**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NARBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020 IN THE CHURCH CENTRE BEGINNING AT 7.30pm**

**Present:**

**Mr J Collins Chairman**

**Mr S Davey Councillor**

**Mr P Wilkinson Councillor & Breckland Councillor**

**Also in Attendance:**

**Mr E Colman Norfolk County Councillor**

**4 members of the Public**

**Mr D Burchell Clerk to the Council**

1. Apologies. No apologies for absence had been received.
2. Minutes of Meeting Held on 2 December 2019. Councillor Wilkinson pointed out a typo error at para 7b where the date had been inadvertently entered as 2012 rather than 2021. The Chairman made and initialled the necessary alteration and the Minutes were unanimously approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting.
3. Declarations of Other Registrable Interests. Councillor Wilkinson declared Other Registrable Interests in Items 11a to 11f under the Breckland Code of Conduct
4. Public Participation

**Standing Orders Suspended at 7.31pm**

County Councillor:

Council Tax proposed to rise by 3.99% - 1.99% for general Council Tax and 2% under Government’s adult social care precept.

£65m in funding for adult social care and children’s services.

£4.1m bid to support more unpaid carers in Norfolk.

£1m per year community fund proposed.

Consultation on ten countywide special needs bases – Breckland bases to be in Thetford.

District Councillor:

Proposed Council Tax increase of 2% - Breckland still has one of lowest Council Taxes in the country.

Town & Parish Forum being hosted by Breckland art Elizabeth House on 12 February 2020 – details of agenda to be issued shortly.

Members of the Public:

A resident of Skippers Meadow expressed concerns at speeding along Chalk Lane and apparent delays at implementation of traffic calming measures associated with new development. County Councillor explained position of County regarding negotiations with Persimmon Homes and agreed to liaise with the resident over this matter.

Another resident expressed concerns regarding state of access road to Skippers Meadow – it was explained that this is the responsibility of Persimmon Homes as the estate has not been adopted by County. County Councillor agreed to speak with Highways Officers to arrange an inspection of estate roads which still have to be maintained to highways standards.

**Standing Orders Reinstated at 7.55pm**

1. Chairman’s Announcements. The Chairman informed that he has received a letter of resignation from Councillor Sue Cox.
2. Churchyard Trees. It was noted that the CGM Group have been given the permission to commence work and that they will be liaising with Revd Canon Stuart Nairn regarding the removal or otherwise of shredded arisings from the site.
3. Defibrillator. It was noted that:
   1. The owners of the Village store have kindly agreed to have the defibrillator located on the shop wall and that they will arrange installation at no cost to the Council.
   2. The Clerk is writing to local businesses to ask if they will consider sponsoring the equipment.
   3. The Clerk will be submitting an application for match funding once he has received replies form the local businesses.
4. Aerodrome Memorial. It was noted that work on the restoration of the memorial is progressing well.
5. Zip Wire:
   1. It was noted that the Clerk is in the process of applying for match funding and that there will be at least a six week lead in prior to installation once the order is submitted to Wicksteed Play.
   2. It was unanimously resolved to place the order for a Zip Wire with Wicksteed Play at a cost of £9,852.60 ex VAT.
6. School Alley Lighting:
   1. It was noted that:
      1. The Chair of Governors of Narborough Primary Academy has written asking the Council to help in the school seeking funding towards the cost of replacing and upgrading parts of the external lighting along School Alley at a cost of £3,765.00.
      2. In May 2018 the Council had agreed to contribute up to £940.00 towards the installation of 3 low energy light fittings at a total cost of £1568.70 ex VAT in the financial year ending 31 March 2019, work which apparently was never carried.
      3. Since May 2018 the school has received £58,200.00 in S106 money from the Denny’s Walk development; with interest this fund now stands at approximately £61,120.00.
   2. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Davey, seconded by Councillor Wilkinson and unanimously resolved to:
      1. At this stage refuse to support the request from the Chair of Governors of Narborough Primary Academy seeking help in obtaining funding for replacing and upgrading the external lighting along school alley.
      2. To enquire as to why the school has not allocated any of the S106 money they received towards this project.
7. Planning Applications:
   1. 3PL/2017/0768/F – Willow Bank, Main Road – Erection of 3 terraced houses – undecided.
   2. 3PL/2017/0997/Var – Persimmon Homes – undecided.
   3. 3PL/2017/1001/Var – Persimmon Homes – undecided.
   4. 3PL/2019/0312/F – Land adjacent to cabin – undecided.
   5. 3PL/2019/0904/Var – Persimmon Homes – Undecided.
   6. 3PL/2019/0831/F – Land off Meadow Road – revised passing area – no change to Council’s objections.
8. Correspondence. There was no significant correspondence to be brought to the attention of the Council.
9. Reports. There were no reports on attended external meetings.
10. Finance. The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:
    1. D J Burchell – Clerk’s salary for December - £288.60.
    2. HMRC – PAYE for December - £72.00.
    3. Norfolk ALC – Councillor Training - £72.00.
11. Village Matters:
    1. School Alley. Councillor Wilkinson asked that the matter of sweeping the School Alley be re-addressed with Narborough Primary Academy.
    2. Flower Box. Councillor Davey noted that the flower box at the western end of the village had survived unharmed after being hit by a fallen tree.
12. Next Meeting. It was noted that the next meeting is on Monday 3 February.

**The Meeting Closed at 8.20pm**