATION OF	D Cllr Roberts on matters regarding planning	
INTEREST		
REPORTS FROM	County Councillor – not present. Clerk to contact re waste licence re	
COUNCILLORS ETC	Walchesters, Recreation Centre fund.	
	District Councillor – Planning looking to recruit two new	
	Enforcements Officers or if can recruit then will look to borrow from	
	the County. Will also speak to Enforcement re waste licence at	
	Walchesters.	
	Rec Centre – Outdoor event Wednesday 18 th August "The Tempest"	
	tickets available. Looking for new Trustees and volunteers.	
	Hall will be open for Local Elections on 6 th May but strict Covid	
	regulations will be in force.	
	Hall will officially re-open on 17 th May in line with current Covid-a9	
	Lockdown roadmap. First wedding is scheduled for 26 th June when	
	social distancing rules are expected to be removed.	
LENGTHSMAN	Clerk reported that Gary Bentley is happy to be the Lenghtsman	
	charging at an hourly rate (£15). List of work to be included agreed	
	by all Councillors, Clerk to send to Gary.	Clerk
	<u>Litter - Blue rubbish bags (200) and 2 litter pickers had been delivered</u>	
	to Cllr Wildman by SMDC as requested by the Clerk. It was agreed to	
	obtain more litter pickers.	Clerk
	Applications:	
PLANNING	SMD/2021/0181 – 4 Moss Close – Erection of timber framed detached	
MATTERS	single garage with log store – No Objection, subject to neighbour's	Clerk
	approval.	
	Decisions:	
	SMD/0399 – Oak Tree Farm – Erection of Shepherd Huts – REFUSED	
	DET/2020/0061 – Old Engine Farm - Change of Use of Agricultural	
	Buildings to one dwellinghouse (Class C3) etc - PRIOR APPROVAL	
	GRANTED	
	Enforcement: none	

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	Appeals: none	
MATTERS ARISING	HIGHWAYS ISSUES:	
FROM PREVIOUS	General Highways Update –	
MEETINGS	Trimpos – Walchesters vehicles still going though. Road edge is	
	crumbling is various places. Few potholes – Clerk advise Cllr Horvath	
	to photograph and then report to Highways. Motor bikes still using	
	the hills behind Cheadle, Clerk to contact Cheadle Town Clerk to see if	Clerk
	they have had reports/complaints on this and if any action was taken.	
	Grids/drains/potholes – no new reports	
	Tickhill – D Cllr Roberts reported that vehicle recently seized in	
	successful Police operation re unauthorised use of the quarry.	
	Bridge on Godley Lane – Report from SCC Surveyors received stating	
	that their bridge records show it has "the capacity to carry aal	
	AW(upto 44 tonnes gross vehicle weight), or normal vehicles".	
	Bridge at Trimpos – SCC Surveyors also reported on the bridge at	
	bottom of Godley Lane and stated the bridge deck was rebuilt less	
	than 20 years ago and also used the exact wording as they did for the	
	bridge at Trimpos. Cllr Horvath reported that the bridge had cracks in	DH/
	it and will take photos and send to Clerk to follow up with SCC.	Clerk
	Increase in Heavy Vehicles through Dilhorne – Council is very aware	CICIK
	of the issue and had requested bridge surveys to determine if suitable	
	to carry heavy goods vehicles (see above). It is problem/issue that the	
	Council does not have a solution to. There is currently a	
	"gentleman's" agreement with Aldridge Fabrications to use only the	
	top entrance off A52 to access their site at Foxfield. The Council has	
	several times asked the same of Walchesters but their response is	
	that it is now economically viable to not use the shortest route to	
	their site at Foxfield which is disappointing. Clerk advised that she	
	had sent an email to Walchesters last Friday (23 rd April) regarding	
	their lorries regularly going through Trimpos but has to date not	
	received any response.	
	Footpaths – Clir Carnall reported that walkers were still being	
	prevented from going through the fisheries land supposedly because	
	of Covid. Clerk to contact Mr Heath.	Clerk
		Clerk
	Issues raised at the last meeting –	
	This item was to respond to Tony Millar's comments from the last	
	meeting and his subsequent email. As Mr Millar did not attend the	
	meeting therefore this item to be held over until the next meeting,	
	when hopefully Mr Millar will be present and the matters can be addressed.	
	UNRESOLVED ITEMS: none	
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NEW BUSINESS	Bus Shelter on Godley Lane	
	Nigel Rathmell had undertaken to refurbish the bus shelter at his own	
	expense. He was thanked for doing this and it was unanimously the	
	bus shelter looks very good. Cllr Bateman had seen Mr Rathmell the	
	personally thank him for the work and gave him a small thank you	Clark
	gift, Clerk to send official letter of thanks from the Council.	Clerk
	Street Signs Clis Pataman reported that the read name signs on High	
	Clir Bateman reported that the road name signs on High	
	Street/Godley Lane were in a poor state and on verge of falling off.	

