

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 REMOTELY BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AT 7:30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Mrs S Hughesdon (Vice Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr A Palin and Mrs C Steggles, 1 member of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk) Mrs L Bannister (RFO)

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.

131 Apologies Mrs T Mugridge. Mr O O’Grady was Absent.

132 Public Participation Mr Beare asked to speak with regard to his planning application (DM/20/3228) to extend the Farm House. He explained that the Planning Officer did not like the fact that the ridge had gone above the gutter height of the main house and therefore asked for an amendment to the drawings. He also asked for the conservatory to be removed because he felt this was an over extension of the property.  
The revised drawings show the rear elevation with a flat roof and a dormer window, the original drawings had a pitched roof and large glazed windows. Mr Beare asked the Parish Council to consider which drawing they preferred and to add this to their comments when returning a reply to MSDC if they felt it was appropriate to do so.

133 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None

134 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman had nothing to report this month but wanted to say, stay safe, wear masks and he hoped everyone’s families remained safe and well.

135 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

136 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk  
The Clerk had nothing to report this month.

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

DM/20/3228      Worth Hall Farmhouse, Turners Hill Road  
The Parish Council supports this planning application but felt the original drawings with the pitched roof on the proposed rear elevation was more in keeping with the house.  
The correct reference number was noted.

DM/20/4498 Worth Abbey School, Paddockhurst Road  
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/20/4462 8 Newstone Cottages, East Street  
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

138 Report on Previous Applications

DM/20/2619	The Rheedings, East Street	Permission
DM/20/2877	Land North of Turners Hill Road, Turners Hill	Refusal
DM/20/3808	Worth Hall Farm, Turners Hill Road	Permission
DM/20/3406	Shamrock Cottage, North Street	Permission

139 Report on the Gatwick Airport Virtual Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, as circulated, was noted.

140 Terms of Reference by CAGNE for the Seat on the Gatwick Airport Noise Community Forum as circulated, were noted and approved.

141 Government Aircraft Night Noise Consultation It was RESOLVED that Dr Gibson, as the Council's Representative for Gatwick, would put together an e-mail for the Clerk to submit with the relevant points. A copy of the e-mail will be filed with these minutes.

142 Report on the Virtual PCC Focus Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, as circulated, was noted.

143 Kissing Gates on Estate Land It was RESOLVED not to purchase Kissing Gates but the Parish Council will ask the Estate if they would be prepared to repair or replace the styles in the interest of the Village and the residents.

144 Improvement to the Recreation Play Area It was RESOLVED to inform MSDC that the Council supports the improvements and to request that the fence between the play area and East Street is repaired to stop small children gaining access to this busy road.

145 Budget and Precept for 2021/21 It was RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be approved resulting in a Precept Claim of £82,773.00.

146 It was RESOLVED to receive and approve the recommendations, as circulated, for hire rates for The Ark including office space.

147 Allotment Rents It was RESOLVED that the allotment rents remain at £30.00 for 4 rods and £15.00 for 2 rods for 2021/22. However, it was RESOLVED that from 2022 the rent is increased by £1.00 per two rods and tenants will be notified now, in writing, so they have a year's notice.

148 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, be approved.
3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

149 Correspondence

WSCC advised that at 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 the Sussex Resilience Forum, the partnership who have been coordinating the emergency response to the Pandemic in East, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove issued a statement declaring a Major Incident. This is to best respond to unprecedented pressures of Covid-19 on the county. The same decision has been taken by several other local resilience forums in the South East.

A major incident is a recognition of national demand and puts all agencies in Sussex in the best possible position to come together to tackle the virus. It is a well-recognised and rehearsed escalation that can be expected at times of exceptional need – a major incident was also in place during the summer of 2020.

150 Confidential Item

Meeting closed at 20:30 pm

Signed .....Chairman

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