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**Minutes of the Parish Council Extra-Ordinary meeting of Tollerton Parish Council (TPC)
held remotely via video conferencing in accordance with The Local Authorities, Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)
Regulations 2020, on Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30pm.**

Councillors present: Cllr Matt Garrard (Chairman), Cllr Claire Dul (Vice), Cllr Parma Somal, Cllr Rob Elliott, Cllr Martin Goodman, Cllr Mark Law, Cllr Tracy Longworth, Cllr George Walker.

Officers: Lesa Gilbert – Executive Officer, Emma Goodman – Responsible Finance Officer.

Also present: PCSO Anthony Davies, NHW representative, village newsletter editor, residents.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** (one cllr vacancy).
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Open session for members of the public to raise related agenda matters to Council:** resident reported coping stones lose on the old wall around Tollerton Hall/Nurseries. -- NHW representative concerned council can only move the suspected drug swaps short term as historically they just keep returning once the gate is unlocked again.
- 4. Meeting with Tollerton's local Police Officer to discuss the open space issues:** Cllr Law explained the background to the current suspected drug swaps/dealing issues at the Open Space. -- FO explained parents' concerns sent into council regarding teenagers being offered drugs. -- Cllr Garrard explained historical attempts to resolve the problem such as increased lighting and park usage by clubs. -- Cllr Walker and Cllr Goodman explained quotes/ possible CCTV solutions. -- Cllr Dul asked if the police speak to the local schools to educate on teenagers saying no to drugs. PCSO Davies explained the police work with youth services to do this and will pick up with Keyworth Youth Services. -- Council discussed possible solutions at length. -- PCSO Davies advised deterrents are the best way to resolve e.g., cctv, lighting, signage, gates locked. Police patrols to the park have increased and they will look to continue to do additional visits to the park. Councillors and residents should call 101 to report any suspicious activity and supply vehicle registration numbers but not to put themselves in any danger. He advises council to continue to lock the OS gate at night and look to improve OS lighting. PCSO Davies will visit the OS with councillors to review/advise how CCTV could be best used and will investigate possible funding grants available to council.
- 5. To agree any changes/security improvements at the open space - for agreement:** Council resolved to continue to lock the gates, look at additional lighting/CCTV with PCSO Davies and automatic gate options. Also agreed to safety line marking around the new Mobilus.
- 6. Councillor casual vacancy options – for agreement:** Cllr Garrard reported Cllr Somal has resigned and the RBC notice is currently displayed until the 5th Feb. If no election is called Cllr Garrard explained the options available to council. Council agreed to an additional extra-ordinary meeting after the 5th Feb to agree co-opt vacancy resolution.
- 7. Discuss need for an employed maintenance position – discuss/agree any action:** Cllr Garrard explained the specifics/potential need for an additional member of staff to address the growing list of maintenance jobs following the current handyman no longer being available. FO advised salary cost moved from maintenance budget as already accounted for the list costs. Council discussed and agreed to look to recruit a groundsman - 8 hrs per week, for an initial one-year fixed term to see how it goes, local council salary pay scale 1 plus related employment benefits.
- 8. Revised contractor for planter cladding – for agreement:** FO shared quote from another local handyman slightly lower to already agreed cost but with a stain not paint. Council agreed cost/stain.

Meeting closed 20.54pm

Signed: Chairman of the Parish Council

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