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FINANCE	Payments:	
	The following were approved for payment : -	
	Mrs L Cantlay - Clerks Salary & Expenses – April £221.55 *	
	Home & Garden Services – Church grass cutting £600.00 *	
	Total Payments - £821.55	
	* Paid via Internet Banking that was approved at the meeting prior to	
	payment being made.	
	Receipts:	
	Interest on Deposit Account – £0.09	
	Total Receipts - £0.09	
	BANK ACCOUNTS:	
	Current Account – £136.89 after payments made	
	Deposit Savings Account - £11,080.81	
	Screenshot of the bank account after January payments have been	
	made to be provided by Clerk to all Councillors.	Clerk
	2020-21 YEAR-END ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN	
	Councillors had been provided with all accounting sheets and	
	completed Annual Return these were all agreed and approved as	
	accurate. Signing of the necessary parts of Annual Return documents	
	cannot be done electronically and therefore will be done when	
	meeting is held physically or if it does not happen before submission	
	deadline date of 30 th June Clerk to meet with Chair to sign.	
	All Councillors agreed that the accounts to now be sent to Internal	Clerk
	Auditor, Caroline Hulse.	CICIK
CORRESPONDENCE	Santander Bank Statement	
COMMEST ON DEMCE	Tony Millar Email	
DATE OF NEXT	Clerk advised that temporary legislation that allowed virtual meetings	
MEETING	is due to end on 7 th May. A legal challenge to this has been made to	
WILLTHING	the High Court to retain the legislation and the outcome is due in the	
	next few days.	
	Therefore, a provisional date was set for the next meeting of Tuesday	
	18 th May 2021.	
	Should the legal challenge fail and legislation on holding of virtual	
	meetings is suspended after 7 th May, it was resolved by Council that	
	there will be no meeting in May, because Covid-19 social distancing	
	rules regarding indoor meetings would prevent more than 6 people	
	meeting. Therefore the date for the next meeting would be Tuesday	
	22 nd June, when in line with the current Government Roadmap all	
	social distancing rules could be lifted, should this not happen then the	
	date of the meeting will be reviewed by the Clerk and Chair.	
	Where no meeting takes place in May, Clerk to provide Councillors	
	with a report mid-May. Clerk has authority to respond appropriately	
	to any applications, correspondence etc and in conjunction with the	
	Chair to arrange for any payment due to be paid in line Financial	
	Orders as and when necessary.	
	ADDENDUM NOTE BY CLERK FOLLOWING MEETING	
	It was announced on Wednesday 28 th April 2021 that the High Court	
	had ruled against the legal challenge stating, "once the Flexibility	
	Regulations cease to apply, such meetings must take place at a single,	

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	specified geographical location; attending a meeting at such a location means physically going to it; and being "present" at such a meeting involves physical presence at that location". In view of this The Clerk liaised with all Councillors to advise that the May meeting was suspended/cancelled in line with the resolution made and therefore the date for the next Parish Council meeting will be:-	
	Tuesday 22 nd June 2021 to be held at Dilhorne Recreation Centre at 7.30pm	
MEETING CLOSED	8.15 pm	