

<p>Highways and landowners; the creation of a wooded area will be discussed at the December meeting; a decision of declaring a Climate Emergency will be considered when more research has been performed; a wildflower area would be appropriate in the cemetery and Pocket Park; any grants for decarbonizing homes that the Parish Council is aware of will be advertised on the village website; the recycling of materials will be discussed at the December meeting but Cllr Forder recommended that the Bus Shelter could be used as a central location for the recycling bins many villagers currently have placed at the end of their drives for materials not currently recycled by WNC. The Councillors agreed to this request provided the volunteers currently supporting the activity continued to do so when the bins were relocated and that the bus shelter was kept clean and tidy.</p>	
<p>21/83 Agenda</p>	
<p>a) To discuss Lottery funding for Climate Activities</p>	
<p>Helen Dyson reported that 13 fruit trees had been planted at one end of the allotments. Ms. Dyson said that she was looking to get a proposal for lottery funding of £2,000 to improve habitats and bio diversity across the Parish area and that the funding would be used for a detailed feasibility study to identify the sustainable locations to plant mature trees across the Parish area. Ms. Dyson suggested that it a tree could be provided to households to plant in their garden if requested as there was a lack of Parish/public land within the area. The Councillors agreed to the proposed actions and supported the grant application. Clerk to submit the application to the Lottery Fund.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>b) To discuss the support for the bus service in 2022</p>	
<p>The Clerk had circulated an update from John Hunt to Councillors, there were no further updates. The Clerk said that as part of the draft budget for next year, he would include a sum a of £1,679.23 to reflect the contribution made by the Council this year</p>	
<p>c) To discuss speeding issues in the High Street and Northampton Road</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that correspondence had been received from Dr. Paul Brown requesting speed camera signs along the High Street to deter speeding vehicles. As the High Street is part of the conservation area, Councillors were not in favour of more signs in the area. Cllr. Gorrod will contact Dr. Brown and advise him that the Councillors felt that as the SID device has not been available for a while and a new one will be purchased which along with the returned old SID which no longer records data will alert speeding drivers that this was a better solution..</p>	<p>Cllr. Gorrod</p>
<p>d) To receive an update and consider options in relation to the defibrillators</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that the defibrillator training had taken place on the 16th October. Cllr. Gorrod said that the defibrillator pads were also close to their replacement date. The course trainer said that the pads were good for another 6 months. Further efforts would be made to obtain replacement pads and batteries and an update would be given at the December meeting to decide whether a more economic solution may to be to replace the existing AEDs with a more modern version which utilize lower cost or more easily available accessories..</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>e) To discuss actions from the Neighbourhood Plan</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that the actions from the Neighbourhood Plan had been compiled into a list with assistance from Cllr. Forder. These would be circulated to Councillors for consideration in the new year.</p>	<p>Cllr. Gorrod</p>
<p>f) discuss ongoing issues with regards to the open space in Roundhouse Close</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that correspondence had been received from a resident of Roundhouse Close who was concerned about the state of the green space and that ball games were being played there and that the balls were hitting her car. Cllr Gorrod said that the ball issue was a civil matter for the resident to take up either with the parents of the children concerned or the Police. The Clerk also confirmed that there were no restrictions on the green space beyond maintaining it. It was proposed and agreed for the area to be grassed over and the dead shrubs removed.</p>	
<p>g) To consider and approve a location to plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p>	
<p>Cllr. Brotherton said there was an area at the top of the Spinney that had been cleared by David Cliffe that would be a suitable location for the tree together with a commemorative plaque. Cllr. Brotherton suggested a Hornbeam tree and would</p>	

