



Sedlescombe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 19:00 via zoom

Present:

Pauline Glew (Vice-Chairman)(PG). David Caney (DC). Roy Chapman (RC). Sally Sidgwick (SS). Beverley Coupar (BC); Peter Anson (PA). Jackie Saul-Hunt (JSH). JSH joined at (19:05)
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 0 members of the public.

Item	Agenda Item (C20.)
46	<p>Apologies received and accepted from: JSH incase she was not able to join due to technical issues.</p>
47.	<p>To receive questions from members on reports from the District and County Councillors PA asked a question about the planning process and the requirement for increasing numbers of supporting reports. JSH Joined at 19:05 JVH commented that it is not feedback he has heard from others. The development management dept at RDC has been short staffed for a long time, exasperated by the Covid pandemic. In the short term the department have paused their pre application advice service and are prioritising serious enforcement issues only. The planning department are reviewing all their services the help of a consultant who is gathering feedback from the different user groups. PA asked CM for an update on the reported flood water in Stream Lane. CM agreed to remind the highways steward to investigate. JVH also discussed The Green which is still causing a problem and was dangerous in front of the shop, particularly during the icy weather. CM agreed that it needed to be prioritised to get a resolution to the issue. RC commented that after resurfacing loose chippings left on the road are being washed into the drains, he asked if these should be swept up. CM commented that he had raised this with the contractor as he believed the sweeping was not taking place although specifically in Cottage Lane this had been done approx. 2 weeks after the resurfacing. It is inevitable that some of the chippings will end up in the drains. RC has reported a blocked drain in Cottage Lane and is awaiting a response. In the meantime, he has attempted to clear it. CM highlighted that the current highways contract comes to an end shortly and there will be a new one in its place. CM will check the specification regarding clearance of gulleys.</p>
48.	<p>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 interests declared.</p>
49.	<p>Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion. There were no members of the public.</p>
50.	<p>To consider for approval the minutes of the full council meeting 15th December 2020 RESOLVED: That the Chairman is authorised to sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 15th December 2020 as a true record of the meeting.</p>
51.	<p>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.</p>
52.	<p>To discuss agree a schedule of dates for the Full Council meetings for the calendar year including the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.</p>

	<p>The clerk confirmed that the Full council will take place in the Third Tuesday of the month except August when there will be no meeting.</p> <p>The clerk explained that the current legislation allowing virtual meetings runs out 7th May 2021 and current restrictions would not allow face to face meetings. NALC's advice is that Parish Councils should continue to hold virtual meetings and they are in negotiation with the Govt to have the legislation extended. SSALC have advised that the annual Parish Council meeting should be held between 1st and 7th May to ensure the election of a Chair for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Resolved the May meeting will be brought forward to Tuesday 4th May at 7pm.</p>	
53.	<p>Sedlescombe Sports Pavilion and associated grounds.</p> <p>To receive an update for the sports pavilion and agree any actions required.</p> <p>RC opened a discussion regarding the steps on the decking.</p> <p>Resolved RC and JVH will meet and inspect the steps and agree a way forward.</p> <p>JVH will also chase the plans for the internal works.</p>	
54.	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>To receive and update and agree any actions required.</p> <p>To receive and update and agree any actions required.</p> <p>To receive for approval a draft loan agreement for the Black Cat Radar box.</p> <p>DC reported that we are waiting for permission to put the Black Cat Radar (BCR) box up.</p> <p>The clerk confirmed that we had received notification that we would be awarded the grant subject to some conditions. We have agreed to loan the BCR to other Parish Councils in the district and we needed to submit a loan agreement. This has been done and is included on this agenda for ratification.</p> <p>PA commented that he thought that the loan agreement needed some re wording.</p> <p>Resolved the loan agreement is adopted subject to clarification of the definitions.</p> <p>RC highlighted that he had been in touch with cllrs regarding locating the speed gun and air pollution monitor.</p> <p>The clerk explained that further to a telephone call from open reach she has received confirmation that the telegraph pole that has the CCTV cameras on it outside the village hall is being removed and we will need to move the CCTV cameras. DC will contact Fuzion 4 for a quote to do this.</p>	
55.	<p>To discuss the protection of the dark skies of Sedlescombe including a proposal to purchase a light meter and agree any actions required.</p> <p>SS commented that the training was really good, JSH agreed. There are some simple changes that can be made that make a positive impact on wildlife. JVH explained that the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood plan will need to be updated soon and will enable a policy for dark skies to be added into the plan. JSH proposed that the PC buy a light monitor to enable constant monitoring. JVH highlighted the importance of collecting the correct evidence base so that a policy will pass inspectorate examination. JSH agreed to drive the project, SS offered to help.</p> <p>Resolved that a light meter should be bought.</p>	
56.	<p>To receive an update on the annual directory and agree any actions required.</p> <p>The clerk explained that businesses are taking up the offer to advertise in the directory, the cllrs were asked to submit their entries. JVH asked that each cllr submit a new introduction of themselves and submit to the clerk by 6th March. CM was asked to submit a County Council entry. We will need some more volunteers to help with distributing the directory.</p>	
57.	<p>To discuss the footpath through Pestalozzi and agree any actions required.</p> <p>RC explained that when the river floods across the football pitch there is a cut through from Ladybird lane, this has been blocked off by PGL. JVH commented that there is a process to apply to the county council to have the path dedicated as a footpath and we could pass these details on to a resident if they would like to apply.</p>	
58.	<p>Finance and Audit</p> <p>To receive the financial reports to the end of 31st January 2021</p> <p>The balance that the face of bank statement showed a balance in the current account of £22,750.68 as at 31st January 2021.</p> <p>Received and noted and appended to the minutes.</p>	
57.	<p>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future agenda items not requiring decisions.</p> <p>a) Red Barn Field – PG reported that the area is very wet. A local resident has asked if he can display his photographs of the area on the notice board. PG is in touch with him to organise.</p> <p>b) Monthly Meeting with the PCSOs – SS reported that the meeting had been very interesting. Attendees had lots of reports of local issues. The police updated attendees on issues that they had</p>	

	<p>received from within the local villages. There is an issue with fly tipping. SS suggested it would be useful for all cllrs to take turns to attend. JVH highlighted that the next meeting is Friday 26th. RC said he would like to attend. BC asked if residents know who their PCSOs are. PG responded that it has been on the noticeboard and in the Sedlescombe news. JVH suggested that we ask if they would write an article for the directory. Clerk to ask the PCSOs.</p> <p>c) Sedlescombe Jobs Network – Nothing to report.</p> <p>d) Any other- The Clerk explained that the Rother Corporate has been sent out for consultation and she has forwarded it to the cllrs. In order to respond to the consultation, the proposal is that cllrs select part of the consultation to read and feed back on. The clerk will then collate the feedback and send it on to RDC. Please send feedback to the clerk by 10th March.</p> <p>JVH went through the sections Climate Emergency - PG Financial Stability Increasing supply of affordable homes - PA Housing list reduction - PA Housing Empowering the organisation Fairer Society - BC Developing Rother's Economy - DC An Open Council Bexhill Town Council</p> <p>There was a discussion about acts of vandalism in the village at the beginning of February. JVH asked when the final CCTV camera is likely to be fitted. This is still tbc.</p> <p>BC updated cllrs on the playground project. The team on the working group came close to submitting an application to RDC for funding but decided it would be better to wait for the next round as there were a few more documents needed. It was agreed that the project is added to the full council agenda as a standard item.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:34pm</p>	

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