



b) No early indications on Covid-Tier revisions (due on 16 December) are yet known, but with Rushcliffe still at nearly 100 cases per 100,000 & twinned with other areas in Nottinghamshire, it appears unlikely Level 3 status will be reduced in December.

**ii) Rushcliffe Borough Council**

***RBC Cllr T Combellack***

Cllr Combellack commented on the Planning meeting held with other RBC Cllrs (M711/a), and reported that she was attempting to get RBC Planning Services to report to the RBC Scrutiny Committee. The proposed RBC Planning Enforcement Policy would be open for local public consultation shortly. Cllr Combellack would be contacting all RBC Conservation Area Parish Councils & their Councillors to encourage responses to that Draft Policy consultation, with a focus on trying to ensure active planning enforcement in Conservation Areas is included in the policy.

**M713) Local Covid 19 Update**

***Cllr D Clark***

The local contact & support service remains ongoing and most residents are still being ably supported by and within their “bubbles.” Where concern was raised it was apparent that further effective strategies are also in place to offer extended support as and when appropriate.

**M714) Village Hall Management Committee Update**

***Cllr Jackson***

Cllr Jackson reported that Bank Signatory and Trustee Status signatory-processes were ongoing, and thanked those who had helped decorate and upgrade the Village Hall. The next VH meeting is due in the New Year.

Cllr Jennings (VH Treasurer) reported that the bank transfer forms are already with the TSB Business Centre & that he has been chasing them too. It was hoped that the new arrangements would all be in place soon in the New Year and that the VH Loan Account and PWLB contribution could then be reconciled and settled.

Cllr Clark suggested that given Council’s stated confidence in these arrangements, further operational-loan support from the PC could be made available if required by the VH. The current “PC to VH Loan” balance, post the VH decoration & upgrade repayments, now sat at £796.40 still available. ***Council unanimously endorsed in principle an extended operational-loan amount should the VH require it.***

**M715) Planning**

***Cllr Goddard***

A) Council considered the proposed response-comments on the RBC draft Planning Enforcement Policy (Document from Cllrs Goddard and Mcguirk previously circulated as Appendix 2) Council unanimously **RESOLVED to endorse the document as presented** & to submit it as the Official Response from CBPC to the RBC Draft Policy consultation. **ACTION CLERK**

B) New Planning Applications - None noted

C) Outcomes of recent Planning Application

	<b>CBPC</b>	<b>RBC</b>
i) 20/02554/FUL Agricultural workers dwelling Hills Farm	Supported	Pending
ii) 20/02456/FUL single storey extension Chestnut Cottage	Supported	Pending
iii) 20/02422/LBC Internal updating The Old Vicarage	Supported	Pending

D) Vale of Belvoir; Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Campaign

Cllr Mcguirk reported that communication had been received on the campaign to have The Vale of Belvoir designated as an AONB. It was believed that the Belvoir Estate may have previously objected to this proposal, as it would place limitations on

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future development, but there appeared to be other widespread support for the proposal. Cllr Combellack would be approaching local councils for their views on this campaign, and then approaching local MPs for their support as appropriate. After due consideration **Council unanimously RESOLVED to support the campaign for AONB designation for The Vale of Belvoir**; this will also lend weight to ensuring appropriate planning development controls within The Vale & in Conservation Areas.

E) School Lane Development Breach of Planning Consent: Removal of wall Council noted that a section of the road-bordering wall was demolished by the contractor, specifically against Planning Consent instructions, and also that no evidence of the required archaeological watching brief had been evidenced on site. The official PC complaint had been noted and referred to Enforcement by Mr Pegram (Planning Department) but no report nor evidence of action from the Enforcement Officer has been evidenced to date. These actions represent a breach of Planning Conditions, so RBC are required to action the complaint. **ACTION CLERK**

**M716) Finance A Finance Updates**

i) **Asset Register** Valuation of Village Hall (Cllrs Goddard & Jackson)

An estimate (for Insurance purposes) to rebuild the Village Hall of around £800,000 has been received. In line with good practice Council **RESOLVED** that a further estimate also be ascertained, and Cllr Jackson was empowered to pursue this. An estimate of any professional costs for this service would also be presented once known. Once the second estimate is received Council will consider the next steps with the Village Hall group, to ensure an agreed way forward.

