

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 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 L Clarke, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr B Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs P Huntingford, Mr P Sullivan, Mr W Salter, Mr C Sheppard, Ms K Macklin and Mr P Sullivan, together with the Clerk Mrs D Baylis.

1. Apologies and absences

Councillors T Harwood, A Brindle

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

Mr D Hollands – Item 12

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7 December 2020

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and would be **signed** when circumstances allow.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Minute 3407 item 17. Network Rail's use of Franklin Drive. No licence agreement has been received as yet and the play area will not be used until one has been agreed.

Noted.

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 Meetings 7 and 14 December 2020 and 11 January 2021.

Estates Committee 21 December 2020

F&GP Committee Meeting 18 January 2021.

8. Finance

8.1 Payments made out of meeting 01.12.20–31.12.20. **Noted.**

8.2 Receipts for the period. 01.12.20 – 31.12.2020. **Noted.** A query was raised on the payment for the Lidsing Banners. The Clerk would report back to members.

8.3 Account balances report. **Noted.**

8.4 To agree the budget for 2021/22

It was proposed by Cllr V Davies, seconded by Cllr I Davies that the Budget for 2021/22 put forward by the F&GP Meeting be accepted. This motion was agreed with one abstention.

It was agreed to review the budget at the F&GP meeting in May and the Parish Council meeting in June.

8.5 To set the Precept for 2021/22

It was proposed by Cllr V Davies, seconded by Cllr P Dengate and all agreed that the Precept for 2021/22 be set at £191,253.

9. Policies and Procedures

9.1 Financial Regulations

It was proposed by Cllr V Davies, seconded by Cllr C Sheppard and all agreed that the amended Financial Regulations be adopted. It was noted that the last page would need to be amended to remove the reference to EU Procurement Rules and their replacement added when known.

9.2 Financial Transactions Procedures

It was Proposed by Cllr V Davies seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed that the Financial Transactions Procedure document be adopted by Council.

10. Reports from Councillors/Office

None

11. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hinder reported that the Democracy Committee were discussing proposals on the number of members in wards. The Borough currently has elections every 4 years. If they were to decide to have 3 member wards then elections would need to be 3 yearly. The borough has decided to retain Parkwood Leisure Co to manage the Hazlett Theatre and reopen it when this was possible.

12. Grant Applications

12.1 Heart of Kent Hospice

It was proposed by Cllr K Macklin, seconded by Cllr P Dengate and all agreed that a donation of £500 be sent (the same as last year).

12.2 Friends of Boxley Church

Deferred. The Clerk was asked to contact the applicant to obtain a copy of the accounts.

13. Sale of Wildfell Close

No update

14. Covid-19 update

The report was noted.

15. Matters for Decision

It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by P Dengate and agreed with 2 abstentions that the Clerk enact the disqualification by nonattendance rule with regard to Cllr T Harwood who has not attended any meetings this year.

16. Correspondence

None

17. Matters for Information

The Local Elections Seminar due to be held on the 26th January has been cancelled. The email received regarding the Local Plan Review and proposed developments in Sandling was noted.

18. Items for Next Agenda

To be received by the Clerk on or before the 19 February 2021. **Noted.**

19. Next Meeting

1 March 2021 **Noted.**

Meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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