



**St Giles on the Heath
With Northcott Hamlet Parish Council**

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th May 2021 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr K Hamlyn (Chairman)
Cllr M Bolton
Cllr A Nicholson
Cllr G Thorne
Cllr R Nicholson
Cllr I Rixon
Cllr C McKenzie
Cllr M Stanbury

In Attendance:

Clerk Mrs A Jones

1. PUBLIC SESSION
 - 1.1 No members of the public in attendance to this meeting.
2. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
 - 2.1 Cllr B Jewell – apologies sent.
 - 2.2 Cllr P Watson – apologies sent.
3. MINUTES
 - 3.1 Minutes of last meeting on 13th October 2020 agreed 1st Cllr A Nicholson and 2nd Cllr R Nicholson. All Councillors agreed minutes to be a true record and the Chairman has signed.
4. RECEIVING CLERK'S REPORT AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE.
 - 4.1 Play Area Inspection – An Inspection has recently been carried out on the Play Area by MR Nick Adams. The Clerk and Chairman will review this report and attend a site meeting to address the issue raised.
 - 4.2 Play Area Quote – The Parish Clerk has received a Quote for renewing equipment in the Play Area from a Company “Playforce”. They have agreed to hold the figure of £10,000.00 until funding has been received. The Clerk has also applied to SWW for a grant of £5000.00 but recently learnt that the Parish Council is unsuccessful. Clerk is to continue to look for further grants available.
 - 4.3 & 4.4 Broadband Issues & Airband – A recent email has been received from a Year 11 Pupil whom attends Launceston College. “I am taking the opportunity to email you to make you aware of mine and my family's current situation, I am studying towards my GCSEs this year and as you will be aware I have spent most of the past academic year studying remotely. This has been challenging due to the fact that we are unable to access superfast broadband despite living 150m away from the A388 and 300m away from my nearest superfast broadband neighbour. My parents have been looking into the Universal Service Obligation (USO) set by Ofcom. When they received a quote from BT they were surprised to see that it was calculated at £72,000. I can't imagine that many people would find this affordable. Given the situation that we have all found ourselves in, in the last year it demonstrates how reliant most of the nation have become on superfast broadband placing myself at a disadvantage to my peers. This is particularly disappointing as my strongest subject at school is computer science. Prior to the quote from BT in their fulfilment of the USO, my parents had contacted Connecting Devon and Somerset as well as Airband with little success. We do have 4G coverage but only outside and at a very limited speed, of course satellite is an option as long as it's not too cloudy or rainy and if I didn't mind a ridiculously high ping rate. I do not feel individuals should be placed at a disadvantage due to geographical location. I would be very grateful if you could advise me and my 11 neighbours on the hamlet, another of which is a disadvantaged year 10 student, of what type of grant we would be eligible for to cover this cost.” The Parish Council has also recently been approached by Airband requesting they attend a Parish Council meeting to address the Community. This is to be held on 8th June 2021. Clerk to distribute this information.

The Chairman addressed the Council stating that Thank you letters had been received from the following Community Groups for the recent Grants they have received: St Giles Church, St Giles Hall Committee, St Giles Shop Committee and St Giles Churchyard Fund.

Chairman sign and Date _____



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5. RECEIVING REPORT OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
 - 5.1 No applications received during this period.
6. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN.
 - 6.1 Car Parking on Pavements– A complaint has been received about the number of cars parking on pavements around the Village and residents are unable to pass. The Chairman would like the Clerk to contact the Police for further advice.
 - 6.2 CSW – A recent Community Speed Watch has been carried out in the Village with the following interesting results:
9 Cars booked with a top speed of 45mph.
 - 6.3 New Councillor – The Clerk has a resident whom is interested in becoming a Councillor for St Giles on the Heath. The Clerk will contact and invite to the next meeting in June 2021.
 - 6.4 Playing Field – The Playing Field has currently a “Gentleman’s Agreement”. Cllr Stanbury and the Parish Council are to draw up a contract.
7. FINANCES
 - 7.1 Authorisations of Expenses – Proposed 1st Cllr A Nicholson 2nd Cllr G Thorne
- Mrs A Jones Rm Rnt Postage. Litter Picking £101.63
 - 7.2 Current Account as of 17 April 2021 - £5682.08
 - 7.3 Monthly Budget – Information handed to Councillors.
 - 7.4 Exemption Certificate – All Councillors agree for the Parish Council to be Exempt Proposed 1st Cllr M Stanbury 2nd Cllr G Thorne.
 - 7.5 Year End Accounts – The Parish Clerk reported to the Parish Council the Financial Statement to Councillors, and issued for their information a copy of the Year End Accounts.
 - 7.6 Clerks Wages – The Clerk has requested a increase to the monthly room rent and broadband, as this has stayed the same for the past 10 years. Councillors agreed to increase the Broadband from £7.50 pm to £10.00pm and room rent from £15.00pm to £20.00pm Proposed 1st Cllr G Thorne 2nd Cllr M Stanbury with all Councillors in favour.
8. NEXT MEETINGS
 - 8.1 Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10th November 2020 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Chairman sign and Date _____