

Wednesday 15th December 2021

Hambleton Parish Council Meetings – discussion forum following cancellation of Ordinary Meeting on NALC advice amid Covid concerns.

As mentioned on Zoom, this wasn't a formal PC meeting as legislation currently does not allow for online meetings; however, to have everyone's thoughts on the Agenda items was a great help to enable us to move some items forward using the delegated powers.

Summary of discussion below:

Parish Council

1. PC October minutes – these were agreed as a true record and will be put on the next BA agenda to be minuted as such.
2. Updates:
 - Good feedback from Remembrance Day, reported in Newsletter
 - Christmas Lights switch on – good feedback, big thanks to Cllr Mountford – public seem very pleased with the decision to have lights. Complimentary email received and good comments on Facebook. PA system not loud enough still and layout to be changed for next year. Hire of equipment might be the best option for PC – avoids insuring, storing, maintaining – and can be hired to suit the event specifically
 - November VAS report shared
 - Newsletter out
 - Parish Service Audit by SDC – updated that only 2 nursery setting in village
 - No response re funding from Locality Budget – clerk to push this as it could hel pay for Goals
 - NALC have requested for legislation to be changed to allow for online meetings once again
 - Unitary Authourity processes still underway – elections to be 2022
3. Finance - Reconciliation was checked against the bank statement – approved – to be minuted at next meeting
4. SLCC membership £144 was approved
5. Full list of December payments was approved. Clerk's cheque for reimbursement was written incorrectly – total was checked again and Cllr Protheroe voided the existing cheque and rewrote a new replacement cheque, changing the cheque number on the invoice document.
6. Budget was agreed – an additional £2k was to be put on the budget for Recreation Field improvements. The costs next year will deplete the reserves of the main bank account by £18,500 IF no other funding is found. Current account stands at £69k and there is a reserve account of £12k and also the Charitable Trust which could maybe be applied for.
7. Precept Option 3 – Keep band D the same – which sees an increase of £3k due to the number of houses, no rise to the tax payer
8. Rec Field updates
 - Cllr Ferris has followed up the new MUGA fencing – another company, G&O Fencing has been much more co-operative and communicative. Quote from them is similar to Heras. All agreed to go with the new company to get the job done.
 - Steps to the Cabins that were offered for free are not suitable because of the way the cabins open – the whole end opens rather than there being a door in the side. Other options are to be looked at including a purpose built paver step.
 - Cllr Ferris will look into the availability and costings of Inclusive Playground equipment
 - Moles – MJ Backhouse latest assessment and action at the Rec field to be chased. Cllr Ferris to investigate re options with Despatch Pest Control
 - Teams using field to be told to stamp hill down and check ground before play
9. Platinum Jubilee updates

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- Extended Bank Holiday Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022
- JJ initial Plan – gala type celebration to fit in with the Big Jubilee Lunch, and event happening nationwide. Music, performances, kid's activities, local groups, food & drink stalls, craft stalls.
- Beacon Lighting on Thursday – an option – Beacon options not inspiring! PDF of Beacon brochure to be emailed to all.
- Zoom meeting Sunday for Volunteers to pool info found so far

10. Councillor Vacancy to be advertised asap
11. Support was approved for the 20's Plenty campaign
12. Street Light Maintenance contract with NYCC was agreed
13. Tapperell to quote for Village Green Tree maintenance
14. Planning application – resident to submit own concerns