

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.00pm held as a virtual meeting through the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Present: Councillors: Drew, Hartford-Beynon, Koning (Chairman), Molyneux, O'Toole, Tullett, and Wall.

Officers: Carol Hinton (Clerk), David Stevens (Clerk's Assistant).

Patrick Molyneux – County Councillor.

PCSOs Thomas Oliver and Tracy Garcia-Cote

Mr John Powell – member of the public

1. ATTENDANCE

a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those Councillors unable to attend from Councillors Bollen, Edwards and Swambo.

b) Resolved to accept those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Bollen, Edwards and Swambo.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.

Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.

b) **To consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.
None received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020.

b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes. **There were none.**

c) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 6th January 2021 subject to amendment of the date in the header.

d) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes. **There were none**

4. PRESENTATION BY PCSO THOMAS OLIVER ON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH INITIATIVE

To receive presentation from PCSO Oliver on Community Speed Watch Initiative and training.

PCSOs Oliver and Garcia-Cote gave an over view of the Community Speed Watch Initiative including the number of volunteers required, training and equipment provided, identification and risk assessment of suitable sites and dealing with any data gathered. Due to current lockdown restrictions the Initiative has been suspended but will re-start once it is allowed to do so. Councillor Helen Molyneux raised the issue of speeding from Woodcroft towards Tutshill School – PCSO Oliver is aware of this and is liaising with the school and Brian Watkins of Glos CC Highways.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

To receive and consider any questions from the Public, which may be answered but not debated.

Mr John Powell – asked if Councillors are aware of the online guidance available regarding production of an NDP (item 14) and suggested that this can be produced without the cost of an independent advisor. Mr Powell also pointed out the amount of work involved in the production of an NDP and suggested the use of GRCC for guidance. The Chairman thanked Mr Powell for his contribution to the meeting.

6. POLICING IN THE PARISH

Resolved to note Police crime statistics for Tidenham and Sedbury can be accessed following this link.

<https://www.ukcrimestats.com/Neighbourhood/6107>

The Chairman expressed concern that there had been 28 incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in the Parish in 1 month. County Councillor Patrick Molyneux reminded Councillors that the County Council Growing Your Community fund is still currently available for applications.

7. COMMITTEES

Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees:

i) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 16th December 2020.

There were no questions to Councillor Koning, Chair of the Committee.

ii) Amenities Committee meeting held on 13th January 2021.

There were no questions to Councillor Wall, Chairman of the meeting.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resolved to receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.

There have been confused and conflicting messages being shared regarding how the local care home has been dealt with regarding Covid 19 vaccinations with complaints having been made to District / County Councillors and one in particular that had been copied to the Parish Council to Mark Harper MP. The Chairman read out a statement from the Aneurin Bevan HB regarding vaccinations for care home residents with Welsh GPs in Gloucestershire. The Vauxhall surgery in Chepstow will be commencing vaccinations for all patients this week and care home workers will be vaccinated by Gloucestershire health services. Councillor O'Toole reported that vaccinations had commenced at the Castleford care home. Councillor Wall reported that he will be on Radio Wales on Thursday discussing that his wife had been offered a vaccination before him – even though in a younger age group.

The Chairman also reported he had received a Warm and Well newsletter with useful information on help during the winter. To be forwarded to Clerk for placing on the website, Facebook and noticeboards.

9. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved to receive and note the Parish Clerk's Report.

10. FINANCE

a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for December 2020.

b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for December 2020 that had been checked by the Chairman prior to the meeting.

11. STANDING ORDERS

Resolved to approve adoption of revised NALC Model Standing Orders subject to alteration of the title to give prominence to Tidenham Parish Council, amendment to the text regarding Clerk and delegated powers for Planning and Highways Committee (para 13 b xv) and noting that section 19 will be further reviewed in the next few months following referral to the Finance and Probity Committee in March.

12. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Resolved to approve adoption of revised NALC Model Financial Regulations as presented.

