

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 March 2021. This meeting was held remotely by Teams due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr V Davies - Chairman, Mr M Beckwith, Ms A Brindle, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr B Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs P Huntingford, Mr W Salter, Mr C Sheppard, Ms K Macklin, Mr J Willmott and Mr P Sullivan, together with the Clerk Mrs D Baylis.

1. Apologies and absences

Cllr L Clarke

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 25 January 2021

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** subject to the addition of Cllr J Willmott to the attendees list and would be **signed** when circumstances allow.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 any other matters arising from the minutes. **None**

5. Crime Report and Police Issues

Noted.

6. Adjournment to enable members of the public to address the meeting

No members of the public had joined the meeting.

7. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

Received and **Noted** the following draft minutes.

Environment Committee Meeting 1 February 2021.

Estates Committee 8 February 2021

8. Finance

8.1 Payments made out of meeting 01.01.21–22.02.21. **Noted.**

8.2 Receipts for the period. 01.01.21 – 01.02.2021. **Noted.** A query was raised on the new subscription charge of £4.50 for a Chairman's email account. This would be raised at the next F&GP Meeting

8.3 Account balances report. **Noted.**

9. Policies and Procedures

9.1 Publication Scheme

It was Proposed by Cllr V Davies seconded by Cllr K Macklin and all agreed that the Publication Scheme be adopted by Council subject to the proposed amendments being made.

9.2 Freedom of Information Policy

It was Proposed by Cllr V Davies seconded by CllrP Dengate and all agreed that the Freedom Of Information Policy be adopted by Council subject to the proposed amendments being made.

10. Reports from Councillors/Office

None

11. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hinder reported that he had attended a meeting with MP Helen Whately. He raised the issue of her low profile in the Parish and asked that the Parish and Borough Councillors be included in her messages to constituents.

MBC are creating ward cluster meetings for greater community involvement to deal with anti-social behaviour. Cllr Hinder would raise the problems of Fireworks, Halloween and the increasing problems with off road motor and quad bikes. If any other Cllrs have other

issues they would like raised at these meetings then please email them to Cllrs Hinder or Brindle.

12. Grant Applications

None

13. Sale of Wildfell Close

Cllr V Davies reported that he and Cllr I Davies had attended a meeting with Paul Carter. They raised the issue of KCC's very high costs, and he will look into this.

The second CIO application was still proving difficult to get right. The Clerk has not been able to find a specialist solicitor. Cllr Macklin said that she would send the Clerk some information. The Clerk would also contact the Detling Clerk as they had set up a CIO recently.

14. Covid-19 update

The Clerk presented some of the very confusing advice issued by KCC. It was agreed that decisions would be made monthly as the situation evolved.

The ending of remote meetings on the 7th May 2021 was noted. No decision would be made until it was known if this deadline would be extended.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 17th May 2021 directly before the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Opening the hall would be done in line with Government Regulations and regular hirers would be contacted. Provisional bookings were being accepted for private hires.

15. Wards

The Wards document was discussed. The Clerk was asked to provide a briefing note with a timeline for actions leading up to the election on the 6th May.

16. Matters for Decision

None

17. Correspondence

None

18. Matters for Information

None

19. Items for Next Agenda

To be received by the Clerk on or before the 29th March 2021. **Noted.**

20. Next Meeting

5 April 2021 **Noted.**

Meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman..... Date.....