**M675 Induction of New Parish Councillor**

The Clerk confirmed that all required forms had been delivered and appropriately signed by Mrs Clare Garratt, who could take her place on Council as a Co-Opted Member.

**M676 Those Present** Cllrs Andrew Fletcher (Chair), Jonathan Good, John Jennings, Elaine Burgin, Nick Stanford and

Clare Garratt

**in Attendance** NCC Cllr Neil Clarke, RBC Cllr Tina Combellack, CBPC Clerk-elect Jane Clark and CBPC RFO Nige Mayglothling

**Apologies** None

**M677 Declarations of Interest in items scheduled for discussion**

*Cllr Fletcher declared an interest with regard to items pertaining to the Parish Lengthsman Scheme and Cllr Stanford with regard to Sunset Cottage Planning.*

*(Clerk: As these items are only to note there was no requirement for either Cllr to withdraw from the meeting)*

**M678 Consideration of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 February 2024#**

 Council adopted the Minutes of 5.2.2024 and these were duly signed by the Chair

**M679 Matters Arising**

It was proposed by the Chair that given the late start time of this meeting (due to a longer than usual APM) that certain items be delayed to a separate meeting, at which they could be afforded more appropriate time and better consideration. This was unanimously supported by Council. It was also noted that there may possibly be a need for Council to meet more often but for shorter time periods.

 **e) RBC Planning Design Consultation Cllrs Good & Stanford**

 **Item referred to separate meeting 27.3.24**

**b) Conservation Area Review Cllrs Good & Stanford**

 **Item referred to separate meeting 27.3.24**

**c) Community Safety Meeting and Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (CBNWS) options Cllr Burgin**

The Recommendations and Outcomes from the earlier Annual Parish Meeting were discussed and ratified. Mr John Cooper (St Peters Cottage, Hall Lane) was appointed as CBNWS Coordinator. A basic phone and web address will be supported by Council to enable the scheme to proceed. Mr Cooper was thanked for his offer and actions and Cllr Burgin and the Clerk will liaise with Mr Cooper to help establish the local scheme over the coming months.

**d) Update on Standing Orders Review & Potential Timetable Cllr Good**

**Item referred to separate meeting 27.3.24**

 **e) Attendance at RCAN Governance Forum (22nd March) Clerk**

 Cllrs Good & Burgin and the incoming Clerk intimated their intentions to attend this meeting

 **f) SpeedWatch Scheme (SWS) Update Cllr Burgin**

Council noted that a team of volunteers had stepped up to help operate the SWS. Once trained the group would start operating the scheme in the village and potentially also run training sessions at village peripheries. NCC Cllr Neil Clarke was thanked for his support of the scheme, which had included a significant grant towards (now arrived) SWS equipment purchases. The group would continue to liaise with local police to ensure any “follow-ups” as appropriate were also delivered on.

**M680 Local Representatives updates**

*(Clerk’s note: These items were advanced in the Agenda and taken after Matters Arising)*

**a) Rushcliffe Borough Council RBC Cllr Tina Combellack**

i) The potential introduction of a “Smoke Free Zone” across Rushcliffe was highlighted and parishioners urged to communicate their thoughts on that via the ongoing RBC survey.

ii) Methods and actions to address Domestic Violence were also under discussion by RBC, and the “Ask for Angela” scheme highlighted as a way of asking for assistance. This scheme operates via eg pubs, shops and other public places, with staff training available to assist “help-requests” flagged up this way.

b) **Nottinghamshire County Council NCC Cllr Neil Clarke**

 i) Local Bus Provision

Cllr Clarke flagged that “Dial a Ride” style bus services had successfully been rolled out in north Notts with Schemes and area-bandings for South Notts (including Rushcliffe) to be considered next. This would allow residents to “book” a return journey to specific locations, so potentially more convenient than the current system whilst also certainly being more economically and environmentally sound.

ii) Local Flooding

It was noted that Cropwell Butler had received a grant to initiate a natural flood prevention system. It was suggested that a similar scheme might also work for Colston Bassett. With Flooding a topic for the May Annual PC meeting this will be discussed at that stage and if agreed an application for grant-support drawn up as appropriate.

It was also noted that some flood-warning signs had been stolen or broken. These signs are by necessity stored in or near their usage-locations, so are regrettably susceptible to theft (for their scrap value) and to destruction by eg unwary agric mowers. Cllr Clarke suggested that the local Flood Wardens apply for replacements to the NCC Emergency Flood Response Team, who have just been grant funded an additional sum to help with local flooding issues.

