Clerk's report: for meeting to be held on 13th May 2020 (via Zoom)

Matters arising from 12th March minutes:

200312/4: A donation of £100 was received from the ELMS trial to GPPC at the end of March

2002012/8 To discuss possible extension of the Church burial ground and confirm the responsibilities of GPPC in relation to this: Deferred to next meeting

200312/10 Highways update: various roads around the area have been included in latest schedule. Cllr Moor also provided a report relating to this which has been circulated. More details will be put onto website as they are received regarding specific road closures.

200312/11 To consider removal of temporary traffic calming measures installed at Chapel Ash following the completion of the build project at Guiting Manor Farms: No further update has been received regarding this.

200312/21 Internet banking: both myself and Cllr Geoff have investigated this and information will be available for the first actual Council meeting.

Other info:

SI 2020/392 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 This SI will give most local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for public and press access to those meetings. Please note, however, this new legislation does not cover parish meetings so as it stands parish meetings are still required to hold physical meetings. This SI was issued on 2 April and is effective from 4 April 2020.

SI 2020/404 The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 This SI amends the deadline by which the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) together with any certificate or opinion issued by the local auditor must be published from 30 September 2020 to 30 November 2020. Previously there was a requirement for all smaller authorities to have a common period for the exercise of public rights, being the first 10 working days of July. Under the new regulations there is no requirement for a common period for the exercise of public rights. Smaller authorities are still required to set a period for this purpose, but the only requirement is that the 30-working day period for the exercise of public rights should start on or before the first working day of September, i.e. on or before 1 September 2020. This SI was issued on 7 April and is effective from 30 April 2020.

NALC have provided regular advice both pre-legislation changes and after. GAPTC have also added their input to this advice.

I have sat on two PC meetings to see how others have run virtual meetings.

Zoom have recently amended their setting options and all meetings now have a password.