



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st September 2020 Via Zoom

Present Jim Gillett, Paul Mundy, Neil Jackson, Roanna Collis, Claire Andersen, Jane Hartley, Mike Heath, and Hilary Jones

Apologies for Absence Pat Sutlieff

Absent

7472/20 Open Forum – Narinder Ryatt attended the meeting as a prospective Parish Councillor. He introduced himself and gave a brief resume of himself and his interest in joining the Council. He stayed for part of the meeting but had to leave at 9pm.

7473/20 Co-option of new Councillors – Mike Heath and Hilary Jones were officially co-opted by the Council by signing their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and other paperwork. This will be passed to the clerk for countersignature.

7474/20 To approve the appointment of Cllr. Mundy to the role of Chair of Amenities and to choose and approve a new Chair of Finance – It was resolved to approve the appointment of Cllr. Mundy as Chair of Amenities and Cllr. Jackson as Chair of Finance, both of which were carried unanimously. Cllr. Jackson also agreed to become a signatory

7475/20 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

7476/20 Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 20th July and the Minutes of the Finance and Planning meeting of 3rd August 2020 both held via Zoom – Both sets of minutes were approved by Council.

FINANCE

7477/20 Finance Reports – It was resolved to approve these which was done unanimously.

7478/20 Authorisation of Payments – It was resolved to approve the following payments which was done unanimously:

£89.60 to Grondon Waste Management Ltd
£26.51 to A1 Locksmiths
£37.34 to British Gas Services Ltd
£169.57 to the Assistant Clerk
£1834.72 to Berkshire Pension Fund
£61.94 to Aquacare
£286.65 to the Clerk
£26 to Cathedral Leasing Ltd
£162 to Heart Facilities
£1210 to Herald Graphics
£72.03 to Dual Energy
£29.54 to SSE
£41.85 to Village Warden
£5.66 to Opus Energy Ltd
£696.74 to JJ Plumbing and Heating
£78 to Loddon Door Services Ltd

£300 to Mick Bicknell
£480 to PKF Littlejohn
£83.75 to Viking Payments
£2160 to CD Wall Gates and Automation
£2852.40 in Payroll

- 7479/20 To Note that the Annual Return process had been completed, and that apart from a couple of minor points, were approved by the external auditors** – This was noted.
- 7480/20 To hear an update on the preliminary work on the CIL project** – Cllr. Mundy gave a detailed account of the three main options, which are at present the south side of the football pitches, the present location or where the tennis courts are currently situated. There was a brief discussion about whether grant funding would be available, and the clerk was asked to set up a fresh meeting with mark Redfearn, and it was approved that Cllr. Mundy to ask for getting computer generated pictures of these options.
- 7481/20 To Note that the National Pay agreement had been published and that the changes had been applied to all salaries as agreed, and back pay to April will be added to the September wage bill** – This was noted.
- 7482/20 To Note the award of a £10,000 grant from Central Govt to help small businesses with financial losses over the past few months** – This was noted.
- 7483/20 Planning, Environment and Highways Committee** – The minutes of the meeting via Zoom on 7th September were noted.
- 7484/20 To Note the progress with the community orchard and extra vegetable plots and to consider whether Council would prefer to take on the area behind the Village Hall as an asset transfer or to try to work with Wokingham to designate the area as a Community Orchard as part of the Climate Emergency response** – It was explained that as far as the Community Orchard idea, it was envisaged that Council would facilitate this rather than directly driving it, and as this was the case, would rather not get involved in an asset transfer. The clerk was to see what options were available. As far as the vegetable plots were concerned, the next step is to see whether the neighbouring residents to the proposed plots were happy with the idea, and if so, Council would progress with a possible asset transfer. Any associated costs would be recovered through the rent from the plots.
- 7485/20 To Note the Parish Walk was completed by a group of Councillors on Monday 27th July** – This was noted
- 7486/20 To Consider the draft responses to the Planning for the Future White Paper and the Changes to the Planning System document** – It was agreed that any further comments should be forwarded to the clerk in the next week. The clerk would then collate and send round the Changes to the Planning System for approval as this needs to be submitted before the next meeting, and the comments for the White Paper would be brought back to Full Council for final approval at the next meeting.
- 7487/20 To Note the willingness of the Countryside Service to collaborate on display boards for the Country Park (at least one to be on Charvil Parish Council land) and to consider the principle to help fund these** – It was agreed that these were a good idea, and the clerk has been asked to find out how much these signs are likely to cost. Council were at this stage, only willing to look at spending £1500.
- 7488/20 To Note recent developments from the Village Society** – Cllr. Hartley provided a brief update.
- 7489/20 Amenities Committee** – The meetings of 14th September via Zoom were noted.
- 7490/20 To consider any progress made with discussions regarding Tennis** – Cllrs Jackson and Gillett and the Assistant Clerk met with Ed Francis to discuss possible coaching arrangements at the tennis courts. Ed Francis is a Level three coach, and he has a group of other local coaches who are keen to offer coaching in Charvil. He would need both courts, and it was agreed he would have a discount on the second court. It was agreed that passes would be increased to 60, and he would agree specified times for his coaching sessions with the Assistant Clerk. The Chairman is to modify the agreement that was had with CCTC and pass round for comment.
- 7491/20 Report from the Borough Councillor** – There was no report from the Borough Councillor.

Items for Consideration

- 7492/20 **To Note the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and to consider how to progress with consultation in the Covid environment** - This was deferred.
- 7493/20 **To note the recent issues with the traffic lights on the A4** – There had been serious problems and disruption, but after much protestation on the part of residents, they are now working.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.44 pm

Chairman's Signature