

Minutes for Parish Council meeting 13th May Virtual 2020.

The Chair welcomed everyone.

197/19. All councillors present no apologies for absence.

198/19. Clerk no pecuniary interest.

199/19. Councillor pecuniary interest - Graham Ryan for Bench groundworks. Agreed not take part in vote or debate.

200/19. Resolution to suspend Standing orders for public questions by Chair seconded by Vice Chair.

The Chair welcomed the public and suspended standing orders.

The Chair asked if there were any questions.

Gill asked if there was any update on the village Hall, folly building work, flood provision especially A32 flooding and clearing of any ditches.

David Horton (DH) stated that the VHT would be in the position shortly to make an announcement about the Village Hall project but the interested parties required privacy whilst negotiations were taking place.

DH stated that the whole parish would be involved in the process.

Chair then asked DH about the Folly.

DH- Stated that when the construction company was in the wrong it was reported to the planning authority and this was recorded. He stated that no site visits were happening at present due to CV19 but they should be starting again soon.

David Williams (DW) stated in regard to flooding and ditches on the A32 that talks with Hampshire County Council were ongoing and that they had stated that landowners will now be responsible to clearing ditches, but this needed further clarification.

Dawn – thanked him.

Dawn stated that the Chair (TB) had asked her to organize a litter pick for the village but this had been cancelled due to CV19. Would it be able to proceed now?

Chair – Stated that yes it would be good to proceed if social distancing and safety parameters could be implemented.

Dawn – Stated that she would make enquiries to instigate the clear up.

The Chair welcomed Bob and Alex Acland who had joined the meeting.

The Chair asked Alex if he had any objections to the open meeting to discuss his proposal 218A

Alex Acland replied - No.

The Chair stated that Alex's property abuts Parsonage Close and that he was interested in purchasing the land to use as an extended garden.

The Chair proposed the discussion of this.

Nadine Farris (NF) seconded the proposal.

The Chair stated that the land was underutilised and received no income for the PC. The proposal was should the sale of this land be investigated further.

David Craig (DC) – Asked for the land area to be described. It is 141sqm at the rear of Alex's property at Parsonage Close. He asked why the PC would wish to sell land when it was cash rich and the land was an asset.

DW – Stated that this has been asked before and turned down.

Dawn - Stated that this was a facility for the village and with benches would be used for villagers especially the elderly and also for visiting walkers to rest.

Alison de Ledesma (AD) – Agreed and it would be good for the walker's routes from Chawton.

The chair suggested that a vote was therefore taken.

TB – No

AC – No

AD – No

PM- No

DC- No

DW - No

PH- No

NF- No

GR- No

Therefore not passed.

Mr Acland stated that he was disappointed but that this had brought clarity to the situation and thanked the PC for taking the time to discuss the proposal.

201/19. Chair – Motion to resume standing orders.

Standing orders resumed.

202/19. Minutes from 4th March approved.

203/19. Matters arising from previous meetings.

- Payroll change more complicated due to Nest pension scheme not cost effective to change.
- Risk assessment – Golden Pheasant - clerk to investigate.
- HAGS work schedule commencement clerk to chase and confirm.
- Shirnall playground completion date 27th -29th May confirmed by clerk.

- Tidy Farringdon to recommence ASAP.
- Safe Cycling project to recommence with NF, PM and GR.
- Village notice board – can now be erected. DW to organise.
- Defibrillator complaint- Light dimmed by tape. Actioned by TB.
- Parsonage Close parking complaints- clerk to contact HHC for advice.

204/19. Accounts approved.

205/19. Bank reconciliation approved.

206/19. Future payments approved.

207/19. Planning application approved no comments made.

208/19. Concrete quote approved.

- Site meeting to establish positioning before work commences was agreed.

209/19. Welcome Pack no volunteers to pursue this project.

210/19. Virtual Planning meetings for present. Approved

211/19. Sage purchase to run finances. Approved

212/19. Electronic banking – Clerk to report back on costs and procedures.

213/19. Chair thanked councillors for recruitment of the clerk.

214/19. Chair on behalf of council thanked Phil Mossman for organising the PPE for the village care group.

215/19. Chair on behalf of the council publically thanked Laura Mills and the Community Volunteer Group.

216/19. Chair on behalf of the council publically thanked Chris Murray and the Flood Action Group for work in the village and on the A32. Thanks from the Hampshire Council were published on the village website.

217/19. There were no recorded complaints about damage to property along the A32 caused by flood works.

218/19. No training required by councillors, awaiting confirmation if CiLCA training for clerk.

219/19. Environment report DW stated no changes at present.

220/19. Traffic- confirmation that cameras are working but with no data TB.

218a/19. Chair proposed a vote to discuss a confidential issue without the public or press being present. Approved

Chair thanked the public for attending.

Chair resumed standing orders to discuss policing in the community.

Meeting resumed with the Chair stating that he had been contacted by local neighbourhood watch leader to discuss supporting an open letter to the Chief Constable of Hampshire to discuss the lack of rural police officers and the priorities of the local police.

The councillors gave their opinions and asked that it needed to be forwarded to local MP's and the Police and Crime commissioner to have any effect.

The signing of the letter to endorse the campaign was agreed.

The Chair thanked everyone for their support.

220/19. Date for the next PC meeting of 8th July.

The meeting ended.