**M587 a0 Present** Cllrs Josie Mcguirk (Chair), David Clark ((Finance), Jonathan

Good (Planning) & John Jennings (Environment)

**b) In Attendance** Nige Mayglothling

**c) Apologies for Absence** Cllr Sabina Manea-Nelken, NCC Cllr Neil Clark & RBC Cllr /

Mayor Tina Combellack

**M588 Declarations of Interest**

The Clerk notified the meeting of his interest as a neighbour with regard to the Ridge View House Planning Application. Cllr Good notified an interest regarding ongoing Linden Lea Planning works.

**M589** Council considered and resolved to accept **the Minutes of 12 December 2022** as drafted**.**

**M590 Clerk’s Report: Items not covered elsewhere in the Agenda and other Item Updates**

1. Community Accounting Plus have included the 2022-23 Salary Scales in the January Salary. Council resolved that the outstanding sums should be settled by bank-transfer as usual.
2. Clerk to contact Heartbeat Trust for Defib Training, poss March / April 2023. Clerk to progress and host as possible, with other potential First Responders / Medical professionals to be approached if Clerk n/a.
3. *Lengthsman; no (local or other) interest to date. Reminder sent to residents (on Agenda: 8a)*
4. Defib replacement Battery & Pads installed (Council thanks to Michael & Jackie Fish)
5. Streetwise 2022 Mowing Invoice 2. Sue Harvey (now left Streetwise) advised in December that she had already twice requested issue of this invoice to CBPC. Still not yet received, Clerk to chase again.
6. 2022-3 Floods; warning signs & cones distributed other than at Springhill Clerk to approach Home Farm on Private Road for field-storage adjacent to New Road / Springhill junction. (Council passed thanks to Jim Mcguirk & group members for this action)
7. Noted that VAT refund Jan-Oct 2022 (£525.35) received from HMRC & banked. A further VAT refund will be claimed by the Clerk early in March to cover the Jan-March 2023 period.
8. Christmas Bags delivered & settlement made (thanks to Cllr Josie Mcguirk & Mrs Jane Clark)
9. Village Hall PWLB 2022-23 request (invoice) has been acknowledged by VH Treasurer, with payment agreed to be made by bank transfer before the end of March 2023.
10. Council noted the 11th January break-in on Hall Grounds Drive; the incident had been advised to parishioners via the Village e-list to help identify any further suspicious activity
11. A written request on behalf of Council has been delivered to The Bungalow on Bunison Lane requesting removal of overhanging vegetation back to the property boundary by the end of January 2023 (overgrowing Bus Stop path).

**M591 Local Representatives Reports**

**a) Nottinghamshire** ***NCC Councillor Neil Clarke***

i) Progress on implementation of Hall Lane Speed Reduction scheme.

Clerk to recontact Cllr Clarke with a regard to likely timescales for implementation.

**b) Rushcliffe Borough** ***RBC Cllr Mayor Tina Combellack***

The Clerk reported feedback from Councillor Combellack with regard to the recent Housing Needs Survey. RBC Planning had advised Cllr Combellack that CBPC had sought this Survey. Council noted that they had in fact questioned, not commissioned, the Survey throughout.

***c) Nottinghamshire Police***

Council noted two recent and fairly major incidents within the village. The Clerk advised that at the recent Rushcliffe Villages Security meeting that Notts Police Inspector Rob Lawton Lawson had noted a preference for his officers to be “on patrol” rather than in Offices or in meetings. Clerk will contact Inspector Lawton to pursue attendance at a future meeting.

**M592 Village Amenities *Cllrs Jennings***

1. Village Hall Roof Repair Grant Application & PC financial support

Grant Application submitted & further information since provided, outcome awaited. £2k set aside from PC Reserve to support this bid if successful. VH Finance summary position; £1687 Current, Lottery £4263, CapEx-Reserve £9586. Roughly £2k deficit per year to find, bookings slowly recovering but hard to raise prices against local competition. Cllr Jennings & Davis Lambert will be attending an upcoming RCAN Meeting to gather information & ideas to help progress Hall usage and improvements going forward.

