**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**Held remotely via Zoom**

**Friday 02 October 2020 7.30pm**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Nicola Harris, Nigel Tomlinson, Keith Wilson, Colin Wright

**Clerk to the Council:** Lindsay Wilson

**Apologies received:** Spencer Morris

(This meeting via Zoom was advertised on the Parish Council website, there was no response from local residents. The meeting was brought forward from the meeting planned later in the month in order to deal with the planning application on the agenda in a timely way)

1. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** - None
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 15 July 2020** (previously circulated on 22.07.20),accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Tomlinson

1. **Matters arising:**
   1. **Road signs –** at the parish council’s requestnew road signs have now been erected by DMBC at either end of the village indicating ‘Loversall village only’ with a graphic indication that the road is unsuitable for lorries. We await further signage on the A60. A ‘Give Way’ sign has now been erected near the Parish noticeboard, which should slow down traffic from the nursery joining Bubup Hill.
   2. **Misuse of Amazon Lakes –** After prompting, a response had been received from Inspector Mark Payling following the Parish Council’s submission of clear photos showing quad bikers and jet ski-ers in and around the Amazon Lakes. Councillors were not satisfied that the police will ‘re-visit this location next summer’ and asked the Clerk to enquire of the police whether they had followed up the evidence provided regarding the jet ski miscreants. Cllr Wilson said he would contact the specialist quad bike police team.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson Seconded: Cllr Harris

1. **Financial Report:**
   1. Councillors were thanked for their continued help and persistence in establishing the online banking process. Cllrs Wright and Tomlinson have yet to register and sign on to the Unity Trust Bank
   2. The balance of the new bank account is now easily accessed online, with monthly statements.

The second half of the precept from DMBC was paid in £ 703.00

Clerk’s salary April-June 2020 £162.08

Service charge (3/12) £ 18.00

At the end of September 2020 the balance was **£1308.17**

1. **Planning Applications:**
   1. **20/02137/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to provide continuation of temporary takeaway café to a permanent change of use including creation of takeaway café, outdoor seating area, indoor seating area and toilets. Loversall Farm, Rakes Lane, Loversall Doncaster DN11 9DA**
      1. Loversall Parish Council’s full response, derived from email correspondence with councillors (in order to meet the consultation deadline) and shared with all the councillors prior to submission on 22 September 2020 was ratified by those present.

Proposed: Cllr Tomlinson Seconded: Cllr Wright

* + 1. It has been noted that the agreed expiry date has now been extended to 18 December 2020. It is also apparent the Parish Council are currently the only formal objectors, although the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have voiced concerns about the application. There are 10 supporters/customers for the application, who, if they travelled from their given addresses, travelled an average of 20 miles return trip to access the cafe.
    2. The submitted design and access statement includes the following paragraph ‘*To assist the recovering of businesses, following the relaxation of closures introduced to limit the spread of coronavirus, the Government announced Amendment Regulations of the current General Permitted Development Order, which introduced a new right providing an additional number of days which land can be used temporarily for any purpose from* ***1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.*** *This effectively allowing land to be used for any purpose for* ***56 days****, until December 2020’.* This café opened for business on 29 June, for 6 days a week until 21 September when the opening was reduced to 4 days a week. Allowing for closures for inclement weather, this is in the region of **70 days.**
    3. The planning application declares that *‘public access to the takeaway café is by cycling or walking only. There are no public highways to allow vehicular access and this is not required for the proposal. Therefore, there is no impact on traffic generation and no parking requirements in relation to the facility’.* However, there is a Facebook page encouraging customers to attend the café and of the 10 supporters for the café – their home addresses range from Scunthorpe, Moss, Micklebring, Gringley on the Hill, Stainton, Bessacarr, Bircotes or Tickhill. Resultant parking on or around Bubup Hill, Rakes Lane, Loversall Hall or Hall Balk Lane.
    4. The Planning application states that *‘It is considered that the proposed café will benefit the community in providing a service for local residents and the tourism industry’.* At the point of the planning application for the iPort site, the developers stated that the surrounding area would be restored to a natural habitat for wildlife, there was no mention of creating a tourist attraction.
    5. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has stated that they are imminently to be the lease holders of the land and have expressed concern about increased foot/bike traffic and not staying on paths. Also, concern about cars using Hall Balk Lane and the bridge over M18, which is not a public highway, and parking on land not owned by Mr Lee. Informal communication by the Chairman with YWT reveals that they have commented on the need for a clear ecological assessment before any decision is taken.
    6. Actions to be taken by Loversall Parish Council:
       1. Send photos demonstrating anti-social behaviour that is part of an ongoing police investigation to the planning Case Officer

Proposed: Cllr Tomlinson Seconded: Cllr Harris

* + - 1. Inform the Case Officer that the Parish Council is happy to accept the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust’s ecological assessment of the possible effects of the planning application and decision, but stresses that they should be allowed sufficient time for this to occur

Proposed: Cllr Harris Seconded: Cllr Wilson

* + - 1. Contact the DMBC Highways Dept to enquire what needs to be done to demonstrate an increase in traffic and issues around parking problems

Proposed: Cllr Wright Seconded: Cllr Wilson

1. **Clerk’s Report**

An anonymous letter has been received from a ‘concerned resident’, questioning the eligibility of a named individual to serve as a councillor on the Parish Council. The letter was spurious as the individual named was not and never had been a Loversall Parish Councillor. It was agreed that the DMBC should be notified of the correspondence. The Chairman reminded the Council that elected representatives are protected by legislation from intimidation, including receipt of malicious correspondence, and that any Councillor experiencing harassment or intimidation in the course of carrying out their public duties should report the matter to the Clerk, who can advise on what action to take.

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 21.30hrs

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

Chair