

**Minutes of the Durrington Town Council Virtual Meeting held at 7pm on  
Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr. Mr JP Todd	<b>Chairman</b>
	Cllrs. Mrs S Paines, Mrs K Sharp, Mr J Ellis, Mrs R Ellis, Mrs M Wardell, Mr S Rennie, Mr S Botham, Mr P Galan-Bamfield, Mr P Paul, Mr I Tierney, Mr D Healing, Mr G Wright.	Councillors
	<b>In Attendance:</b> Mrs J M Tudor Mrs B Docker Mr N Wilson	Town and Wiltshire Councillor
		Clerk Admin Assistant Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

**286/20                    ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** – from Cllr W Clarke

**287/20                    DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Councillors were reminded to record any in the book.

**288/20                    TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** – The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**289/20                    PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Mr Nick Wilson from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust gave a presentation of ideas for work on the riverbank to halt the erosion. The issues are a lack of vegetation and water vole damage, which can be addressed by providing woody debris structures, riparian planting and a slight diversion of the footpath, and a possible access point for people and dogs to avoid the erosion by access to the river. The water voles are a protected species so cannot be moved easily. The costs involved will be in the region of £8000 – 9000 and we

will look at providing volunteer workforce. We would need surveys, a project design and consents from the Environment Agency. Work would take place between breeding seasons on the river in the autumn. The hope is that funding will be in place for April so that we can go ahead this year. The Council can apply for an Area Board Grant for match funding. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will get the estimate of costs to us next week.

**290/20 REPORT** by the Chairman of the Town Council – the Chairman reported during lockdown not much has happened in the village but given the government's plans to come out of lockdown he is hopeful that matters will start getting back to normal soon.

**291/20 TO APPROVE WRITTEN UPDATES FROM COUNCIL TEAMS**

- a. POLICE REPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PRIORITIES – There was no report from the local Policing Team but Cllr Botham has completed a survey for the Police complaining that the neighbourhood tasking no longer takes place.
- b. CRIME PREVENTION – There was no report from Crime Prevention, it has been very quiet.
- c. POLICIES – Cemetery Regulations have been reviewed by the Policies' Committee. The Cemetery Regulations have been circulated to all members and the Policies Committee confirmed the Cemetery Regulations were acceptable, the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Cemetery Regulations. The Council decided to defer the Training and Development Policy until the next meeting in March.
- d. HR&FINANCE – Cllr Rennie confirmed he did a review of the invoices and payments and had given the Clerk a few details to rectify.
- e. PLANNING – We have been contacted by Wiltshire Council on upgrading the Local Plan. The suggested development for Durrington over the next 25 years is for 85 new houses. There are 15 houses allocated on Larkhill Road and 60 houses on the land north of Clover Lane and with other individual houses we will meet the 85. There have been 3 applications over the last 3 days, Land adjacent to Tryst, College Road; this is an alteration of plans to enable a staircase. 33 and 35 Bulford Road, for a single and double storey extension, details to be sent round to Councillors for comment, and lastly land between 676 and 677 Netheravon Road again the planning application will be forwarded to Councillors for comment. Cllr Wright asked that the Council reply to Wiltshire Council confirming that the Council is happy with the Local Plan. Cllr Healing thanked Cllr Wright for his input at the Southern Area Planning Committee when the planning for 2 Pinckneys Way was denied.
- f. AMENITIES – Cllr Rennie advised the Council that he had been out with the Youth Teams over the last few weeks and that during the walks all over the village they had not encountered any younger residents and that all was very quiet.

**292/20 REPORT** by the Clerk – reported that a company had provided a quote for work on the tennis courts and they had been asked to provide a quote for the Muga, as the surface is breaking down and needs work now if we are to continue to use it. The Hall was inspected to ensure we can use it as a covid secure Polling Station in May. The river bank inspection took place. The cooker in the Hall was inspected and it seems the gas supply is domestic rather than commercial which requires further investigation. The opening of facilities after the government announcement means that the tennis courts can be opened at the end of March and community centres may be open from the 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Clerk will advise when and how we will be able to open.

