

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2021 AT THE ARK AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Mr B Forbes (Chairman) Dr I Gibson Mrs C Jarvis Mr O’Grady and Mr A Palin, 1 member of the public, Mrs C Marsh (Clerk)

116 Apologies Mrs S Hughesdon Mrs C Steggles

117 Public Participation A member of the public raised three issues; the street light in Withypitts/Selsfield Road, the Perspex on the notice board in the middle of the village and the stolen SID. The Clerk advised the street light in Withypitts has been reported a few times and she will find out why it has not been actioned.

The perspex on the notice board was due to be organised prior to the pandemic, however, now the Steward is no longer furloughed the Perspex will be ordered and fitted.

The stolen SID was reported to the Police who provided an incident number, however, they then closed the report and advised they were unable to identify a line of enquiry. The RFO also contacted the insurance company and a claim is being progressed.

118 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Mrs Jarvis declared a personal interest in item 10 of the agenda relating to CCTV because she has CCTV that was installed by one of the companies mentioned. Mr O’Grady also declared a personal interest in item 10 of the agenda for the very same reason.

119 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman had nothing to report this month.

120 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2021, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

121 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk The Clerk thanked Dr Gibson for adding the advertisement for a Councillor to the Turners Hill and Crawley Down Facebook pages but advised no one had applied.

Dr Gibson sent the Clerk the response to the Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 and it was submitted in time for the deadline.

Mr Gary Smith, the gentleman who applied for the position of Steward, was contacted after the last meeting and a message left on his mobile, he never responded. The position was advertised again and a gentleman from Turners Hill Park has applied and is being interviewed on 6th October 2021.

The electric repairs were carried out in the Dunlop Hall and two Art Society meetings have been held since with all going well.

The Clerk requested help with the fitting of the bench on the Lower Green on North Street and also advice on what fixings are required in order to secure it. Mr O’Grady offered his help with both.

The post for the plaque in memory of David Franks who designed the Village Sign has been made and the Clerk requested help with its installation on the Village Green. Mr O’Grady offered his help.

The RFO contacted all allotment holders to collect their allotment numbers and so far six of the numbered posts have been taken.

122 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/21/3187 Land Surrounding 1 Puffin Hill
The Council will accept what the Tree Officer recommends.

DM/21/3281 The Ark, Mount Lane
The Parish Council supports this application.

123 Report on Previous Applications

DM/21/2824	Front Boundary of 17 Kingfisher Lane	Permission
DM/21/2928	Shamrock Cottage, North Street	Permission

124 Minutes of the ACE Meeting held 2nd September 2021, as circulated, were noted and approved.

125 CCTV and Door Entry System for The Ark It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Vistech for CCTV at a cost of £2,985.00 + VAT and a Door Entry System at a cost of £1,675.00 + VAT. The Clerk was asked if the messages and flashing lights could be turned off, except at the rear of The Ark, so that neighbours are not irritated by this. She was also asked if maintenance was required, how much it would cost and how often it would be required. The Clerk will look into the questions asked and report back at the next meeting.

126 Gas and Electricity Contracts at The Ark It was RESOLVED:

- To leave the electricity with the current supplier. The cost of electricity was not an issue at the moment, however, it should be reviewed three months prior to its expiry date.
- To enter into a contract with Avantigas for 36 months, however, as prices are changing quickly at present it was RESOLVED to allow the Clerk or RFO to put in place the best value contract at the time the prices are sourced. The Clerk will report the outcome at the next meeting.

127 Report on the GACC Meeting held on 8th September 2021, as circulated, was noted.

128 Consultation Gatwick Airports Northern Runway Project Consultation It was RESOLVED that Dr Gibson would write a report. The Clerk will add this item to the November agenda where the matter will be discussed further and a resolution made on the response prior to the consultation deadline of 1st December 2021.

129 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 7th September 2021, be approved.
3. The Accounts schedule was duly signed.

130 Correspondence None this month.

131 As the following items were Confidential, the Chairman asked the members of the public to leave the meeting:

Meeting closed at 8:48 pm

SignedChairman

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