

SISTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Siston Parish Council Meeting held at Warmley Community Centre, on Thursday 17th January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Parish Councillors Andrew Stacey Chair, Alan Bryant, Mandy Dixon, Jon Gadsden, James Hackett and Ros Mahoney.

133. Apologies for Absence

Nathan Reed.

134. Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct adopted 19th July, 2019

Ros Mahoney – Secretary of The Friends of Siston Common Group

James Hackett – Member of the Friends of Siston Common Group.

135. Minutes Approved

Full Council Meeting – Thursday 16th December 2021

Resolved: the minutes were passed and signed as a correct record.

136. Public Participation

137. Councillor Vacancy

Members voted to Co-opt Mr Robert Bowe as a new Councillor for the Common Ward of Siston Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr Stacey, Seconded by Cllr Bryant

Resolved – all agreed.

138. Warmley Community Centre CIO

Council agreed to pay the solicitors fees and not to enforce the indemnity requiring the centre to cover all costs.

Proposed – Cllr Hackett. Seconded – Cllr Bryant

Resolved – all agreed

139. Finance

a) Members received accounts year to date for 2021/22 and the Bank reconciliation for November 2021.

b) Members received and approved the account Vs budget Year to Date 2021/22

c) Members reviewed the bank statements and the bank reconciliation all were approved.

d) Grant application from Warmley Wheelers discussed and approved.

Proposed – Cllr Bryant. Seconded – Cllr Mahoney

Resolved – All agreed.

140. Accounts for Payment

Members received the monthly payment approval spreadsheet and authorised the on-line payment of the following items for January 2022 -

1. A Adams – Salary - £715.38
2. HMRC - £219.97
3. A Adams Nov Exps - £54.12

4. WCC Room Hire Jan x 2 - £46.20
5. Warmley Wheelers Grant - £260.00

Resolved – all agreed

141. Chair's Allowance Policy

Members agreed to accept the new Policy detailing the terms & conditions relating to the issuing of the Chair's Allowance. To be reviewed every three years

Proposed - Cllr Bryant. Seconded - Cllr Gadsen

Resolved – All agreed

142. Ward Councillor update

Ward Councillor Bromiley attended to update members on the old Grange school site development. It was confirmed that Baden Road would not be used as an access during construction. The main entrance will be on Tower Road North.

Ward Cllr Scudamore – No news regarding Felicity Park Pond or Siston Hill Estate.

Ward Cllr Reade – No news regarding Warmley Forest Park at this time.

143. Clerks update

The clerk updated on matters in the Parish.

SGC contacted regarding the possibility of holding a "Bikeability" event in the Parish. Clerk to contact the Bikeability teams to see if we can take this forward.

Mounds Court Farm access meeting cancelled due to Covid restrictions. New meeting set to happen in early June when the resident is back in the UK.

Allotment rents – a few contracts outstanding and one payment. One plot has become available and will be allocated to the person at the top of the waiting list.

Bus Shelter refurbishment – three quotes now received – Council to consider at a future meeting.

Station Master Pub sign – Council wish to preserve the sign, the post is inside the site boundary, Clerk to contact the Landowner to see if we can establish if the sign is there.

The Clerk has an appointment at the Gloucestershire Archive office at the end of Jan. Councillors want to see if our material can go to Bristol archives so appointment to be cancelled for now.

The clerk confirmed to the Council that she had resigned and would be leaving in Mid March. It was agreed that a staffing committee would be set up to include Cllrs Bryant, Hackett and Reed. All matters relating to the recruitment of a new Clerk would go through this committee.

June 22 celebration event – no band on the Thursday evening. Cllrs Mahoney and Dixon agreed to help with letter dropping to trades in the Parish.

144. Friends of Siston Common

Report sent ahead of meeting. More successful walks have been conducted and there has been lots of local support. Cllr Hackett advised that there is a need for additional funds to allow the continuation of the work of the local officer. It was agreed that a project funding request is added to the agenda for the February meeting.

145. Planning

a) Planning Applications – Outstanding applications were discussed Crown Ind Estate application to be objected to. Francis Way application – no objections.

b) Planning Decisions – all noted nothing to add.

146. Correspondence

Covered in Clerk's update above.

147. Any Other Business

June 2022 Jubilee event – Councilors to be more involved as the date is approaching very quickly now. Add as an agenda item for the next couple of months.

Concerns still over Warmley Forest Park Pond – Chair to chase MP Chris Skidmore regarding

this matter.

Concerns still being raised over the danger to pedestrians using the road between Goose Green and Webbs Heath. Cllr Reade advised to contact SGC to request signage to warn motorists of pedestrians.

Date of next meeting: 17th February 2022 at Warmley Community Centre (subject to change if covid restrictions which may be introduced by the Government.)

Meeting closed at 21.05

Confirmed and signed

Chairman.....

Date.....

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