ii) **Finance Protocols** Expense & Minor Items Claims (Cllr Clark)

Work on this review is ongoing and will be presented to the next meeting.

iii) **Local Project Bids** Jubilee Avenue refresh (RFO)

Local volunteers have offered to upgrade the current stake-and-tether supports for the young trees planted on Jubilee Walk (leading from New Road to St Mary's Church). The volunteers were thanked for this work and the sum of £66.37 was approved for repayment against appropriate invoices.

iv) **Paddock Rental Agreement** (RFO)

The RFO reported that the Estate Trustees were due to meet early in December and had this matter on their agenda, but no information on any resolution of this long-running project has yet been fed back.

v) **NatWest Reserve** Council **NOTED** Closure of this account & Transfer of funds to the NatWest Current Account

vi) **NatWest Current** Council **NOTED** the intended letter of closure of this account, which will be sent to action closure in the New Year. (Cllr Clark)  
Clerk also to notify CA+ (Payroll) & PWLB (VH Loan) of new Unity Trust account arrangements. (Clerk)

**B) Statement on Parish Council Accounts**

i) **NatWest Current** December 2020 Statement **£3,176.51**

Cllr Clark informed the meeting that he had initiated a NatWest cheque for £3,100 in favour of the CBPC Unity Trust account. This would be the last cheque issued on this NatWest account. Once the CA+ debit is taken the account closure letter will be sent.

ii) **NatWest Reserve** December 2020 Statement **Zero (Closed)**

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- iii) **Co-Op ex-Defib** (balance of £4k PC Loan to VHMC) **£794.40**
- iv) **VHMC Loan Account** (held in Co-Op ex-Defib Account as above)  
(£3,205.40 claimed): Total Loan Remaining Available **£794.40**

**C) Items due for settlement before 31.12.2020 were unanimously approved.**

- i) Reimbursement of Xmas Project expenses (M711/ii/d) **(£244.98)**
- ii) Clerks Salary S/O (December) **(£280.00)**
- iii) Jubilee Walk Tree maintenance (M716/iii) **(£66.37)**

**The following Items were unanimously approved for payment in principle:**

- iv) December Salary Variance (**£3.99 tbc**) & Clerks Expenses (*nil*)  
(Confirmation of salary variance due on receipt of CA+ December statement  
It was further agreed that the salary variance Item should become an at-most quarterly amalgamated item.
- v) HMRC PAYE Q3 settlement (*tbc via CA+ with payroll notification*)

**D) Financial Reporting System**

*Cllr Clark*

A small working group is looking at this; to be discussed at the next meeting

**M717) Environmental Community Actions**

*Cllr Jennings*

Cllr Jennings reported that the local School project was ready to go as soon as Covid-related issues eased, and that the local WhatsApp Litter-Pick group were also already successfully operational: All the volunteers were thanked for their efforts to maintain a litter-less village. Cllr Jennings has also had contact with a staff member of the Environment Agency and was pursuing further information with regard to potential flood mitigation and other EA measures that might aid local flooding problems,

**M718) Parishioners Questions / Notifications**

*(None notified ahead of the meeting)*

**M719) Councillors Urgent Items**

- i) **PC Welcome Letters** Cllr Clark enquired if Welcome Letters were still being circulated to new residents. The Clerk confirmed that Welcome Letters were being delivered when he was aware of new residents, with recent new residents on Church Gate and at Home Farm all receiving a letter. Some have already signed up to the Village e-circulation list. Cllr Jennings informed the meeting that The Mews now had several new resident-owners & that he would liaise with The Clerk accordingly,

**M720) Council NOTED the Dates of Future Meetings:**

**2021 Meetings** (all Mondays from 7pm)

January 18    March 1    *FAG March 22*    April 12(a)    May 24(b)    June 28  
August 2    September 6    October 11    *FAG October 25*    November 8    December 13

(a) April 12 also Annual Parish Meeting. Open Electors session, Annual reports & updates.

(b) May 29 Parish Council Annual Meeting. Election of Officers, Portfolio Leads & Budgets.

**There being no further business the Chair closed the Meeting at 2020hrs with best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable Christmas period.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 2021