

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 7.30PM OAK ROOM, LODGE HILL, LONDON ROAD, WATERSFIELD

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman  
Cllr T Burr Vice -Chairman  
Cllr S Hewer  
Cllr O Dudman  
Cllr C Dennis  
Cllr J Bowler  
  
D Cllr P Clarke  
  
Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

### 19 / 66.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

### 19 / 67.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Evans and Hewitt, also from D Cllrs D van der Klugt and B Donnelly.

Members agreed to Cllr Hewitt taking an absence from Council until the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2020.

### 19 / 68.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No new declarations were received for the meeting except: Cllr Nelson confirmed his trusteeship to Lodge Hill.

### 19 / 69.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the council meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

### 19 / 70.00 FINANCE

19 / 70.01 **Account Summary:** The Clerk distributed copies of up to date accounts for the Parish Council and Alban Head Playing Fields Committee. These are attached as Appendix A & B respectively.

**Section 106 –** The Clerk confirmed that there is a balance of £825 available for the provision or improvement of community/leisure facilities in or benefitting the parish council area of Coldwaltham from Section 106 funding held with HDC.

**Diversity of users in the children's area.** Members welcomed the refurbishment of the play area but commented that the Alban Head have few activities for women or the older population.

<b>19 / 70.02</b>	<b>Payments:</b> Authorised and cheques signed by the Chairman, the Clerk and Cllr Burr for;	
	Lodge Hill Trust Ltd	December Meeting Fee £ 25.00
	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Oct to Dec £ 250.60
	Travis Perkins	Paint for Lines (AHFP) £ 26.40
	Agrovista	Line Marking Powder (AHPF) £ 38.49
	HR Services Partnership Ltd	HR Advice tbc £ 305.00

As the invoice from Lodge Hill and a corrected invoice from HR Services had not been received these cheques would be signed after the meeting once received.

**19 / 71.00** **TO CONFIRM THE BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2020/21**

The Clerk gave all Councillors a revised copy of Proposed Budget for 2020-21 for the Parish Council. Members agreed the budget of £15,781 for the year 2020-21.

Concerns were raised about the extra cost arising from the groundsman's illness, members suggested that a portion of the AH overspend should be retained by the Parish Council and ringfenced to cover these extra costs.

Cllr Nelson noted that members had suggested 2% increase in precept at the previous meeting. Members agreed this increase to £16,180.

**Resolved** **Agreed the budget for 2020-21 of £15781 and 2% increase in Precept.**

**19 / 72.00** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**19 / 72.01** Cllr Nelson updated members regarding the continued absence of the groundsman at the Alban Head. He is keeping in touch with him on a regular basis.

Cllr Nelson wished to thank the Speed-watch Volunteers for all their work and expressed the councils continued support for the scheme.

He has received a number of complaints regarding drainage around the village especially in Hardham.

With the upcoming elections there seems to be a genuine interest in the village for the Green debate – noting he had recently attended a meeting attended by candidates for the general election, the venue had been packed. With this in mind, he encouraged members to think of ideas for future discussions over what the Council might do. He highlighted that Storrington, Cowfold & Pulborough parishes all have issues with pollution in areas.

D Cllr Clarke noted that HDC have arrange a fund for Green Issues.

Cllr Burr noted that there are many aspects to the green debate – carbon emissions – waste management – biodiversity – but given the limited power of the Parish Council, what would be achievable will have to be realistic.

Cllr Burr noted that the Guardian had made a return visit to the Waltham Brooks.

Members reported a white car had been parked in the car park at the Alban Head for over a week. – Cllr Hewer suggested a permanent sign to say "No Overnight Parking" and agreed she would put a temporary sign up in the noticeboard. The Clerk to investigate.

**19 / 72.02** **Parish Survey Feedback:**

Cllr Nelson advised that he had received about 35 responses to-date from the parish consultation, therefore about 10% of residents had so far responded. And of these only one was not happy with the Parish Council's aims.

The consultation had facilitated the creation of a list of residents who might need support in difficult weather and offers of help.

An initial outline of the other feedback was verbally given at the meeting. Cllr Nelson will circulate a written summary prior to the next PC meeting.

Only a few responses had indicated a willingness to work on a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Burr noted they might not be aware of the amount of work involved.

Cllr Nelson noted that in February it would be necessary for us to decide our next steps from the consultation and whom would be taking the lead on those next steps.

Thanks, were expressed for Pauline Streeter who had helped residents by receiving responses in the Post Office.

**19 / 73.00      CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing received for discussion.

**19 / 74.00      PLANNING**

**19 / 74.01**      The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications

- SDNP/19/04915/TPO, St Giles Church London Road Coldwaltham, Permitted – TB noted no response from SDNPA tree officer had been received to his letter.

**19 / 75.00      ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK**

**19 / 75.01**      Cllr Hewer highlighted the Speed-watch advert for Bury PC.

**19 / 75.02**      Health and Well-Being Issues – Cllr Dennis is concerned that if there are few activities for younger people in the parish, research shows that they become disillusioned, and find their own entertainment. She suggested that new sports might be available e.g. Judo, which might be accommodated at Sandham Hall or Lodge Hill.

Cllr Dennis asked if the PC has any views towards this issue – Cllr Nelson confirmed that there are possible contacts with Lodge Hill which could be pursued, and the PC supported all provision for all age groups.

**19 / 75.03**      D Cllr Clark updated members with HDC items:

- Green Issues – the district has many ancient hedgerows, in partnership with SWT, setting up a project trying to connect these, putting a plan together to improve the bio-diversity, part of which is looking to replace the trees lost; like the Elms & Ash.
- Also, a funding pot of £40K for projects which tackle climate change.

**19 / 75.04**      Cllr Burr advised that he had recently received a letter from the Information Commission regarding his registration on an unrelated issue. The clerk to check if there is a potential issue for councillors not registered. Cllr Nelson emphasised that any action should be taken in conjunction with other local Parish Councils.

**19 / 76.00      PARISH MAGAZINE**

The next copy date for The Link is January 18th, as there is no edition over the new year. Items collected from council for inclusion in the Parish Link in January:

- Feedback from the consultation – thanking residents for responding.
- Highlighting parking at Alban Head
- Winter Weather assistance

**19 / 77.00      DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

**19 / 77.01**      **Next meeting of Council:** is the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm, in the Limerick Studio at Lodge Hill Centre.

19 / 77.02 Dates for 2020 Meetings: were distributed to members.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm.

**Chairman:**..... **Date:**.....

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Hewitt, Lane & Evans, C Cllr Arculus and D Cllrs van der Klugt and Donnelly.

**DRAFT MINUTES - Not confirmed until the next council meeting**