

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2020 AT THE ARK 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 Mr A Palin Mrs C Steggles and 5 members of the public

207 Apologies All present

208 Public Participation

Mr Rob Burnham of Greenplan Designer Homes spoke about planning application DM/20/0354. He explained that the application had been necessary due to an error on the original plans which had shown a footpath to the front of the site and a grass verge opposite. The plans had been wrongly coloured and this has to be rectified in order for WSCC to agree the S278 highway agreement. Questions from members were answered. Mr Burnham also informed Council that, as previously discussed, the properties would be offered to Turners Hill residents before putting them on the open market. A leaflet drop will take place soon. It was agreed that this could be advertised on the Council website and, if timing permitted, in the Parish News.

A Member reported that the drains in Lion Lane were blocked and causing flooding, this will be reported to WSCC. The Clerk asked that Members inform her by email of any such issues.

A Member asked about subsidence affecting Clock Field – the problems experienced by Shanly Homes were due to the water company pumping too much water. This has led to a small section adjacent to The Ark car park needing to be repaired but has not resulted in subsidence.

209 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None

210 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman informed Council of the death of Alan Goldsmith a well-known village resident. He said that the Council’s sincere condolences go to Alan’s family.

Mr Forbes passed on an invitation from the school for all members to attend the Spring Concert on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 2pm to 3pm. Anyone wishing to attend should provide their details to the school office. Turners Hill Twinning Association holds its Annual French Dinner on 28<sup>th</sup> March, details are available from Mrs Thelma Mason.

The Chairman also informed Council that both Tulley’s Farm and Cox Skips have agreed to sponsor a World War I and a World War II bench for the village. Consideration as to where they should be placed will be required but the Chairman suggested that one goes at St. Leonard’s and one on the Village Green. There was a brief discussion on the maintenance of the seats on the green.

211 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

- 212 Matters currently being pursued by the Clerk  
 Annual Parish Assembly – Mr Ruben Kannan, plastic surgeon at the Queen Victoria Hospital, has agreed to make himself available and do a 30 minute talk on the history of the QVH and some updates on what they are doing there now. The charity has recently funded a nerve monitor which is allowing Mr Kannan’s teams to revolutionise treatment for patients with facial paralysis (which is what he specialises in).  
 DM/19/4231 – Tremains Farm, Horsted Keynes has been refused.  
 Councillor E-mails – These have not been rolled out because the Officers are experiencing problems with syncing in the office. The Council’s IT man has visited and made adjustments to the system but has asked that the Officers monitor it for a few weeks before issuing Councillor’s e-mails.
- 213 Planning Applications  
 It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:  
 DM/20/0354 Greenplan Designer Homes, Sopers Ride, Selsfield Road  
 The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- 214 Report on Previous Applications
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| DM/19/5100                           | Land at Turners Hill Burial Ground, Turners Hill | Permission |
| The Clerk reported on conditions set |  |            |
| DM/19/5107                           | Land at Turners Hill Burial Ground, Turners Hill | Permission |
| DM/19/5134                           | 17a Woodpecker Way                               | Permission |
| DM/20/0330                           | 1 Mountfield Court, Lion Lane                    | Permission |
| DM/20/0139                           | Bonavista, East Street                           | Permission |
- 215 The Minutes of the Ark Community Executive Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were noted and it was RESOLVED the proposed items of expenditure be approved as shown in bold in the previously circulated document. These are:  
 - Repairs to leaking valves in boiler room - £1,252.00  
 - Replacement Fridge to the value of £599.00 including VAT (removal to be requested).  
 - Replacement china items, in an alternative range as the current stock is no longer produced, at a cost of up to £600.00.
- 216 Water for the Allotment Site It was RESOLVED to change the provider from Castle Water to Everflow which will result in a small annual saving.
- 217 MSDC Equality and Diversity Scheme It was agreed that this was a very good document and that if members had any individual comments they should submit them directly to MSDC by 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- 218 Gatwick Development Consent Order (DCO) Presentation attended by Dr Gibson on 19<sup>th</sup> February. A report was circulated with the agenda and there was a discussion of points raised in it. It was agreed that the idea of forming a Working Party to consider the Consultation Document that will be out for consideration in May and June, should be considered at the April Meeting.

- 219 Report on the GAGNE AGM attended by Dr Gibson on 26<sup>th</sup> February was circulated and discussed.
- 220 Nationwide Building Society Account It was RESOLVED that signatories be Mr Forbes, Mrs Hughesdon, Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Bannister.
- 221 BT Telephone and Broadband It was RESOLVED that the package proposed, details of which are on the agenda, be accepted. The Superfast Enhanced Broadband will be of great benefit and the new package will produce a saving of £33.00 a month.
- 222 Grant application from Citizen's Advice Centre It was RESOLVED that this will be considered at the April meeting so that, if members wish to make a grant, funding will be available from the 20/21 budget.
- 223 It was RESOLVED to transfer £555 from the Parish Council Reserve Fund to clear the overspend in the Website Account.
- 224 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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, be approved.  
 The Accounts schedule was duly signed. The amount of Interest and the rate are to be looked at.
- 225 Correspondence Back Lane will be closed on 5<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 am to 3.00pm for carriageway repairs.  
 MSDC are consulting on the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site in Copthorne, details are on the MSDC website.  
 Mobile Civic Amenity Collections have been booked for the coming year but MSDC will be considering if this service can continue in future years due to the requirements for separating materials and recycling.  
 MSDC has informed Council that the swing unit is to be removed from the Playground for Health & Safety reasons. However, MSDC has identified the Playground for a significant upgrade in their 2020/21 Corporate Plan. They will discuss this with the Parish Council before consulting the public early in the new financial year. The plan is to procure an installation contract later in the year.

Meeting closed at 8:29pm

Signed .....Chairman

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