

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7.00pm held as a virtual meeting through the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Present: Councillors: Drew, Edwards, Hartford-Beynon, Koning (Chairman), Molyneux, O'Toole, Tullett, and Wall.
Officers: Carol Hinton (Clerk), David Stevens (Clerk's Assistant).
Patrick Molyneux – County Councillor. Ben Stone – Gigaclear.
4 members of the public.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those Councillors unable to attend from Councillors Bollen and Swambo.
b) Resolved to accept those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Bollen 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 20th January 2021.
b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes. **There were none.**

4. PRESENTATION BY BEN STONE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER - GIGACLEAR

To receive an update from Ben Stone on the infrastructure progress in the Parish.
Ben Stone gave an overview of the scale and progress of the Gigaclear infrastructure project in Tidenham Parish. The Beachley area is now live and other parts of the Parish will become live over the next few months with Beachley Road Sedbury area the last area – due by end August 2021 and delayed by the current gas roadworks. Gigaclear are providing an open access network – details of partners are on their website and are also offering internet packages themselves. Mr Stone is available to return later in the year for a further update. Free connections for community venues are included in the infrastructure project – locations identified to be forwarded to Gigaclear.
Councillor Wall – had observed reinstatement work outside of his property and did not feel it was completed according to previously notified standards. Ben Stone will look into.
Councillor Koning – was the 900mbs Gigaclear package much more expensive than the advertised £25 200mbs? Not much uptake for the very fast speed but this would be priced accordingly.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

To receive and consider any questions from the Public, which may be answered but not debated.
Steven Barker BOBA – agenda item 13 (c) – was the Council aware that by designating the whole Parish a Neighbourhood Area it would prevent any other area within it being designated as such?

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>
Councillor Koning pointed out that anti-social behaviour crime had halved recently. Clerk to ascertain if data can be obtained regarding the age range of offenders.

7. COMMITTEES

Resolved to note minutes and recommendations from committees:
i) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 27th January 2021.
There were no questions to Councillor Koning, Chair of the Committee.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.

The Chairman reported that the Council had received a glowing internal audit report and thanked the Clerk for her work with the Council to ensure this.

In future Councillors may like to consider taking a lead role on specific areas of interest so that the information filtered through from the Clerk's office would be directed more specifically and not require reading by all. The lead Councillor can feedback relevant information at a Full Council meeting.

Poor's Allotment – the officers of the Charity wish to stand down and as there are no other trustees willing to take their places, they are looking to restructure which may mean integrating the Charity into the Parish Council. The Clerk has asked for guidance from the Charity Commission. Councillors will be informed of any developments.

9. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

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

10. PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES

Resolved to approve payment of annual subscription charge to Tate Computer Technology Ltd for the Parish Council email addresses at a cost of £90 plus VAT (total cost £108.00).

11. PARISH ONLINE

Resolved to approve renewal of annual subscription to Parish Online to 21 January 2022 at a cost of £216.00 (no VAT).

12. FINANCE

a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for January 2021.

b) **Resolved to receive and approve** the Financial Statement for January 2021 and note copy bank statements had been checked by the Chairman prior to the meeting.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

a) **Resolved to note** report from Andrea Pellegram regarding the development of a NDP for Tidenham Parish.

b) **Resolved** the Parish Council should **not** proceed with the development of a Neighbourhood Development Plan at this time. Community engagement exercise to be undertaken to gauge public interest and willingness to engage with the project. In 6 months Council will reconsider whether or not to proceed with a NDP.

c) **To consider** if b) agreed the Clerk to make an application to request the Local Planning Authority – Forest of Dean District Council - designate the Parish of Tidenham as a Neighbourhood Area.

This item not considered as item b) not approved.

14. TIDENHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL AND RECREATION TRUST

Resolved to note proposed draft amended agreement. After much discussion Councillor Hartford Beynon to suggest to the Trust that responsibility for Shirley's Grove be passed to them but that a grant for major works at the site could be sought, if necessary in the future, from the Parish Council or Mopla Cottages Charity.

15. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

Resolved to adopt new NALC recommended Equality and Diversity Policy for Tidenham Parish Council.

16. NEWSLETTER

a) **Resolved to note** draft/final newsletter.

b) **Resolved to note** delivery to take place week commencing 8th March 2021. The Clerk reported that Royal Mail had greatly reduced the cost of delivery and that, as the larger advertisements agreed with local businesses had had to be reduced in size, they could not be charged for but that the overall cost of the newsletter was less than originally agreed.

17. LOCAL TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS CLIMATE EMERGENCY MEETING

Resolved to note report and feedback from Councillor Koning from the recent climate emergency support meeting.

18. DIGIBUS – CONNECTING GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Resolved to invite the DigiBus bus to visit the Parish at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall and suggest to the War Memorial Hall Trust to offer space there.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Clerk reported that there had been a complaint regarding the Gigaclear work on the grass verge in Wyebank Road and that this had been reported to Gigaclear who will be returning to make the area good once the weather permits.

20. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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 Maria Edwards – during a walk had come across the Jubilee stone at Parson's allotment which she had noted did have any information about it at the site.

Councillor Helen Molyneux – had received an email from Sue Pangbourne following Helen's concerns that younger people in care homes were not receiving the Covid 19 vaccination. Helen had been told that local GPs had been asked to be pragmatic about this but Sue has now confirmed that all ages will now receive the vaccination.

Councillor Rob O'Toole – had been asked to visit a site on Old Bath Road for the Planning Committee but that he had been unable to do so as the road was closed.

Councillor Maria Hartford-Beynon – had contacted Tutshill School regarding the availability of IT equipment for pupils working at home – the PTA had given fund raising money to ensure all pupils had access to equipment. County Councillor Patrick Molyneux – reported that the County Council children's team had been working hard to ensure each child had access to laptops etc. at home and that £200k had recently been put into this. The County Council budget had now been agreed after a full day's meeting and is available to view on the website.

21. FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 24th February 2021 – Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 – Finance and Probity Committee meeting.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 – Mopla Cottages Committee meeting. (Not a public meeting).

Wednesday 10th March 2021 – Amenities Committee meeting.

Wednesday 17th March 2021 – Full Council Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 21.03hrs

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 March 2021 and deemed to have been signed as of that date. **Minute 2020/21 March 2021 page 34 item 3 a).**