

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 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 0 members of the public

Due to the Coronavirus, this meeting was held via e-mail responses to the agenda, as advised at the time by the National Association of Local Councils. Any questions asked were answered by the Clerk. Copies of the Member’s e-mails and the Clerk’s response e-mails will be kept with these minutes as a record of the meeting.

226 Apologies None

227 Public Participation

The Clerk, when adding the agenda to the website, requested that any Members of the public who wish to make any comments on the agenda should e-mail the Clerk. A physical meeting will not be taking place due to the current guidelines from Government on the Coronavirus outbreak. No e-mails were received.

Dr Gibson asked about holding meetings via video conference. The Clerk advised that the Government only gave permission on 4th April for Councils to hold meetings via a video link which was too late for the April meeting. Council will be looking to hold video meetings in future. In addition the requirement for the Council to hold an Annual Meeting has been removed and appointments, including that of the Chairman will now run until March 2021. As previously stated for the April meeting we had to follow the advice given by the National Association.

228 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None

229 Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman had a meeting with Mr Sean Cox of Cox Skips regarding the Memorial Benches. Mr Cox offered to sponsor one bench and was advised that another bench was being sponsored by Mr Stuart Beare of Tulleys Farm, this one would go on the Village Green and the other, now being sponsored by Mr Cox, would be placed in the grounds of St Leonard’s Church.

The Chairman and Mr Cox discussed the existing benches on the Village Green and Mr Cox suggested that Mr O’Grady liaised with him, they could arrange to remove the three benches, have them steam cleaned, re-varnished and returned to the Village Green.

Mr O’Grady has since removed the three benches on the Village Green and will re-varnish and return them. He will also do the same with the bench on the Lower Green.

230 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2020, as circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chairman when we are able to hold a physical meeting.

- 239 To Review Insurance Cover It was RESOLVED that the insurance cover and items insured were adequate.
- 240 Grant Application from the Citizen’s Advice Centre It was RESOLVED that a grant would not be provided.
- 241 Grant Application from AgeUK It was RESOLVED that a grant would not be provided.
- 242 Policy Adoption It was RESOLVED to adopt the Business Continuation Policy, as circulated with the agenda, during the Coronavirus outbreak.
- 243 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 3rd March 2020, be approved.
- The Accounts schedule will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
- 244 Correspondence The grass cutting that the Council pay for around the Village and at The Ark has been temporarily suspended.
 Cox Skips have suspended collection of waste and recycling to focus on companies that are still working.
 MSDC have suspended the Mobile Waste Collections. They will review the suspension over the coming weeks and send updates as they have them.
 Turners Hill’s first collection for the year was planned for 7th June at The Ark and Turners Hill Park as usual.
 The Gatwick Airport Consultation, mentioned in the March Minutes, has been postponed.
 Mid Sussex District Council has suspended parking charges in all car parks from Monday 30th March until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The move follows an announcement by West Sussex County Council on Thursday 26th March that Social Care and NHS workers can now park free-of-charge in West Sussex County Council on street spaces. Regular parking patrols will continue to ensure public safety and the free movement of traffic, especially for the emergency services, carers and deliveries. People are strongly advised to be mindful of this and not to park on yellow lines, loading bays and clearways.
- 245 Confidential Item

SignedChairman

5th May 2020