



Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 19:00 via zoom

Present:

Pauline Glew (Vice-Chairman)(PG). David Caney (DC). Roy Chapman (RC). Sally Sidgwick (SS). Jackie Saul-Hunt (JSH). Peter Anson (PA).

Parish and District Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall (Chairman of the Parish Council) (JVH). Mrs Jackie Scarff (JS) (Clerk/RFO)
County and District Cllr Carl Maynard (CM). There were 3 members of the public.

The Chairman held a minutes silence in honour of our friend and fellow Parish Councillor Andy Walters.

Item	Agenda Item (C20.)	
46	Apologies received and accepted from: Beverley Coupar (BC).	
47.	To receive questions from members on reports from the District and County Councillors There were no reports available this month.	
48.	Interests in accordance with 2012 Code of Conduct To receive councillors' declarations of interest regarding matters on the agenda and consider any written requests for dispensation as a result. Any changes to register of interests should be notified. There were no interest declared.	
49.	Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion. There were no members of the public.	
50.	To consider for approval the minutes of the full council meeting 17th November 2020 RESOLVED: That the Chairman is authorised to sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 17 th November 2020 as a true record of the meeting.	
51.	If the committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed: 'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.' There were no requirements to pass this resolution.	
52.	To discuss the arrangements for next year's Annual Assembly and agree any actions required. The clerk explained that the Annual Assembly has to take place between 1 st March and 1 st June each year. The clerk suggested booking a date close to the 1 st of June to give the most chance of being able to run the meeting, mindful that currently there is no idea as to what restrictions maybe in place at the time. The clerk suggested Wednesday 26 th May and that the hall be booked to save the date. It was agreed that the date should be booked, and we make plans to go ahead and cancel if we need to. It was agreed that we should aim to print a new directory. It was agreed that items for the directory would be written early in the new year. All agreed.	
53.	Sedlescombe Sports Pavilion and associated grounds. To receive an update for the sports pavilion and agree any actions required. JVH explained that with the clerk he had met up with members of Sedlescombe Ranges FC. The club have accepted our proposal for renting the field and pavilion at a rate of £100 per day. They are currently in the process of forming their own corporate body to allow them to sign the hire agreement. The football club expect to hire for at least 50 days per year in the season but will be able to cancel if the ground/weather makes the pitch unplayable. The footballers asked for a discounted rate for any usage in excess of 50 paid days along with approximately 6 evenings included in the agreement to allow for meetings and prize giving events. The footballers are aware that they will be expected to leave the pavilion as they find it and have already cleared out a lot of their things from the pavilion and the shed as requested. Sedlescombe Cricket club are positively interested in using the facilities and are currently establishing costs and details.	

	<p>JVH explained that the cricket club would take over mowing the field in the cricket season and the footballers will cover the football season. DC clarified that the proposed rental will be the same for the cricket club. This will be discussed further when the cricket club have confirmed that they want to hire the facilities.</p> <p>JVH proposed that the additional days would be charged half price, £50 per day. All agreed.</p> <p>To discuss arrangements for the Croqueteers to use the sports pavilion and field.</p> <p>19:19 JVH closed the meeting so that the Croqueteers could speak.</p> <p>A representative from the croqueteers thank the cllrs for the chance to speak. They would like to know the terms that will be offered. The club started in July 2018. They pay the FC £350 for the season. Hours of play are Mon eve 4pm til dusk, Thurs 10am til just after lunch. Fri 2.30pm until 6pm. The club maintain the lawn that they use. The club has 10 full members. JVH made it clear that the Parish Councils intention is to accommodate the club and in the new year would meet up with members of the club to work out an area for the croquet club.</p> <p>The club were asked to clear their equipment out from the boiler room. They would be able to share the shed.</p> <p>19:31 the meeting was re-opened.</p> <p>JVH proposed that the croquet club are offered the same terms from the PC as they have had from the FC in terms of fees (£350 for their season) based on the size of the club and the fact that it was a Sedlescombe based club. All agreed.</p> <p>Resolved that the croqueteers pay £350 for the seasons hire, full terms are in the hire agreement.</p> <p>19:36 JVH left the meeting with technical difficulties, 19:38 the meeting resumed.</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be a meeting on the sports field between the croqueteers and the parish council to work out the best place for the croqueteers to play.</p>	
54.	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>To receive and update and agree any actions required.</p> <p>The clerk explained that we were awaiting the news on the grant for the black cat radar device and sites for using the device.</p>	
55.	<p>To receive for approval a policy for remote meetings.</p> <p>The policy was approved and adopted.</p>	
56.	<p>To discuss the protection of the dark skies of Sedlescombe and agree any actions required.</p> <p>DC explained that the lights at the Brickwall Hotel are very bright and on all night which is very intrusive to nearby properties. DC commented that this had a negative impact on 2 of the CCTV cameras. WC would like the amount of lighting to be reduced and changed for the use of PIR lighting. JVH said that he would discuss the matter with the owner of the Brickwall hotel. The clerk explained that the AONB partnership offer a training course for using light meters and recording the results. It's a 30 minute zoom, the equipment is then loaned from the AONB partnership. This information can then be used to update the neighbourhood plan and if the PC were to adopt a policy it could be used in responding to planning applications.</p> <p>Agreed that a date should be organised for the training.</p>	
57.	<p>Finance and Audit</p> <p>To receive the financial reports to the end of 30th November 2020</p> <p>Received and noted and in an appendix to the minutes.</p> <p>To discuss the impact of the of the up-to-date tax base on the proposed precept for the next financial year.</p> <p>The clerk explained that because the tax base has been advised from Rother and is lower than last year it has the effect of increasing the parish council precept to residents even though we have not increased the precept. This has come about as a result of the pandemic and resulting increase in residents claiming through the council tax reduction scheme. The impact equates to 3p per week for a band D property. If the parish council compensated for this we would need to lower the precept to £56,100. The reason for bring this back to full council is because we had agreed that we would not increase the precept to residents this year.</p> <p>The cllrs were asked to vote on whether they would leave the precept at £57,184 - 5 votes.</p> <p>Or the keep the Band D rate the same and reduce the precept to £56,100 – 2 votes.</p> <p>Resolved the precept be set at £57,184 - the same as last year.</p>	
57.	<p>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future agenda items not requiring decisions.</p> <p>a) Red Barn Field – PG reported that there would be a meeting of the working group following suggestions received from cllrs. The clerk asked about replacing the sapling on the Green. JVH will look for a sapling approx. 6ft. JSH agreed to ask if any of the Woodland Trust Trees would be any</p>	

	<p>good. RC commented that a resident had mentioned planting a tree in Red Barn Field in memory of Andy Waters.</p> <p>b) Sedlescombe Jobs Network -</p> <p>c) Any other- JVH reported on his project to get approx. 130 houses on to ultrafast broadband through open reach and govt funding. Once agreed the project has to be completed within a year. JVH is working on a similar project with the clerk in 3 Oaks. If this works it could be spread to other areas on the outskirts of the village.</p> <p>SS reported that she has been approached by a couple residents about an overgrown footpath from Highfields second entrance to the airfield. IT has been cleared but there are some mature rhododendron branches that have come over from a residential property. It would be best to contact East Sussex rights of way team who will inspect it and take the appropriate action.</p> <p>SS reported that the pickle ball club who play at Claverham are looking for an outdoor court that they could use. Could the lines be painted on our courts so that it be hired for use. SS was asked to get picture with the lines overlaid to see what it looks like with a view to trying to accommodate it.</p>	
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:29pm		

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