

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.00pm held at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, Sedbury.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Edwards, Hartford-Beynon, Koning (Chairman), Kotecha, McBride, O'Toole, Swambo and Tullett.

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

1 member of the public.

1. ATTENDANCE

a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those Councillors unable to attend from Councillors Molyneux and Wall.

b) **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Molyneux and Wall.

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 23rd June 2021.

b) **To consider** any questions arising from those minutes.

The Chairman stated that the free press article discussed at the June meeting was incorrect regarding the future of Chepstow Hospital and that he had shared a statement from the Aneurin Bevan Trust with Councillors confirming that Chepstow Hospital features in their longer-term plans. The Clerk confirmed that the Senior Engagement and Inclusion Manager of the Glos. Clinical Commissioning Group will be attending the September meeting.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

Mr Chris Ricketts read a statement regarding the withdrawal of the request to the Parish Council that it should request transfer of the MOD land at Beachley. The statement was handed to the Clerk to be kept with relevant documents. Its main points were that BOBA had not intended for the request to the Council to incur any costs, BOBA has withdrawn its request to the Council but continues with its aim for the Beachley site and that BOBA had been disappointed with the perceived misunderstanding by some members of the Council.

5. POST COVID 19 LOCKDOWN MEETING RULES

Resolved to approve continuation of safe meeting measures - as introduced prior to Govt. restrictions being lifted - until October 2021 before reviewing in September 2021, according to the prevailing circumstances at that time.

6. POLICING IN THE PARISH

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

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

The Chairman confirmed that the Police had been invited to attend the meeting. Cllr Swambo reported that he had met with the community Police who were very supportive and willing to be involved in the YETI Project.

They had reported to him that the main cause in the increase in violent crime was domestic violence and was across the age range. They had also reported a current excessive use of cannabis in the Parish.

7. COMMITTEES

a) Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees.

i) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 30th June 2021.

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

ii) Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 7th July 2021.

There were no questions to Councillor Bollen, Chairman of the Committee.

iii) Mopla Cottages Committee meeting held on 7th July 2021.

There were no questions to Councillor Bollen, Chairman of the Committee.

iv) Amenities Committee meeting held on 14th July 2021.

There were no questions to Councillor Swambo, Chairman of the Committee. The Clerk reported that Cllr Edwards had sent apologies for the Amenities Committee which had not been passed on.

b) Resolved to approve appointment of Councillor Liz McBride to the Amenities Committee.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Chairman, Councillor Tullett and Clerk's Assistant had attended a Social Media Webinar with the interim Monitoring Officer which highlighted difficulties engaging through social media and the new platforms being used by younger people and the pitfalls of interaction through such media. David Stevens had briefly looked at a new site called 'Next Door' which may be of use.

The Chairman had heard from an informed source that District Councillor Nick Evans has been appointed Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. Clerk to send congratulations and request for support in terms of crime in the Parish.

9. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR McFARLING

To note email from Chris McFarling who could not attend in person. Verges and visibility lines are being cut in the next few weeks. The District Council is reviewing the Local Plan preferred options and has agreed to purchase the 5 acres site, also the Climate Action Group partnership should be launched in the autumn.

10. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and consider the Parish Clerk's Report. All items requiring the council to make a decision are specified separately on this agenda.

11. FINANCE

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

b) Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement for June 2021.

c) Resolved to receive and note the Receipts / Payments spreadsheet to June 2021 as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee at the meeting on 7th July 2021.

d) Resolved to receive and note the Budget Monitoring Spreadsheet 2021/2022 as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee at the meeting on 7th July 2021.

12. NEWSLETTER

a) Resolved to approve inclusion of 6 advertisements in the newsletter at a charge of £50 each – total income £300 towards the costs of delivery - from local businesses.

b) Resolved to approve quotation from Storm Marketing for the design of Newsletter of £200.00 plus VAT - total cost £240 for 6 pages.

c) Resolved to approve quotation from Hanley Court printers for the printing and packaging (suitable for delivery to the Royal Mail distribution centre, Swindon) of 3000 newsletters of £734 (no VAT) for 6 pages.

d) Resolved to approve use of Royal Mail Door to Door Service for distribution of the Autumn Newsletter cost £70.61 plus VAT per 1000 – total cost £211.83 (£254.20 inc. VAT).

e) Resolved to agree Clerk to pay agreed amounts as and when they are required.

f) Resolved to note articles or suggestions to be sent to Clerk as soon as possible.

13. SEDBURY AND DISTRICT LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Resolved to approve annual Management Fee of £640 per annum to be paid for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Clerk to arrange a visit to the site for some Councillors and so that the current level of allotments and interest can be discussed.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

To review and consider re-adoption of the Tidenham Parish Council Risk Assessment.

This item was not considered – to be reviewed in September. Cllr Hartford-Beynon to assist Clerk with modification to risk analysis.

15. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Resolved to review and re-adopt the Tidenham Parish Council Health and Safety Policy.

16. NALC TRAINING EVENT – FUTURE COMMUNITIES - 2 DECEMBER 2021

Resolved to approve Councillor Swambo to attend NALC Future Communities online training event 2 December 2021 Total cost £64.49 including booking fee and VAT.

17. WELSH WATER LAND WYEBANK ROAD – GRASS CUTTING

Resolved to note Welsh Water have confirmed that their contractors will now cut the grass on their patch of land on Wyebank Road and that the Parish Council contractors have been informed of this.

18. BOBA – REQUEST FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO REQUEST TRANSFER OF BEACHLEY CAMP

a) Resolved to note correspondence received from BOBA following the meeting of 23rd June 2021.

b) To consider approval of costs for more detailed legal advice from Roger Taylor, consultant, Wellers Hedleys, Wellers Law Group, on the request from BOBA for the Parish Council to request transfer of Beachley Camp, which will include dealing with future BOBA correspondence, of £1750 plus VAT – Total cost £2100.

This item was not considered. Since issuing of the agenda BOBA had withdrawn the request. Clerk / Chairman to write to BOBA acknowledging receipt of letter.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to receive and note any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report:

Email from a resident regarding recent explosions at the NDAC. Clerk had emailed the NDAC for comment and to request prior notification of future such events.

Cross Parish Communication Group – newly formed parish and town council support group formed – membership to be considered at Planning and Highways Committee – 28th July 2021.

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 Swambo – suggested establishment of a Community Development Working Group to develop better links with other local community organisations and projects. To be added to September agenda.

Councillor Hartford-Beynon - the Parish Council now signed up to the Climate Emergency Partnership of the District Council which aims to pull communities together to improve climate action. We need to consider emergency planning for different eventualities and to be more sustainable and resilient moving forward.

Councillor O'Toole – had been asked if the benches on the Recreation Ground could be moved to the side running parallel to Castleford Hill to avoid the close proximity of large vehicles passing close to the existing positions along the Coleford Road. Clerk to email the Trust to request.

Councillor McBride – concerned about the growth in the pavement of sycamore saplings some around 5' 9" tall, corner Sedbury Lane and Beachley Road outside Highcliffe House, that are now quite large and may damage the pavement and wall. To be looked at by Planning and Highways Committee.

21. FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 28th July 2021 – Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

Wednesday 25th August 2021 - Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

Wednesday 1st September 2021 – Finance and Probity Committee meeting.

Wednesday 1st September 2021 – Mopla Cottages Committee meeting.

Wednesday 8th September 2021 – Amenities Committee meeting.

Wednesday 15th September 2021 – Full Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 20.36hrs