*(Clerk’s note: This information has passed to the CB Lead Volunteer Flood Warden)*

**iii) Speed restriction on Harby Lane**

As discussed at the APM, Council reiterated support for extending a speed restricted area beyond Wells Cottage, which Cllr Clarke would refer to NCC Highways colleagues for further investigation

**ARISING ACTION Jane Clark, John Cooper & Cllr Burgin to liaise and organise a meeting with “senior residents” in the Village Hall to explain NWS & revised bus options. Identification of their What3Words locations could also be given at that meeting as appropriate,**

**c) Nottinghamshire Police PCs Saskia Mills & Caroline Voce**

 i) Further information on, and support for, both the local NWS and SWS projects was reiterated. Cllr Burgin will liaise on both projects as required.

 ii) Use of What3Words in assisting better rural response times was again highlighted, especially where postcodes often covered quite large areas. The Police also welcomed contact through the 101 non-emergency number to report incidents or suspicious vehicles / visitors in the village, as this helped build up patterns and data that could then be acted upon to help prevent future issues, but with appropriate use of the 999 number still the best way to get a rapid response to any ongoing incident or emergency.

 The officers were thanked for their attendance and ongoing support and left the meeting

**M681 Environment and Amenities (Cllr Jennings) / Clerk)**

1. **Lengthsman Scheme update**

Council noted that the NCC support grant for this scheme had been applied for and their won previous support for continuation of the scheme into 2024/5 (NCC Grant-funding agreement via RBC already in place).

One potential area for Lengthsman attention noted was the north-east (non-housed side) verge banking on the section of road between Owthorpe Triangle and Hall Grounds, now prone to flooding and requiring verge cut-outs to allow flood water to move from road through adjacent road boundaries to ditches / grassland.

1. **Village Hall Update (including Grant Application update)**

The VHAGM will be held on Monday 8 April from 1730hrs in the Village Hall. The financial situation seemed to be improving and Council were thanked for their support of various VH projects. The planned installation of solar panels on the VH south-facing roof was still pending grant-approval confirmation, but this scheme offers a positive enhancement to the VH operating finances.

**M682 Planning Council NOTED the following Planning Applications Cllr Stanford**

**Previous Applications** Variations (Feb 2024) at Sunset Cottage, Church Gate CBPC Not Object RBC Pending

**New Applications** None notified as of Agenda Date (14.3.24)

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**M683 Finance** **Cllr Burgin / Responsible Financial Officer)**

**A)** **Council Noted Invoices SENT for payment to CBPC and other claims**

i) VIA Highways Lengthsman Scheme Year 2 of 3 **£960** *Awaited (Clerk; now Received)*

II) Speedwatch Support (NCC Cllr Clarke) **£450** *Received 20/4*

iii) VAT Reclaim to HMRC (c£650 anticipated) *delayed as S/Wise invoice still awaited*

 *iv) NUC Union 2024 Pay Claim; greater of £3k or 10% (pro-rata), 37 to 35hrs FT, Min £15/hr by 2026*

**B)** **Council NOTED and APPROVED Sums / Liabilities falling due for repayment by 31.3.24 (c£2613.46)**

i) Clerks Differentials (Feb/March 2024) *£44.56 x 2 (****£88.94)*** *tbc by CA+*

ii) HMRC Tax (Feb/March 2024) *£86.00 x 2 (****£172.20)***  *tbc by CA+*

iii) Lengthsmans 2024 2nd Invoice 32 hrs @£20/hr (**£640)** as per budget

iv) Streetwise Mowing Invoice 2 2023-4 *(Inv2 not received)* **(£1712.34)** *(inc £285 VAT)*

v) Clerks Computer Current laptop noted as requiring replacement, Incoming Clerk to liaise

 with Cllr Burgin on approved purchase of a replacement as required.

**M684** **Parishioners’ & Councillors’ Urgent Considerations** (Including any Recommendations from Annual Parish Meeting

a) Kings Portrait (Clerk) Ordered by Clerk from Cubiquity (free) under HM Gov Scheme

 b) Great British Spring Clean CB Prep School are undertaking a village Litter Pick as part of this programme

 c) Recommendations from APR; i) NWS agreed and to be implemented

ii) Harby Lane speed restriction to be pursued

1. Councillor Co-Option Following the resignation of Sabina Manea-Nelken permission has been received

from RBC to co-opt a seventh Parish Councillor at their sole discretion. This will bring CBPC up to its full membership quota. Following discussion, and given acceptance of the invitation, Mr Martyn Davies of Hall Grounds Drive was approved by Council as their nominee-Councillor. Clerk (NM) to liaise & validate candidacy.

**M685 2024 Meeting dates***:* ***13 May Annual Parish Council Meeting (including Election of Officers)***

***ALL DATES FOLLOWING THE MAY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ARE TBC BY COUNCIIL WITH NEW PARISH CLERK***

*Parish Council Meetings are usually held / required in early-mid July / late August or more usually early Sept /*

*late October (Finance & Precept) / mid-late December / late January / APM late in March\* / APCM early in May\**

*(\*APM/APCM usually require 14 days Agenda notice & should only be held in these months, other Agendas 3 clear work days; eg W for M)*

*Full Council Meetings cannot start before 6pm and cannot be held in Private or Licensed premises unless no other venue is available*