

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2020 7.30PM * HELD VIRTUALLY

* The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (Regulation 5)

Those Present:

Cllr G Nelson
Cllr J Evans
Cllr C Dennis
Cllr S Hewer
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr J Bowler
Cllr A Hewitt
Cllr A Davies

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

(Late)

C Cllr P Arculus
D Cllr B Donnelly
D Cllr P Clark

County Councillor
District Councillor
District Councillor

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fudge

Clerk

Before the meeting there was an opportunity for members of the public present to speak with council. There were no public in attendance.

20 / 34.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lane and D Cllr van der Klugt.

20 / 35.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The clerk advised that Cllr Dudman had completed an updated Register of Members Interest which can be viewed on the website. Also, the Clerk had witnessed Cllr Evans signing his Declaration of Office for Vice Chairman.

No other declarations were received. Cllr Nelson confirmed his trusteeship to Lodge Hill for the minutes.

20 / 36.00 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

Minutes for the council meeting held on 10th November 2020 were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

20 / 37.00 FINANCE

20 / 37.01 **Account Summary:** The Clerk distributed the accounts for Parish Council and Alban Head Playing Fields Committee to members prior to the meeting. These are attached as Appendix A & B respectively.

20 / 37.02 **Payments:** Authorised and cheques signed by signatories after the meeting for:

Travis Perkins Trading Co	Line Marking Paint	£60.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Oct to Dec	£150.80

Cllr Bowler joined the meeting during the next item.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2021/22

The Clerk displayed the budget on screen for members to see, highlighting the proposed 1.5% or 2% Precept increases. Following the last meeting the clerk had received the Tax Base figure from HDC and was able to update the residents' portion for a Band D property.

Cllr Nelson had spoken to two residents, who had originally expressed an interest in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan; they were still interested but fully understood the reasons why nothing had happened in the current situation. Therefore, it was a good idea to put some funds towards this item.

Cllr Davies queried the cost of the footpath maintenance, Cllr Nelson confirmed that this figure was for the footpath from Sandham Hall to Church Lane which the Parish Council was responsible for maintaining.

Members had no further comments regarding the budget.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the budget of proposed budget of £16,052 and a Precept increase of 2%.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL / PARISH CLERK

The Clerk updated the Council regarding recent applications:

- SDNP/20/03368/HOUS, 3 The Courtyard Ingrams Farm, London Road Hardham, Permitted
- SDNP/20/04401/TCA, The Willows, London Road & Well Croft, River Lane Watersfield, Permitted

Cllr Evans updated members regarding carparking at Sandham Hall, advising that he had sent a proposal to St James and Chuckleberries and was waiting to hear back from them. This should allow for parking of six to seven cars at the hall.

Cllr Nelson noted that some of the parked vehicles in Silverdale were from a newly opened Childminding business at Barn Cottage, where a wall over a culvert had also been destroyed.

The Clerk read a letter from the resident, who advised that the wall was due for repair in the next week and apologised for the delays. On the issue of the childminding business, the resident had not been aware that a planning application would be needed as had previously run the business in Bury without any contact from the Council.

The clerk advised that HDC were expecting a planning application to be submitted by the end of December.

Cllr Hewitt asked if the details are distributed to the elderly in the parish. Cllr Nelson noted the Parish Council distributed a newsletter to by numerous means, including directly to residents, also through the school and church. He updated members that the Hub had closed again for the time being, but should there be another Lockdown and HDC re-opens community hubs – will be ready to respond.

Cllr Nelson suggested that should Cllr Hewitt know of any other residents, who might not receive them, please print copies of the newsletters, and pass them on.

Cllr Hewer advised members that Alban Head Committee are due to meet next Monday.

D Cllr Donnelly updated members from HDC

- regarding the Strategic Housing Plan, with is currently under review, highlighting that after much discussion, HDC need to consider increasing the number of houses from the original 900, expected to increase to 1100, but following the Government's Planning White Paper this figure needs to rise to 1700 homes a year.
- The COVID Situation has damaged the Council's finances, but some good news; the Leisure Centres are due to re-open 2nd December, Capital Theatre due to re-open 4th December and many shows are already booked up. Museum refurbishment work is under way, due to re-open in Summer 2021.

D Cllr Clark updated members:

- HDC had received over 400 applications for grants, where the business had had to shut-down during Lockdown2, the Finance committee had approved £600K for this.
- HDC still struggling with the finances.

20 / 39.09

C Cllr Arculus updated members that:

- WSCC are also struggling with finances. But more worrying result of the COVID situation is the increases seen around problems with mental health and domestic abuse cases and the impacts these have on families. WSCC are expecting the cost of the situation will be seen for much longer than the actual pandemic lasts. It was good that the schools were back open
- Hopeful of a vaccine is ready shortly.
- Thanked Cllr Evans for the information regarding the condition of many pavements, he had made a valid point regarding their state. She has forwarded it on to the Highways Officers.

The following item is a Confidential Matter and Will Not Appear on the Publicly Published Minutes.

20 / 39.10

This item was a confidential matter and therefore does not appear on the publicly published minutes.

The public Parish Council Meeting resumed.

20 / 40.00

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

20 / 40.01

Next meeting of Council: is on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

20 / 40.02

2021 Meeting Dates: Members confirmed they would trial a bi-monthly cycle for next year's meeting, therefore the next meeting will be in January. List would be distributed to members.

Meeting Closed at 8.25 pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....

Distributed to those present, also Cllr Lane and D Cllr van der Klugt.

DRAFT MINUTES - Not confirmed until the next council meeting