**Minutes of the** *Virtual* **Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council**

**held on Monday 16th November 2020**

 Present: T Love (joined at item 5), K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom;

in attendance: Cllr E Seward (NCC)

1.The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Cllr C Stockton (NNDC).

2.Declarations of interest – KP re item 5.4 (payment)

3. The Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on September 14th 2020, proposer KP, all agreed.

3.1 Matters arising – NNDC had acknowledged the Council’s request for a Parking Order at Walcott Gap but nil further had been heard.

4. Planning

4.1 Old Church Barn, Coast Road (20/1481) – the Council had no objection.

4.2 Land off Ostend Road, 18 dwellings (20/1582) – the Council discussed this application with support and objection; the decision was to support the application with a recommendation that a footway should be provided for pedestrian safety on a narrow lane.

4.3 Blue Moon, Seaview Cres – s/s extensions (20/1514) – the Council deferred its decision and asked the Clerk to await comment from all members.

5. Finance

5.1 Finance report – the precept (second half) had been received and the Clerk reminded members that the January agenda would include grants. Bank signatory changes had been passed to the Council’s bank and advice awaited.

5.2 To review the latest budget up-date – this had been circulated to members and was approved by the Council, proposer PP, all agreed.

5.3 To set the Parish Precept for 2021-2022 – the Council deliberated over how to set next year’s precept and following a proposal from TL that it should be £8534.00, in accordance with the budget set out in item 5.2, all were agreed. The Clerk was asked to include an item on the Precept at the January meeting to allow for a ‘special amenity’ precept element to be added, if appropriate, at that time.

 5.4 The Council approved en bloc the following payments due, proposer JR, all agreed:

 - Information Commissioner, renewal £40.00 (cheque 0235)

 - K Porter, domain renewal £15.82 (0236)

 - Clerk’s salary payslips Oct £300.54, Nov £265.00 SO’s

 Cheques would be signed outside the meeting.

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6. Members’ Reports –

PP gave an update on the progress of the Car Park project with the working party liaising with NNDC and their new officer working on the project. The Parish Council continues in its work to provide a suitable site and deliver this much-needed amenity for the village.

PP advanced her view that the village should have a Christmas tree this year and with a central site in mind would work with volunteers to achieve this; the Clerk was advised that the Council would support a limit of £100 of funds to assist.

With no other business the meeting closed at 19.40.

Signed: ................................... Chairman Date: ........................ 2021