**293/20 REPORT** by the Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr G Wright already circulated.

**294/20 REPORTS** by Representatives of other organisations and meetings attended on behalf of the Town Council:

- a. AMESBURY AREA BOARD – No meeting since last meeting
- b. CATG – Next meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February there are two signs should they be accept by CATG Council contribution will be up to £125 one for College Road and School road and the **Council Resolved** to approve the sum for the signs.
- c. WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN – no meetings they are still waiting to see if a Judicial Review will go ahead.
- d. LARKHILL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – No meeting to report

**295/20 ACCOUNTS** – The Accounts were reviewed and approved for January 2021

**296/20 DISCUSSION TOPIC** –

- a. The progress of the CCTV installation at the Recreation Ground was discussed. The 3 companies have been asked a number of follow up questions and as of the meeting only one company had responded. The Clerk will chase the responses of the other two firms.
- b. The Council having had the report from Wiltshire Wildlife are to wait for the estimate and proposal before proceeding.
- c. The Council discussed the new situation of 2 Wards for Durrington Town Council. There will be a Ward for Larkhill in which 5 Councillors can be elected and a Ward for Durrington in which 10 Councillors can be elected. The Council will comprise 15 Councillors as always.
- d. The Platinum Jubilee was discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs Paines, Wright, Ellis and Wardell would form a Jubilee Taskforce and start thinking about celebrations for next year.

- e. The Council emails were considered a success with the majority of Councillors having transferred to these email addresses without too many issues. Cllr Rennie stated that he will only be using these emails for Council business and therefore those who have not changed their addresses will not receive correspondence from him.
- f. The rise in dog fouling was considered. Wiltshire Council has been appraised and they will come and inspect the area but the enforcement officers are much stretched and there are only a few in number. Cllr Sharp suggested the Town Council could look at employing enforcement officers from Hampshire to attend and help reduce the issue. Also the Council could have a poster campaign asking the school children to help in a completion to design posters to put throughout the village, as has happened in the past. More local publicity of the issue was requested.
- g. The fencing at Avon Fields' Primrose Place footpath was discussed after Cllr Wright had canvassed the residents' views. It was decided not to continue the fence line as the residents do not require this action and the expense is not warranted. The suggestion was for a simple signpost confirming that the open space is Town Council amenity land. The area of grass in front of the flats has deteriorated with lorries and cars parking there, it was decided to place posts in the grass to preserve the area and keep the land for the residents to enjoy. The cost of the posts will be paid from the Avon Fields' fund.
- h. There have been three Reports from Councillors for the Annual Parish Report for 2020/21 from Cllr Rennie, Cllr Wright and Cllr Ellis.

## **297/20 PROPOSALS**

- a. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve Cemetery Regulations (see above) and deferred the Training and Development Policy until the next meeting.
- b. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £675 for the insurance reinstatement survey of the Hall, Pavilion and the Cemetery Shed.
- c. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of the Scribe Financial Software System.
- d. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the application to the Area Board for a grant to match fund the Community Youth Team for 2021/22
- e. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the request by the Cosy Kitchen to use the Pavilion Carpark in July, the date to be confirmed.

## **298/20 CORRESPONDENCE** to the Chairman or Clerk

A letter was received from a resident about the dangers of crossing the A345 when visiting the cemetery. An email has been received from Avon Valley College requesting details of the defibrillators in the village and indicating their wish to fundraise for a community defibrillator. Emails have been received about the increase in dog fouling and owners not picking up after their pets and the large flower pots on Bulford Road. Cllr Wright is looking at the cemetery issues and will also look at the flower pot on Bulford Road with Cllr Paines. The Clerk will correspond further with AVC on the subject of defibrillators.

**299/20 THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING is the 30th March 2021**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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