



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

on 19th May 2020 at 7.00pm
via Zoom

1. Present

Councillors John Gillies (JG: Chairman), Nikki Terry (NT), Sue Carroll (SC), Lesley Prosser (LP), Richard Sellick (RS) and Alison Stevens (AS: Clerk). There were no members of the public in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Smart and the reasons for his absence were approved by the Full Council.

2. Public Questions

There were no questions from any members of the public.

Mrs Bradbury, Chair of the Good Neighbour scheme, sent a written report in which she said;

'Since lockdown we have registered 55 requests for assistance, all requests have been successfully fulfilled. Where people have been identified as struggling we have asked a volunteer living close to them to 'buddy' them and this arrangement has worked very well....so I don't doubt we will have performed more chores than on my official register as the volunteer just gets on with helping out without necessarily reporting back to me. The majority of our requests are help with shopping and picking up prescriptions. As lockdown has been eased slightly and more and more people get themselves organised with online shopping our requests have dropped off and we averaging a couple a week now. Obviously if stricter regulations are reintroduced we may see requests go back up.

There are still some households in the village who despite fulfilling all the vulnerable criteria have slipped through the supermarkets' priority net. Typically these are people who have no supermarket 'footprint' ie they had no loyalty cards and were not therefore on their database and they have a minimal online presence. We are of course happy to sort them out but as the weeks go on I'm aware they'd love to be more independent. I try to give them a nudge when I see online slots available to book'.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Mrs Bradbury and the GNS team for the work they had done.

The meeting was then opened.

3. Disclosures of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest on any items on this agenda nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th March 2020

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2020, were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning

i: The following planning application was considered;

SDNP/19/03768/FUL - Iford Farm The Street Iford BN7 3EU - Consolidation of Iford Estate Farming Operations to include the construction of agricultural buildings (for housing of livestock, grain handling and storage), a silage clamp and new access road from Piddinghoe Road – Councillors confirmed they would like to add the following to the comments they made at the Parish Council Meeting held in March;

‘With the huge number of objections that have now been lodged, Rodmell Parish Council thinks it is entirely wrong that this application should be decided by one person and asks that that is delayed until it can be considered by the Full Planning Committee’.

It is understood that District Councillor Meyer will let the Parish Council know if its request is successful.

ii: Hearing of the Appeal by Iford Estates (Commercial Shooting) –

Councillors Gillies and Carroll attended the hearing. Councillor Gillies said the Inspector has now rejected the Appeal.

6. Finance Report

Councillors resolved;

6.1: to approve the following payments;

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Came and Company	Insurance	613.94
ESALC	Subscriptions	141.33
S Goacher	Payroll	79.21
A Stevens	March Salary	234.00
A Stevens	April Salary	234.00

6.2: to approve the year end accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2020, namely;

6.2.1: to approve the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year to 31st March 2020.

6.2.2: to sign and approve the Annual Return Accounting Statement which included the Internal Auditor’s Report.

6.2.3: That they are exempt from an External Audit for the year to 31st March 2020 because the Parish Council’s receipts and payments for the year were each less than £25000. Councillor Prosser joined the meeting at this point.

6.2.4: And appointed Mrs Fiona Roberts as the Internal Auditor for 2020-21.

7. Questions from Parish Councillors

Councillor Gillies said the defibrillator has stopped working again. Councillor Prosser confirmed she has reported the matter to SECAMB and will forward the details to the Clerk so she can chase them as well. Councillors agreed to consider setting up a contract with a maintenance contractor once the defibrillator has been repaired.

Councillor Carroll said work is due to start on patching more of the C7 on the 1st June. The Clerk said she will see if she can find out who the Project Manager will be so the Parish Council can

provide residents with daily reports of how the work is progressing because it worked well last time.

Councillor Sellick said the grass needs cutting in the play area. The play area has been closed off because of the Coronavirus situation. Councillor Terry will ask South Downs Mowing to cut it when they are next in Rodmell.

Councillor Prosser said there have been a lot of reports of traffic speeding in The Street. Two cats have been killed already. Councillors agreed to consider carrying out a speed survey both at The Street and on the C7 when traffic volume returns to normal. The Clerk will see if she can get some yellow signs reminding traffic to slow down in the meantime.

Councillor Carroll also reported that she is hoping to meet Mr Robinson next week to see if he will allow an extension of the footpath between Northease and Rodmell.

8. The next Full Council Meeting is planned for Tuesday 21st July 2020, items for the agenda to the Clerk by Monday 13th July 2020.

There was no further business and this meeting closed at 7.35pm.