

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020 REMOTELY BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 7:30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mrs T Mugridge Mr O O’Grady and Mrs C Steggles and 1 member of the public

Due to the current pandemic, The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The regulations provide Councils with the power to hold their Council and Committee meetings remotely, by electronic means, between 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

45 Apologies Mr A Palin

46 Public Participation  
The Clerk, when adding the agenda to the website, requested that any Members of the public who wished to make any comments on the agenda should e-mail their questions and let her know if they would like to take part in the meeting so that she could provide them with the link to the meeting. Nothing was received.

47 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests  
Mrs Mugridge declared a personal interest in item 7 of the agenda relating to planning application DM/20/2292 1 Mountfield Court, Lion Lane.  
Mrs Mugridge took no part in the discussion or decision and left the virtual meeting.

48 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman advised he had spoken to MSDC regarding the emptying of the bin on the Village Green due to the increasing number of cyclists passing through the village and the bins overflowing. An increased schedule of emptying the bins was going to be trialled by MSDC to see if this would solve the problem.  
With regard to cyclists using the rear of the Free Church and The Crown as a toilet, MSDC have informed Environmental Health of this problem.  
A short discussion was had by Members regarding the same problem behind the bus shelter, however, due to the maintenance of the hedge to the garden behind and the cutting of grass a resolution to this problem was not forthcoming. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact WSCC to see what they do in these circumstances.  
The Chairman felt the Parish Council should write to Central Stores and The Park Stores to thank them for their support and for supplying food and delivering it where necessary during the lockdown. Members agreed.

49 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

50 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk  
Mr O’Grady suggested providing a sign at The Ark/Recreation Ground regarding the use of drugs – The Clerk checked with MSDC because the building and recreation ground are in their ownership. She was advised that this is a problem across the whole District and Country actually. MSDC have seen a massive increase across all their sites during lockdown and they suggested that the Parish should raise this with the local PCSO first as an ASB issue so they can log it on their system. MSDC’s ASB team are raising this constantly with the Police currently.  
The meeting with the PCSO was cancelled and has been rebooked for 18<sup>th</sup> August.

51 Planning Applications  
It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/20/2334 9 Turtledove Avenue  
The Parish will accept what the Tree Officer recommends.

DM/19/3951 Stonecroft, Turners Hill Road  
The Parish Council would like the following concerns taken into consideration:  
- They have noted that the current access is not being closed off because other plots have right of way. The Council feels that if this entrance is adequate for other users, it is adequate for the applicant and the new access is not required.  
- If the proposed new entrance is safer, the Council feels that the current entrance should be closed off and all householders should access their plots through the new entrance.  
- Should this application be approved, the Council believes that the proposed finished surface of shingle is not suitable and that there should be a tarmac apron to prevent the stone from the shingle getting onto the road which in turn can cause damage to passing cars.

DM/20/2628 15 Woodpecker Way and 10 Turtledove Avenue  
The Parish will accept what the Tree Officer recommends.

DM/20/2625 Nobs Wood, East Street  
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/20/2292 1 Mountfield Court, Lion Lane  
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

52 Report on Previous Applications  
None were received this month.

- 53 Minutes of the Cluster Virtual Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as circulated, were noted.
- 54 CAGNE Virtual Meeting attended by Dr Gibson on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The report provided with the agenda was noted.
- 55 £4.00 Annual Subscription to CAGNE It was RESOLVED that the Council would pay the subscription in order to keep apprised of what is being said and to attend the meetings, however, on making payment the Council would write that they pay without prejudice because the Council does not endorse their opposition to expansion of Gatwick.
- 56 Minutes of the ACE Virtual Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as circulated, were noted and approved.
- 57 It was RESOLVED to adopt the revised Winter Management Plan.
- 58 CLC Meetings Following a request from WSCC on how future CLC Meetings should be held, it was RESOLVED to respond to WSCC advising that the Parish Council felt CLC Meetings should continue virtually, until such time as Government Guidance changes.
- 59 Letter to the local MP, Jeremy Quin, regarding Financial Support for Local Councils It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will write to their MP. The Parish Council provide facilities for the local community through The Ark and the Parish Council is not receiving any help. Dr Gibson will draft the response.
- 60 Accounts Due for Payment  
It was resolved that:
1. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being due for payment be paid and
  2. The Accounts shown on the schedule as being paid since the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020, be approved.
  3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.
- 61 Correspondence Following the e-mail to the Internal Auditor advising of our disappointment that he chose to charge us for additional time. He replied that he only bills for hours spent on the audit and that due to the pandemic this was the only way of completing the audit. If he did not charge for all time spent then the audits would not be viable for him. He will be reviewing this for the 2020/21 year to see if he will continue with on-line or revert to site visits. Turners Hill Road, Turners Hill from the junction with Wallage Lane to the junction with Church Road will be temporarily prohibited on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 from 9:30am to 3pm to allow for emergency carriageway pothole repairs.

MSDC is publishing its Submission Draft Site Allocations for consultation from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The Clerk advised this will be added to the September agenda, residents will be notified through the Parish News and a link will be added to the website. Members asked for the document to be sent to them prior to the September Agenda so they had time to go through this document in detail.

62 Confidential Item

Meeting closed at 8:34pm

Signed .....Chairman

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