

Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council meeting held remotely via Zoom on Thursday 17th December, 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Parish Councillors Andrew Stacey (Chair), James Hackett, Alan Bryant, Gloria Smith and Jon Gadsden.

38. Apologies for Absence

None received.

Members Johnathan Maytham and Phillipa Gibbs did not attend and did not send apologies.

39. Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct adopted 19th July, 2012

None.

40. Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 24th November, 2020

Resolved: the minutes were passed and will be signed as a correct record when Covid 19 lockdown restrictions have been lifted and meetings in person can be arranged.

41. Public Participation

Resident – Bristol – Bath Railway Path

Members, received information from a resident, request to be more proactive in dealing with anti-social behaviour on the railway path. Helping with path maintenance. Security on the path. Member suggest FoSC maybe able to apply for funding as the path goes through the common.

Resolved: members will be looking at options – Chair advised of possible CCTV options. District Councillor advised councillor Smith of no funding available. Members advised resident to contract District Councillor. Clerk to look into funding source -

42. Co Option

a. Members approved the Co opting of Nathan Reed. Clerk to send all relevant paperwork for completion.

Resolved: All agreed

43. John Hunt Memorial

a. Members to purchase a bench and use the CiL funds.

Resolved: All agreed.

44. Finance

a. Members received all the accounts schedules and all were approved. Members

saw the bank statement for the month and confirmed all was in order and balanced. The Clerk updated Councillors on the mandate situation. Everything has been passed to HBSC, Councillor Gadsden can now go to show his ID and become a signatory on the account.

b. It was discussed that there should be a meeting of the Finance Committee early in the new year. Thursday 7th January was agreed. Councillor Bryant will sit on the Finance committee for now until the new member has completed all the paperwork required. He will then join the Finance Committee.

45. Cycling and Waking Steering Group

a. Report submitted to members ahead of meeting. Member presented idea of extending the footpaths in the area and link areas of common land. New pathway to be created. Multi Council support.

Goose Green footpath improvements have been completed – invoice to follow.

46. Planning

a. Planning Applications – see attached.

b. Planning Decisions – see attached.

47. Correspondence

a. Email from District Councillor with an update on what they have been working on – shared with Members.

b. Information from Heritage group – two members happy to be part of that and bring anything to council that is necessary.

c. Solicitors letters received in respect of forthcoming planning appeal that is to be filed.

48. Accounts for Payment

a. Members received the monthly payment approval spreadsheet and authorised the on-line payment of the following items:

1. NEST pension provider – auto enrolment – Direct Debit - £114.65

2. E. Kenny – salary & expenses - £1,400.56

3. Royal British Legion - £18.50 paid (23.11.20)

4. A. Adams Salary - £702.37

5. HMRC Quarterly payment - £1115.96

6. Great Western Recycling – allotment skip – £240.00

7. Mr A Bryant – Allotment fixings – £7.64

8. TDP Ltd – Memorial Bench - £399.79

9. Essential Councillor Training -NALCA - £60.00

Resolved - Members approved all payments.

49. Any Other Business – for information purposes only

- a. Cllr. Hackett asked that Friends of Siston Common be an agenda item each time.
– agreed with all members.
- b. Councillor Hackett would like the Special expenses looked into so that we can hold South Glos Council accountable for where the money is spent and how effective that is.
- c. Councillor Smith advised WCC will shut this Saturday until the new year. There will be no access to Clerk's storage in this time.

Date of next meeting: 21st January, 2021 via Zoom again (subject to change if covid restrictions ease).

Meeting closed at 20.20

Confirmed and signed Chairman.....

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