13. FOREST OF DEAN LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Resolved to note comments submitted to the District Council following extraordinary meeting 6th January 2021. Clerk to add to website.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

a) **Resolved to approve** appointment of Dr Andrea Pellegram as NDP adviser to consult with a small working group of Councillors, research the Council's options based on the consultation and provide written advice on how to proceed with the development of an NDP. Cost £750.

b) **Resolved to approve** appointment of Councillors Drew and O'Toole plus Chairman to small working group for consultation with Dr Pellegram.

15. TIDENHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL AND RECREATION TRUST

Resolved to note feedback from the recent meeting with the Trust on Monday 11th January 2021 by Councillor Hertford-Beynon who reported that the meeting had been useful. The possible re-location of Parish Council meetings and withdrawal of the grant had been discussed. Councillor Hartford-Beynon and the Chairman of the Trust will work on the re-wording of the existing Agreement and Councillor Swambo will be meeting Trustees to look at the ongoing issue of the Castleford Hill fence.

16. **BOBA PRESENTATION**

Resolved to note further questions sent to Chris Ricketts and Stephen Barker following the presentation on 6th January 2021 so that Councillors can be fully informed prior to considering the proposal at a future meeting. The Clerk confirmed that responses to the questions had now been received and will be circulated to Councillors.

17. **ASH DIE BACK PROJECT**

a) **Resolved to note** letter from Glos CC Highways regarding the Ash Die Back Project.

b) **Resolved to respond** to Ash Die Replanting Scheme letter from Glos CC Highways such that the Council cannot identify suitable planting areas at present but will monitor the situation regarding its own ash trees and would like to be kept informed of the progress of the project.

18. **WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION – WYE VALLEY AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB)**

Resolved to note email and information from Western Power Distribution regarding undergrounding of power lines within the Wye Valley AONB. This has been passed to a local walking group for information and Councillors will report if any suitable sites are identified.

19. **CHRIS MCFARLING INFORMATION LEAFLET**

Resolved to refer to the District Council Monitoring Officer the recently distributed leaflet in Tidenham Parish suggesting that Chris McFarling represents the Parish and / or Ward and that local Councillors have failed to respond to a resident with a disability request. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Returning Officer as well.

20. **PARISH COUNCIL ADULT OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**

Resolved to note under the new lockdown restrictions the outdoor exercise equipment must not be used. Under emergency expenditure Haydn Bynon was asked to cordon the equipment off using temporary tie wrapped plastic barrier fencing and place notices on each piece of equipment. The cost of this was £51 including the fencing, tie wraps and labour.

21. **YETI PROJECT**

Resolved to note Councillor Swambo continues to work on the YETI Business plan and will report to full Council in the next month or two. County Councillor Patrick Molyneux pointed out that the Growing Your Community Fund is coming to an end and asked for an introductory letter about the YETI Project if the Parish Council wishes to request funding. The Chairman had also identified community funding from the Co-Op and Spar.

22. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To receive and consider any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report.

Resolved to note correspondence from Tutshill resident regarding the mobile Pizza van in the War Memorial Hall car park.

23. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Resolved to receive and note any matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees:

Councillor Hartford-Beynon – could the Parish Council help with the need for IT devices for children struggling to access equipment at home during the current lockdown? There was much discussion about this and local schools will be contacted to ascertain need. County Councillor Patrick Molyneux informed Councillors that the local schools had been contacted and that funds may be available to them from the Growing Your Community fund. Information on how to donate old laptops or tablets could be shared on the website or Facebook.

Councillor Helen Molyneux – had carried out her regular phone around of Forest care homes on Friday last (15th) and had found that none had had a date for vaccinations. Helen will be looking into this urgently. The Orchard Trust care home will not be getting vaccinations as they are not elderly residents.

County Councillor Patrick Molyneux – there was initial concern at the beginning of this lockdown that nurseries and early years providers would struggle to survive as this time Government funding only covered filled places (previously all places had been supported). The County Council along with other authorities lobbied the

Government who have now changed the funding to include all available places which will hopefully help the providers survive.

24. FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 27th January 2021 – Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

Wednesday 17th February 2021 – Full Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 21.08hrs

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

These minutes were approved by all Councillors at a virtual meeting of the Parish Council held under the above regulations during the Covid 19 lockdown period on 17th February 2021 and deemed to have been signed as of that date. **Minute 2020/21 February 2021 page 31 item 3 a).**