

Lynesack and Softley Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING – draft until signed	
DATE Thursday 15 th October 2020 7pm	
VENUE Butterknowle village hall	
AGENDA	
ITEM	
	PRESENT: Cllrs J Newell, C.Starks, D Wallace , V Balchin, R Lowson, Y Wilkinson and C Simpson C Dodd (clerk)
1.	Apologies: Cllr R Kellett
2	Minutes from the last meeting to approve, sign and date
3	Matters arising from July’s minutes: a) No response had been received from Sarah Ann Stoker with regard to the rumble strips and farm sign – this is to be re- addressed
4	Accounts: A) Invoices to approve: 1) Clerk’s wages £255.82 + 80p missed from Aubergine cheque 2) Clerk’s PAYE £63.80 3) WAVE £53.76 4) SE Landscaping £456.00 5) C.Dodd – 3 poppy wreaths 6) R.Lowson £48.00 7) K Linsley £157.50 8) Aubergine – web building for accessibility compliance £1078.00 B) Balance of account was read out at the meeting
5.	Woodland village trees: A parishioner is requesting trees be cut back and also removed from an area around her bungalow where the trees are affecting a dry stone wall and overhanging her property. The matter was discussed and an arborist to attend and review the situation. Cllr Lowson to contact arborist
6.	Update on Butterknowle play area: Northstar have been in contact to say that they do own the land where the previous play area existed but after consultation with the residents in the area, they can not allow us to have another play area on that location
7.	Web site regulations (WCAG 2.1): Due to new web accessibility regulations, we have had to take a company called Aubergine onboard to make us a new website as ours is not compliant. This is a legal requirement issued by the Cabinet Office. The cost of this is reflected in item 8 of the accounts (above). The Chairlady and clerk will be drafting a letter to our local MP and County Councillors about help with cost of this additional work to make the website compliant.
8	Poppy wreaths: 3 poppy wreaths have been purchased, it was proposed and seconded that we pay £25 per wreath, this being the standard cost and a donation to RBL

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9.	<p>Highways/Parish matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Enquiries to be made to allow Lanehead to have village signs. Spring Gardens which comes under West Auckland have their own signs and verification is required as to the legalities. b) The finger post sign at the junction of Engine Inn House needs revitalising c) The planters that have been placed throughout the villages are to be lifted and a hard surface to be put under them to make them level and stable. Possible varnishing to be carried out to weatherproof them. Strimming around the area of the planters will also be dealt with and the Copley planters moved. Andrew Robinson to be informed and asked to continue with the flowers. d) The footpaths at the pedestrian gates at the cattle grid are in a poor condition and need attending to, with a hard surface as opposed to grass/mud e) There is a pile of windscreen glass on the roadside opp Dowson Bros Farm, between Lynesack and Copley, needs clearing away f) The camper van on Stag's Head Bank, with 4 flat tyres, is parked half on the pavement and half on the road, causing an obstruction on the pavement. g) On the C42 road (Diamond Bank), the stone retaining wall on the left hand side (going from Butterknowle to The Slack) is moving and holes appearing in it, which in the end could cause it to collapse h) The pavement between Butterknowle and Lynesack (right hand side of C42) is disintegrating and needs attending to 	
10/11	<p>Planning applications and approvals: None . These get sent to the councillors on a weekly basis for comments</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence: Budget planning for 2021 received – to be dealt with at a later date</p>	
13	<p>Any other business – A letter to be sent to Cllr Heather Smith with regard to the decision to allow Dominic Cummings family not to have to pay back council tax</p>	
14	<p>Meeting closed 8pm. Date of next meeting: TBA</p>	