

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2019

Present: Mr John Chiverton
Mr David Goldhawk
Mr Ian Fairbrother
Mrs Mary Mansell (Acting Clerk)
Mr James Afford
Mr. Keith Carter

Apologies: District Councillor Claire Malcomson
District councillor Clayton Wellman
County Councillor Stephen Cooksey
Mrs. Jan Russell (Clerk)

1 CHAIRPERSON:

Due to the resignation of the Chairman Mr. Ian Foster a new Chairperson should be elected. Proposed by Mr. David Goldhawk that Mr. John Chiverton be elected to serve Seconded by Mr. Ian Fairbrother. All in favour.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Proposed by Mr. James Afford seconded by Mr. Keith Carter that Mr, David Goldhawk be elected. All in favour.

3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

Proposed by Mrs. M. Mansell and seconded by Mr. Keith Carter that these minutes are a true and accurate record of that meeting,

4 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Due to the resignation of Mr. Foster this created a Councillor Vacancy. The appropriate notice has been posted in the noticeboard and will be there for the Statutory time limit, after that time it is possible to co-opt a Councillor

5 UPDATE WORKING PARTY - A24.

Minutes of that meeting have been circulated. The Clerk had approached County Councillor Cooksey with a request that the Subway be repainted. Reply awaited.

6 UPDATE VILLAGE ROAD SIGNS.

At this time there is no further information relating to this matter.

7 BUS SHELTER (Northbound by Holly & Laurel)

This bus shelter was in need of repair to prolong its life. The Clerk to ask MV if this can be attended to.

8 UPDATE NATIONAL TRUST:

Abandoned Vehicle A24 - This matter had been discussed with National Trust and they are aware and checking to see if it is insured if not then it may be that MV can remove.

Car Parking opposite Woodlands

Mr. Rob Adams informed the Council that it was unlikely that the Trust would approve this however he will make enquiries and report back.

Pond railings - Betchets Green Road.

The Trust have suggested providing bollards along by the side of the pond rather than railings as Contractors are not keen because of the high voltage cables.

9 VILLAGE HALL:

It is not the Tenants responsibility to tend to the front garden, however, this has now been tidied.

Bookings remain at a low level. It was questioned what effect this had but fortunately the rent received from the Club and regular bookings the Hall remains viable.

New payments relating to the percentage paid by the Club towards the Statutory Services has been renegotiated.

10 PLANNING:

MO/2019/0171 - Lodge Farm. Engineering Works for the restoration of degraded land and landscape works to create a native woodland. Clerk to clarify with MV Planning what 'Decline to Determine - Section 70C' means.

MO/2019/1740 - Vigo Farm Cottages. (Capel Parish but close to Holmwood boundary) Publicity end date 14th November.

MO/2019/1375 - Holmwood Park. Creation of one single dwelling. Amended Plans. Out for Consultation.

MO/2019/1622 - Holmwood Park. Retrospective application in respect of a change of use of existing building to B8 commercial storage usage - Out for consultation.

APPEAL - MO/2018/1622 - Land adjacent to 6 Warwick Close - Erection of 2 No. dwellings. Publicity end date 30th November. Council have confirmed that they support MV Planning decision not to grant. Decision awaited.

CARPEL HOUSE - Update. It had come to the Council's notice that an application had been submitted. The Clerk had requested that the Parish Council could comment on this application although officially closed. The Chairman to respond to Planning as the Council strongly oppose any application on this site.

Clerk to again contact National Trust regarding deregistration of land at Spring Cottages and to check the boundary of Langdale.

11 POLICE CRIME STATISTICS:

No information to hand.

12 BURLEYS:

It was confirmed that Burleys have again been taken over from TCL Limited and now by I.D Verde. Although at the moment there are no changes to the administration. The pointing of the steps to the War Memorial and the installation of bollards at the gate of the Playground are still outstanding it has been confirmed that these will be attended to. The contract works by Burleys have been carried out satisfactorily, Proposed by the Council that as their five year contract comes to an end on 31st March, 2020 this contract should go out to tender. The Clerk had submitted an Invitation to Tender document which will be sent to Burleys, Jake Burley and another. The costs should be returned by the 31st December, 2019 so that a decision can be taken at the January 2020 meeting. Included with the Invitation to Tender should be a letter stating that the 'Council do NOT have to accept this or any other Tender'.

13 FINANCE

The financial statement was circulated this showed that at the 31st March, 2020 it was anticipated that there would be a balance of £8,607.33. Reserve account £5,418.98.

Cheque to be approved.

Burleys	3 rd quarter	£941.45
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It was noticed that the 2nd quarter invoice from Burleys was incorrect in that it was in the sum of £918.48 and that they had taken this amount from last year's contract. Burleys to be informed of this error.

14 CHAIRMANS DESCRETION:

Councillors Training: The SSALC advised that a Councillor Briefing and Awareness Session has been scheduled for 10th March, 2020. Councillors Keith Carter and James Afford showed interest. Clerk to advise SSALC.

15 SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Date for the next meeting 23rd January, 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

Clerk to contact Mr. Stephen Cooksey regarding the dip in the A24 between the Red Chilli and North Holmwood Roundabout. Whilst this is outside the Parish it is of concern to all users of the A24 and it is not getting any better.

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