



Minutes of the virtual monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th February, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Members Present: Cllr. Julie Lacey – Chairman
Cllr. Rhian Dolby
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Sarah McColl
Cllr. John Parsons
Cllr. Harvey Skinner

In Attendance: Mrs. Christine Howe, Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

By invitation: Cllr. Warwick (HCC) Cllrs. Bell, Laming and Williams (WCC)

Public question time - the public are invited to speak for 3 mins each on a topic relevant to this parish or agenda – total time allowed is 15 mins.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

ACTION

17/21 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr. Hannah Williams.

18/21 Declaration of Interests - To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None declared.

19/21 Minutes - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January, 2021

B.F.P.C. agreed the minutes of 11th January, 2020 were a true record of the meeting.

20/21 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman attended another Parish Council's monthly meeting to experience how other Parish Councils conduct their meetings. Councillors did the same as BFPC, muted themselves, Raised a hand to comment or ask a question. The biggest difference was, WCC Councillors They took questions about their reports then left the meeting. Their HCC Councillor did the same as our HCC Councillor. This made for a professional efficient meeting.

21/21 To receive the monthly report from HCC Member, Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Warwick told Council they could respond to the Local Transport Plan both as a Council and as individuals.

22/21 To receive the monthly report from WCC Members

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Bell mentioned that some W.C.C. grants are available to local businesses.

23/21 Finance

1. To approve the payments for running the parish during January, 2021

Council approved the payments for January, 2021 **£1922.34**

2. To agree the monthly bank statement for January '21 with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the January '21 bank statement reconciled at £95,947.26

24/21 To receive the Clerk's report

1. The notice boards height is being undertaken by AVA Recreation.
2. Finance has been moved up the Agenda in line with best practice for Parish Councils. This Enables all the usual business of running a parish Council is dealt with in the business section of the meeting leaving the rest of the meeting free for discussing non-business items.
3. The Village Green forms are to be collected from the Chairman on Wednesday 10th Feb. and then delivered to H.C.C. for registration of the Davis Kickabout area as a Village Green.
4. We now have a P.O. Box, no.2419 Fordingbridge, SP6 9BQ for post.

Signed by Chairman.....

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5. As some residents have commented they do not know what the Parish Council does or who the Councillors are, Clerk suggested a flyer be printed and delivered to the whole parish to raise the profile of the Councillors and the work they do.
6. A BFPC newsletter sent out twice a year would also raise Council's profile and will help the residents to understand the importance of the Parish Council and their function in improving the quality of life for parishioners and running the parish.
7. EE offered BFPC a change from the current mobile phone plan of £10.13 per month To one which is £5.00 p.m.

25/21 To receive reports from members

No meetings were attended due to Covid restrictions.

26/21 To consider planning applications received from W.C.C.

20/02824 – 50 Lowden Close, SO22 4EW, single storey rear extension.

Comment – No objection.

20/02827 – 12 Ashbarn Crescent, SO22 4LW, Replace previous 1st fl. extension with balcony over porch.

Comment - no objection with this application providing the balcony is appropriate.

27/21 Badger Farm playgrounds

Cllr. Skinner has updated the Covid signs in line with new Governments guidelines.

28/21 Estates management

In November 2019 Council set aside a budget of £2,000 for the maintenance of the Estate. Several areas now need attention and a programme of maintenance is to be put into place. Maintenance will take place on ad hoc basis to take into account seasonal requirements.

29/21 Highways and transport

H.C.C. surveyor is happy with the proposed location of the speed signs but noted that a sunken socket will need to be in place at the location of May Tree Close.

30/21 To discuss B.F.P.C. funding tree pruning at the back of Charfield Close

HCC's advised not to reduce the height of the trees as it will set a precedent. The school would have to fund any future tree maintenance but if the school are happy with the responsibility then the HT/ Governing body would have to agree the works. The Chairman is in communication with Stanmore school and the residents.

31/21 To receive an update on the Wildflower project

WCC are supportive of the wildflower project but do not own the land. All the information has been submitted to HCC who do own the land and we await their permission to start the project. The items required to mark out the wildflower area will be purchased as soon as we have permission.

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The article detailing the wildflower project has been submitted to the Community Newsletter.

32/21 To discuss the terms of the photographic competition

The terms and conditions of the competition are to be drawn up by Cllr. McColl and brought To the next Council meeting in March. The competition will run from late March until 25th April. It is open to all and winners will be announced at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

SM

33/21 To discuss purchasing council owned tablets for councillors

Resolved: Council have resolved to purchase tablets for the Councillors to use when on Council business. Cllr. Parsons to research the best tablets to purchase and inform Clerk.

JP/ CH

34/21 Items for inclusion on the March 2021 agenda

1. To discuss tree pruning behind Charfield Close.
2. Update on Wildflower Project.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Date of next meeting 8th March, 2021.

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