research the cost of the tree suitability of the ground, reporting back to Council in December..	Cllr. Brotherton
h) To approve the MoU with the Allotment Association	
The Clerk had circulated the proposed MoU with the Allotment Association to Councillors. The Clerk advised Council that the MoU had been agreed with the Allotment Association. Councillors accepted the MoU and the Chairman duly signed a copy on behalf of the Council. The Clerk advised the Council that the application to have the Allotments recognised as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) was under consultation and the Trustees of Lucettes fund which owns the land have been contacted for comments and to reply by the 6 th December 2021 to WNC.	Clerk
i) To discuss the Water Pump and Plaque in West End in relation to the Parish Council adopting responsibility for the site	
Cllr. Gorrod said that there is a water pump and plaque in West End which is a village asset without an owner. Cllr. Gorrod proposed that it be adopted by the Parish Council to keep it maintained and covered by the council's insurance. The Councillors agreed to the proposal. Cllr. Gorrod said he would research the ownership of the land on which the pump is located as well as the green lane to its side.	Cllr. Gorrod
j) Issues identified at the Big Green Week for Councillors to discuss	
These had been discussed under the public session	
k) To approve the donation of £60 to the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Wreath	
The Clerk said that a donation of £60 for the Poppy Appeal was approved in the budget. The Councillors approved the payment of the donation of £60 to the Poppy Appeal.	
l) To approve the meeting dates for 2022	
The meeting dates for 2022 were approved by Councillors	
m) Clerk's update	
The Clerk said that the contract for street lighting electricity with SSE was due to expire on the 31 st January 2022 and SSE need to know by January 1 st as to the Council's intentions in either maintaining or cancelling the contract. The Clerk said that he had been in contact with Clear Utility Solutions based in Weedon and recommended by NCALC to provide a quote for the December meeting. If the recommendation was agreed by Council, Clear Utility Solutions will take care of all the necessary administration and can also recommend only carbon neutral power suppliers. The Clerk advised Councillors that he was working on the first draft of the 2022/23 budget for Council to consider in December and to sign it off in January 2022	
21/84 Planning	
a) The Clerk advised Councillors that a meeting of the Planning Committee had taken place on the 7 th October to discuss an application by GRS bagging to extend their stay on the site by 2 years. The Planning Committee had raised a number of objections which had been submitted to LCC and their Planning Committee is due to meet in November to consider the application.	
21/85 Reports	
a) Highways	
Cllr. Gorrod said that there were no new reports made	
b) Rights of Way	
Cllr. Gorrod reported that a way post marker post had rotted and snapped, this has been reported to Highways. Cllr. Gorrod had also received a report of a walker in Hall Lane instructed by the driver of a farm vehicle to get off the track as it was for farm access. Cllr. Gorrod has been in contact with Highways asking them to remind land owners that it is a bridleway for public access.	
c) Playing field	
Cllr. Brotherton said that the Playing Field was in good shape and that David Cliffe had made an excellent job with the Spinney clearance. Cllr. Brotherton also reported that the equipment in the play area was being well used.	
d) Speed Indicator Device (SID) report	
No reports are currently available	

e) Welford Youth and Community Centre													
There were no meetings to report													
f) Village Hall:													
Cllr. Esling said that the AGM was held of the 27 th October where it was reported that the number of users is improving and that there is a healthy bank balance held by the Village Hall.													
g) Pocket Park													
Cllr. Esling reported that the outer hedge had been trimmed by David Cliffe. There will be a display of knitted poppies through the Park in November. Some of the Pocket Park funds will be spent on hedging in the near future, especially where the new soil has been placed.													
21/86 Finances													
a) Councillors noted the bank working balance at Unity Trust on the 22nd October 2021, £47,921.96													
b) Councillors noted the standing order for street lighting paid to SSE on the 18th October 2021, £35.64. The Clerk said this was lower than usual as credit had been applied to the account following the installation of the LED lights.													
c) The following payments were approved													
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<p>The Clerk advised Councillors that David Cliffe submitted an invoice work in the Spinney which was approved at the July meeting, minute reference 21/63e, cost £175 plus £35 VAT. Mr. Cliffe also carried out the emergency repairs to the noticeboard near to Postman Pat at a cost of £23.78 plus £4.76 VAT which have been submitted for payment.</p> <p>Cllr. Gorrod asked that a letter of thanks be sent from the Council to David Cliffe for all the work he does for the village in helping to maintain the hedgerows and fences.</p>													
21/87 Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th December 2021													
The meeting closed at 9.20pm													

Clerk

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Signed by Chairman	Dated