

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS on 9th FEBRUARY 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs. Craig Ellis (Chair), Susan Durant, Mark Houlbrook, David Knight, Joe Blackham, Ron Powell, Amie Knott, Mark Phillips

Also present: Matthew Gleadell (Clerk, Laurance Green (CENSUS 2021), 1 member of the press.

3622. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. Janet Phillips

RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

3623. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3624. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9TH February 2021 save for noting Mark Phillips as present.

3625. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters raised by the members of the public present.

3626. CENSUS 2021

Laurance Green from Census 2021 gave members a very useful and informative presentation to detail the arrangements for the forthcoming Census which was duly appreciated.

The Clerk agreed to circulate the power point presentation to members after the meeting.

3627. FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk outlined the content of the usual balance sheet report.

The Clerk confirmed the content of the bank reconciliation reports.

The Clerk advised on the monthly payment schedule which prompted discussion around the water pumps at Coulman Pavilion for which further information was requested by Councillors.

RESOLVED to note the reports and approve the payment schedule.

RESOLVED at in accordance with Standing Orders to change the order of business to allow for Toll Bar Changing Rooms tender to be discussed at the end of the meeting as part of the confidential business.

3628. DELVES BORE HOLE

Members noted the correspondence and information received from the angling club. Members felt that they still needed more information to be able to make a firm decision.

RESOLVED to pass the matter to the Environmental Working Group for detailed consideration and for the group to obtain at the Councils expense such reports as are necessary to allow for a decision to be made.

3629. ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

Members considered the Clerks report and proposed remit of the new working group.

There was concern that Council does not have any current primary policy around environmental protection.

RESOLVED to adopt the proposed terms of reference subject to some small amendments that allow for the creation of policy.

RESOLVED to appoint the following Councillors to the Environmental Working Group:

Cllr. Knott, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Durant, Cllr. Houlbrook, Cllr. Blackham

3630. CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Members noted the Clerks report and agreed it was prudent to begin saving for the Cemetery Extension.

RESOLVED to ringfence £10,00 from general reserves for the cemetery extension and to seek to put aside £10,000 per annum over the coming years to build up a fund to pay for the costs of the cemetery extension to be delivered.

3631. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude press and public due to the confidential nature of the remaining agenda items.

3632. TOLL BAR CHANGING ROOMS

Members noted the details of the tender process that has been undertaken to find a contractor to deliver some new converted container changing rooms on the Toll Bar.

RESOLVED to appoint MMS to deliver the project in accordance with the tender submitted subject to them being able to complete the project by mid-April albeit adverse ground conditions were noted as a factor that could delay the project. As a minimum members want to see the footings in place and photos of the containers being refurbished by the mid April deadline.

3633. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Members noted the proposals from the Citizens Advice Bureau for a new Lease.

The CAB building was recognised as an integral part of the site comprising the Assembly Rooms and Warehouse. It was noted that the Assembly Rooms and 5a Browns Lane require a lot of investment.

There was concern that the CAB are not in a position to pay a market rent despite their accounts showing a very healthy financial position.

RESOLVED to give the CAB a 6 month extension to their Lease on a peppercorn rent to allow time for the Council to get a detailed report in relation to the possible development options for the buildings and site on Browns Lane and for the Clerk to arrange for such a report accordingly.

End of meeting.