

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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 Mr A Palin Mrs C Steggles and 0 members 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.

1 Apologies Mr Owen O’Grady

2 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. Two e-mails were received from one member of the public, however, as neither related to agenda items the Clerk was able to provide an email response. The first related to the track that leads from Mount Lane to North Street and the second related to a stile leading into the pond area which the Clerk was able to inform them had been removed because there is already a kissing gate leading into the area.

E-mails were received from two Members, Mrs Steggles asked where the SID was at the present time due to speeding cars in the Village. She was advised that it has been locked away at The Ark. Due to the current restrictions on movement the gentleman who volunteers to put the SIDs up decided it was safer to put the device away rather than leave it in one location for too long because the first Cluster SID was stolen.

Mrs Mugridge had received an e-mail from a resident in Lion Lane regarding damage to the Lower Green following work being carried out on the sub-station. The Clerk asked for a photo of the damage and details of who carried out the work because she has no knowledge of this and has not seen the damage due to working from home. In the meantime, the Clerk has looked into who carried out the work previously and will contact them.

Mrs Mugridge asked if the following items could be added to the website and the Parish News as she has been approached by residents about dog walkers not sticking to official footpaths, not keeping their dogs on leads, especially when around livestock and not clearing up after their dogs and taking their rubbish home.

Mrs Mugridge had also been approached regarding there being a few bonfires on the allotments, again she asked if something could be added to the Parish News and website and she advised she is happy to put a poster on the notice board. The Clerk advised that the RFO would e-mail/send a letter to the allotment holders reminding them of the section on bonfires in the Allotment Agreement and also the section from the National Allotment Society who are asking people to consider their neighbours and not burn anything during this covid19 emergency. The Association has advised that many sites are surrounded by houses where vulnerable people may be getting their only bit of fresh air through an open window.

3 Declarations of Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None

4 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. He also signed the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.  
Dr Gibson did not approve the minutes because he wants to read the e-mails behind the Resolutions.

5 Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED that MSDC be informed that:

DM/20/1183 Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road  
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

DM/20/1250 Beechfield, London Road, Balcombe  
The Parish Council supports this planning application but believes it is contrary to DP12 Protection of the Countryside.

DM/20/1266 Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road  
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

6 Report on Previous Applications

DM/20/0121 Burleigh Quarry Farmhouse, East Street Permission

DM/20/0833 23 Withypitts Permission

DM/20/0868 Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road Permission

7 Insurance It was RESOLVED to renew Council's insurance with Came and Company at a premium of £1,048.03 which includes Insurance Premium Tax of £112.29.

8 Payment of Annual Subscriptions It was RESOLVED that the following subscriptions now due, be paid:

G.A.C.C. £10.00

National Association of Local Councils £90.29

West Sussex Association of Local Councils £416.08

9 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> April 2020, be approved.

The Accounts schedule will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

10 Correspondence

Thank you to Mr O’Grady and his company for removing the three memorial benches on the Village Green, cleaning and staining them and returning them to their original location. Mr O’Grady has also said he will do the same with the bench on the Lower Green.

The company who carry out the grass cutting for the Parish Council have said they will be returning to work and will of course be observing the Government’s Guidelines on social distancing. The Clerk has advised that they are not to enter the play area as this is currently locked.

The Council was advised on 16<sup>th</sup> April that the bollard at the junction of North Street and Lion Lane, opposite Central Stores and close to the post box and the village notice board, had been replaced.

The first Furlough payment from the Government, for the Stewards, has been received.

Mid Sussex District Council are resuming garden waste collections from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Household Waste Recycling Sites across West Sussex will reopen from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Signed .....Chairman

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