

**Minutes of the Durrington Town Council Virtual Meeting held at 7pm on  
Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> March 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 D Healing, Mr G Wright.	Councillors
		Town and Wiltshire Councillor
	<b>In Attendance:</b> Mrs J M Tudor Mrs B Docker Mr M Farebrother	Clerk Admin Assistant PCSO

**300/20                    ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** – from Cllr W Clarke

**301/20                    DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Councillors were reminded to record any in the book.

**302/20                    TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** – The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

**303/20                    PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No public present.**

**304/20                    REPORT** by the Chairman of the Town Council – the Chairman reported that it was good to see things will be opening again soon in the village.

**305/20                    TO APPROVE WRITTEN UPDATES FROM COUNCIL TEAMS**

- a. POLICE REPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PRIORITIES – Michael Farebrother the PCSO confirmed his written report will be sent out tomorrow, but he mentioned there have been a few burglaries of outbuildings such as sheds and workshops targeted in the local area. PCSO Farebrother advised the community to secure sheds and outbuildings if possible and be mindful of these thefts and keep vigilant. PCSO Farebrother requested any concerns the Council may have as lockdown eases be sent to him. The recent indecent exposure incident was discussed and Cllr Botham confirmed he had referred the matter to the Police to deal with.
- b. CRIME PREVENTION – Cllr Botham sent a written report to the Clerk for circulation
- c. POLICIES – reviewed by the Policies’ Committee. The Training and Development Policy is still in the process of being reviewed.
- d. HR&FINANCE – did not hold a meeting last month
- e. PLANNING – The Wiltshire Council Website was not working properly and all planning applications have been circulated to the Councillors for comment. Cllr Wright as Wiltshire Councillor has called in the planning application for 6 flats on Bulford Road. Cllr Healing offered to run a planning session for Councillors when lockdown has eased.
- f. AMENITIES – No reports forthcoming

**306/20 REPORT** by the Clerk – The legislation for virtual meetings currently lasts until the 7<sup>th</sup> May and thereafter we are looking at face to face meetings. We have received three payments in the last month from small local support grants for Covid from Wiltshire Council totalling over £4000. We have repaired the trampoline and spring rockers at a cost in excess of £1000. We have also spent around £200 on repairs to the guttering during the year. Currently the Clerk is concentrating on the end of year accounts and the Internal Audit. The Councillors requested the Clerk publicise the cost of the repairs to the trampoline to ensure the residents are aware of the cost to the community of the vandalism caused by a few

**307/20 REPORT** - Cllr Wright gave a verbal report about working on a road safety scheme for the Junior school and road works at the Packway.

**308/20 REPORTS** by Representatives of other organisations and meetings attended on behalf of the Town Council:

- a. AMESBURY AREA BOARD – Cllr Wardell attended the Area Board meeting and her written report was circulated prior to the meeting
- b. CATG – No Report
- c. WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN – Cllr Sharp attended a virtual meeting, they are still waiting for the decision on the Judicial Review. Stonehenge will be opening from the 12<sup>th</sup> April. The current situation at Woodhenge with camper vans is being monitored. Wiltshire

Council is aware of the situation and until the other by-ways reopen the situation will likely continue.

d. LARKHILL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – No meeting to report

**309/20      ACCOUNTS** – The Accounts were reviewed. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the cheques and debits for February 2021 and the Bank reconciliation for the current account for the same period.

**310/20      DISCUSSION TOPIC** –

- a. The Leaflet from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust “Garden meets river edge” gives good advice to let the river bank vegetation grow and not to encourage people to walk along the bank. This will encourage the wildlife as well as help to stabilise the bank.

**311/20      PROPOSALS**

- a. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for £8260.00 given WWT expertise and charitable status and project management without the need for 3 quotes in this instance. The Council will need to recruit volunteers for the project nearer the date.
- b. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations contained in the Wiltshire Wildlife leaflet “Garden Meets River Edge” as Council policy for the management of the river bank.
- c. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the insurance premium of £3967.58 to include coverage of the war memorial outside the Church this year for the first time.
- d. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for £7790.00 for the supply and installation of CCTV in the recreation ground. Cllr Rennie wished it to be noted that he voted against this proposal. The Clerk advised there is a significant amount of preparation work, including the adoption of a CCTV policy, a data protection impact assessment and the appointment of a data protection officer, as well as the installation of broadband to the Pavilion.

**312/20      CORRESPONDENCE** to the Chairman or Clerk

A letter was received from a resident about Martin’s Bushes requesting it be returned back into a restricted byway and an email was received from an 11 year old resident asking the Council to introduce more insect friendly foliage down be the river. This can be looked at in conjunction with the river bank project.

The byway request has previously been looked at by Cllr R Ellis. She confirmed that downgrading Byway 6 Martins Bushes to a restricted byway is a complicated and expensive process unfortunately. It either requires a legal order to extinguish highway rights, which is ultimately decided by a magistrate’s court, or a permanent

traffic regulation order. Both involve a lot of expense, public consultations and would almost certainly be objected to by the user groups.

The meeting then moved into confidential business.

**313/20 THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING is the 27th April 2021**

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**Chairman** **Date**