

Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council

Council Meeting 21st April 2020

Supporting information

20/040 Apologies
No supporting information

20/041 Interests
No supporting information

20/042 Minutes
No supporting information

20/043 Public Issues
No supporting information

20/044 Coronavirus update
No supporting information

20/045 Report from the Parish Warden

20/046 National Trust Report

The National Trust has advised the following opening times of its properties in Beds and Herts.

Ashridge - small, outlying car parks: all open as of **Mon 11 May**, with the exception of Little Gaddesden where we are keeping it closed to minimise dog fouling in the adjacent meadow while the cattle are grazing and Northchurch Flats, where we are trying to promote some grass restoration following a lot of abuse during the wet weather.

Ivinghoe Beacon and Dick's Camp: these will **open by Saturday 16 May**. There will probably be third-party operated ice cream vans in both of these car parks on fine days and at weekends.

Ashridge, Monument Drive: this will **remain closed until Monday 1 June**. This is because it is a very difficult site for us to try to manage numbers and any kind of social distancing. We will operate it at 50% of the usual capacity and will turn people away once it is full. We will open the toilets; if people do not observe social distancing whilst using them, we will close them again. The shop and visitor centre will remain closed. There may be a reduced, take away offer available from the café. The Juice Dub is likely to be on site at weekends from 1 June.

Dunstable Downs: we will open the main car park and the beach car park at 50% of their usual capacity from **10am – 4pm daily from Monday 18 May**. The car park machines will be operating using the '**Pay by Phone**' facility and the charge will be

£3.50 per visit. The **toilets will be open** and we will monitor use to ensure social distancing is being observed. There will be a third party operated ice cream van in the beach car park on fine days. **Cars that cannot be accommodated will be turned away.**

Sharpenhoe, Totternhoe, Whipsnade Heath: all open from **Wednesday 13 May.**

Sundon Hills and Morven Park: still **open** – never closed. There is no parking at Morven.

Whipsnade Tree Cathedral: this will remain **closed** for now.

Shaw's Corner: this will remain **closed** for a long time yet. There is little prospect of us re-opening until social distancing is no longer required. We may look to operate some kind of pre-booked visits later in the season.

20/047 Report and Update from the Traffic and Highways Working Party
No supporting information

20/048 Report and Update from the Open Spaces and Leisure Working Party

a. **Benches on The Green**
No supporting information

b. **Burial Ground pedestrian entrance**
No supporting information

c. **The Plough**
To note: That Dacorum Borough Council has received a notification under Section 95(2) of the Localism Act 2011 that the owner of The Plough wishes to dispose of the land. The notification has been received because The Plough is listed as an asset of community value.

See supporting information for more details.

20/049 Report and Update from the Finance and Administration Working Party

a. **Financial report**

i. **2019/20 (full year)**

To note: the draft full year accounts for 2019/20 show a net surplus of £4,324 (2019/18 loss £3,469). The improvement £7,800 relative to the previous year was caused by increased income of £10,000 offset by increased costs of £2,200.

See supporting documentation.

ii. **2020/21 (year to date)**

To note: that the full year projection for regular income and expenditure is for a net surplus of £7,500, up £1,700 on budget due to increased projected revenue from sports club rental, increased income from the burial ground and lower personnel and administration costs. Expenditure of £1,416.32 in May (detailed below for authorisation) is within budget.

See detail below

	May	Actuals to date	Year end projection	Annual budget	Variation - Yearend projection to budget		Actual	Variation - Yearend projection to 2019/20 actual		Commentary
Income										
Borough Council general income	-	21,028	21,028	20,765	263	1%	22,095	-1,067	-5%	2019/20 includes CIL income
Open spaces income (inc Borough Council grants)	1,225	17,887	25,497	24,772	725	3%	21,466	4,031	16%	Repayment of water rates, increased rental from football pitch hire, increased income from burial ground
Total other income	33	40	2,040	2,000	40	2%	4,912	-2,872	-141%	2 years VAT reclaimed in 2019/20
Total income	1,258	38,955	48,565	47,537	1,028	2%	48,473	92	0%	
Expenditure										
Personnel	727	1,453	10,633	11,000	367	3%	9,494	-1,139	-11%	Includes contingency
Administration	80	983	5,083	5,330	247	5%	4,507	-576	-11%	Includes contingency
Highways	-	-	275	275			5,420	5,145	1871%	2019/20 included purchase of SID warranty
Open spaces maintenance	609	2,241	22,616	22,650	34	0%	23,730	1,114	5%	2019/20 included map expenditure
Grants/donations	-	350	2,500	2,500			1,000	-1,500	-60%	Decision to make more funds available for community projects
Total regular expenditure	1,416	5,027	41,107	41,755	648	2%	44,151	3,044	7%	
Net regular income/expenditure	-158	33,928	7,458	5,782	1,676	22%	4,322	3,136	42%	
One-off expenditure	-	-	32,000	32,000				-32,000		
Total payments	1,416	3,610	73,107	73,755	648					
Net total income/expenditure	-158	33,928	-24,542	-26,218	-1,676		4,322	-28,864		

b. Approval of accounts to be paid:
No supporting information

c. To note payments received:
No supporting information

d. Internal Audit
No supporting information

e. Code of Conduct
See attached document

f. Child Protection Policy
See attached document

20/050 Report and update from the Planning Working Party

a. To note the following responses to planning applications submitted to Dacorum BC since the last Council Meeting under the Clerk's delegated powers:
No supporting information

b. To consider the following planning applications:
No supporting information

c. To consider planning applications received during the period 15th May 2020 and 21st May 2020:
No supporting information

20/051 Date and time of next meeting
7.30pm, Thursday 18th June 2020.