BRANXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman I MacGregor, Vice- Chairman S Rudge.

Parish Councillors N Wood & R Clark

County Councillor A Murray

Clerk I Hunter

3 members of the public

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation: None

Public Question Time- None

Community Police – The Clerk read out the following report:

There have been no incidents or crimes relevant to Branxton Parish Council since January. Police continue to enforce Covid-19 restrictions across the force, and everyone is advised to keep up to date with the rules and current guidance as the lockdown is eased.

Minutes of the Meeting: The Minutes of the Virtual Parish Meeting held on 8th December 2020 previously circulated were agreed as a true record, the Chairman to sign a hard copy.

Any urgent matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda- None

Min 495- Website- The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the Vice-Chairman for revamping the Parish Council website.

Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £61.00 to the Vice-Chairman to cover the domain and associated costs for the website.

Min 496- Financial Statement-

• Bank of Scotland Account £900.16

Min 497- Receipts

• Branxton Village Hall £ 85.00 Nett costs for the replacement Defib' pads

Min 498- Accounts for Payment –

•	A Deptford	£ 102.00	Replacement Defib' pads
•	S Rudge	£ 61.00	Website costs
•	E I Hunter	£ 107.36	Clerk's Salary 10.75 hours @ £12.48 per hr

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• HMRC £ 26.80 PAYE

Min 499- Donations- Parish Councillors considered the requests for donations from Age Uk and Citizens Advice and agreed even though both organisations are worthy charities the Parish Council are unable to make any donations due to the limited funds of a small Parish Council.

Min 500- Correspondence

- Clerks & Councils Direct- January newsletter
- NCC- Local Election arrangement update.
- **Min 501- Internal Auditor-** Parish Councillors agreed to appoint Mr E Rathbone as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council accounts for 2020/21.
- Min 502- Asset Register- Parish Councillors reviewed and agreed the Asset Register.

County Councillor A Murray and a member of the public joined the meeting at that point.

Min 503- Election update- The Clerk informed the meeting that the Local Elections will take place on 6th May, which means all sitting Parish Councillors will stand down on 5th May. The Clerk gave a summary of what is involved explaining if more than 5 people submit valid nomination forms there will be an election, however if there is not a quorum of 3 Parish Councillors on 6th May, Northumberland County Council will call another election within 35 days and the Parish Council will pay the full costs of that election. The Clerk reported that there is an election update on the Parish Council website.

Parish Councillors considered and debated the information 3 Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to organise nomination forms. The Clerk agreed to deliver the blank forms to the Chairman.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

- Min 504- County Councillor A Murray- Informed the Parish Council that this would be his last meeting of Branxton Parish Council as he is standing down at the May elections and thanked the Parish Council for their support. Parish Councillors gave County Councillor A Murray a vote of thanks for his work as a County Councillor over the years.
- **Min 505- Local PCC-** Rev R Kelsey informed the meeting that Branxton Church will be open for Easter Day worship, as well as 25th April. Sunday Services will resume afterwards on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's,

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 18th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Branxton Village Hall.

Chairman	

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