**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**Held remotely via Zoom**

**Wednesday 15 July 7.30pm**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Nicola Harris, Spencer Morris, Nigel Tomlinson, Keith Wilson,

Colin Wright

**Clerk to the Council:** Lindsay Wilson

**Apologies received:** None

1. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** - None
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 27 May 2020** (previously circulated on 02.06.20),accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Morris Seconded: Cllr Tomlinson

1. **Matters arising:**
   1. **Banking with Unity Trust –** A new bank account has been set up, all councillors and the Clerk have been registered as authorised users of the account. The 7Day switch has commenced and should be completed on 23 July 2020. Councillors were informed that they should follow the instructions given on communication received from Unity Trust to register and log on to the account. Helpful tutorials on using the banking system can be found on the Unity Trust website in the Help/FAQs section.
   2. **Signposting to the IPort –** The contact in the Highways Dept of DMBC reports that the signage works have now been issued, hopefully the signs will be installed soon
2. **Financial Report:**
   1. Two cheques have now been fulfilled by the bank
      1. 346 Zurich insurance 2020/2021 £210.00
      2. 347 Town & Parish council websites £100.00
   2. The balance of the account to be transferred to Unity Trust is £825.67
3. **Planning Applications:**
   1. 20/01638/PD – Notification to utilise Permitted Development Rights – Installation of 6 poles on grass verges along Hall Balk Lane – enquiry closed 08.07.2020
   2. 20/01859/PD – 1 Rakes Lane, 2nd storey extension over existing garage. No objections expressed
4. **Misuse of Amazon Lakes area by quad bikes and motorised water sports:**

This issue has been a cause for concern for some time – contact with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Verdion (the site managers) and DMBC ecology manager has been difficult in recent months because of the Covid Lockdown situation. However recently, the Associate Director for Property Management from Verdion and the Police, with responsibility for the area have been in contact.

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in unauthorised activity during the lockdown period, increasing the damage to the environment and harm to the wildlife around the Lakes. A wildlife photographer, with a powerful telescopic lens, happened to be in the vicinity when some of this activity was taking place, recorded it digitally and forwarded it to the Parish Council. These images have been forwarded to the police, Verdion and the parish councillors for information.

Cllr Tomlinson volunteered the identity of one of the individuals in the images as being a local resident. Other councillors concurred with this identification. It was agreed that this information should be shared with the police and Verdion in an attempt to dissuade those involved, continuing in these activities.

Proposed: Cllr Tomlinson Seconded: Cllr Morris

It has also been noted that a café has been set up within farm-owned land, but seating has been placed on Verdion land in addition to the vegetation around the area and adjacent to the lake being close cut, not conducive for the wildlife or the safety of the users of this area. It was agreed that this should be investigated by Verdion, who manage the land.

Proposed: Cllr Tomlinson Seconded: Cllr Morris

1. **Dates for the next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 28 October 2020 (venue to be confirmed)**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.30hrs

Signed ……………………………………………………. Date ………………………………………………

Chair