1. Village Hall Paddocks Planting Scheme, Tree Removal and Usage Licence. Nothing

yet back from Land Agent with regard to Licence / Lease. Prunus removal requested and decision and/or inspection now with Tom Pettit (Tree Officer, RBC). Events Paddock has been marked out for possible planting of a wild-flower border adjacent to School Lane.

**M593 Finance** ***Cllr David Clark***

a) Financial Position i) Current (Precept) Account £3,922.98

*(as at 15.1.23)* ii) General Reserve Account £23,460.42

iii) Defibrillator Reserve Account £2,357.40

Cllr Clark noted that all accounts are now accruing interest, which helps offset Standing Fees.

Committed money on Maintenance projects; those being done by Rob Wall should hopefully be completed by end of March, although some other project-commitments may be carried over to the next financial year. Council agreed settlement of the Clerks salary revisions, Cllr Clark to action amendment to S/O and backpay settlement accordingly. Council remains on target to be on or within budget estimates for this financial year and to achieve an the desired £18k Reserve balance measured against known commitments.

b) Finance Lead Council discussed the requirement to appoint a Finance Lead for

2023-4 in order for the new Council to be able to operate. This role was not seen as over-onerous, but could not be delegated to the Clerk under National Regulations & Council’s own Standing Orders

**M594 Environment *Cllrs Jennings & Mcguirk***

a) Lengthsman Issues To date no applications / interest at current rate £40 for 3.5hrs / week over 48 weeks. Council agreed to further restrict the hours to increase the potential pay-rate. Cllr Jennings offered to approach local residents to assist recruitment; Clerk to provide Cllr Jennings with Job Description and Role Outline.

**M595 Planning *Cllr Good***

a) **Current Applications** **i) The Cottage on Church Gate** (PC “Object”, RBC Granted with Conditions)

Council noted concern noted that part of the paddock has been fenced off, This area is out-with the limits of development and is designated as paddock, so cannot become garden space without a Planning Application for a change of use. Council recommended that this area should be retained and clearly indicated as a paddock area, as within the Neighbourhood Plan, and remains unavailable for future development. Clerk to send a Note to RBC Case Officer and RBC Planning Enforcement.

**ii) The Martins Arms** (PC Supported, RBC Pending at Agenda date). Comments were noted from the RBC Conservation Officer. Council are keen to see all local businesses remain viable. In line with the Neighbourhood Plan, Council will continue to support in-keeping developments such as this application that assist local business operations & development.

iii) **The Old Rectory, Hall Lane** (PC “Object”, RBC Pending at Agenda date) No new information

b) **New Considerations**

**1) 22/02332/FUL Newlands Farm** (new Agricultural Buildings) *(Parish adjacent)*

Council resolved to repeat Access Route and slurry dispersal concerns , with a request that these be included in conditions for any approval. With that corollary Council resolved to **Not Object**

2) **23/00024/FUL Ridge View House, School Lane (Pergola to front**)

Council considered the plans for the new application and resolved to **Not Object.** It was noted

under the National Planning Guidelines that developments of this type and size do not appear to

require detailed Design and Access Statements.

c) Conservation Area Review The group had offered Initial Review Feedback and a Group Meeting is due on 30/01. Further information will be reported to Council and Parishioners within the March Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted as important to ensure that the generic parts of the document also reflected CB and what is locally desired and deliverable.

d) **“**Significant Trees” Survey Potential to include important trees in the CA Review, those more

important to the “look” of the village in the CA Plan Review, Group Meeting on Monday 30th will look

at all suggested inputs.

**M596 Councillors Considerations**

1. Recruitment of new Parish Councillors: Councillors to continue to approach residents with a

view to recruitment, Clerk to circulate short Draft note for Cllrs as to consequences of not enough CB Cllrs and what Councillor skills and qualities would be helpful going forward.

1. Reserved Matter: Cllr Jennings raised a local issue that may need further investigation.

*Clerks Note: Cllr Jennings notified Clerk 26/01 that this matter has been satisfactorily resolved.*

**M597 Future Meetings**

13 March Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

*4 May Local Elections Election of new Parish Council (7 seats)*

15 May Annual Parish Council Meeting (New Council & Appointments)

*Provisional future dates tbc: 17 July 18 September 27 November*

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting with thanks to all at 2038hrs

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