

**Minutes of the Durrington Town Council Virtual Meeting held at 7pm on  
Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> April 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 Botham Mr P Galan-Bamfield, Mr D Healing, Mr G Wright.	Councillors
	<b>In Attendance:</b> Mrs J M Tudor Mrs B Docker 2 members of public	Town and Wiltshire Councillor  Clerk Admin Assistant

- 1/21**            **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** – from Cllr W Clarke and Cllr S Rennie
- 2/21**            **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Councillors were reminded to record any in the book.
- 3/21**            **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES** – The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 4/21**            **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – was left until the planning part of the meeting as it solely related to planning applications.
- 5/21**            **REPORT** by the Chairman of the Town Council – the Chairman reported that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time on the Council over the years and that this meeting was his last but one. He is looking forward to having a break and taking a rest. Cllr Wright gave a vote of thanks to all those Councillors who are not

continuing in their roles after the 6<sup>th</sup> May, for all their hard work and dedication over the years.

## **6/21 TO APPROVE WRITTEN UPDATES FROM COUNCIL TEAMS**

- a. POLICE REPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PRIORITIES – Cllr Botham had no written report this month, he referred to the indecent exposure incident, the roof climbing and drinking at the Recreation Ground. He confirmed the PSPO is no longer in place and that whilst the Police are aware of the issues facing the residents they seem to be taking little action to help resolve them.
- b. CRIME PREVENTION – Cllr Botham’s report is the same as that above.
- c. POLICIES – The committee reviewed the amended Financial Regulations and confirmed they include a section on passwords to the office laptops which needs to be implemented.
- d. HR&FINANCE – did not hold a meeting last month.
- e. PLANNING – Cllr Healing ran through a number of planning applications.
  - a. The first being the request for a (Street Trading Licence at a lay-by in Larkhill. Cllr Healing confirmed the lay-by is on the opposite side of the road to the new school and his concerns about children crossing to attend the hot food supplier’s van. The road at this point has the national speed limit. It was recommended to object to the proposal purely on the grounds of safety.
  - b. The next application related to a three bedroomed detached house behind nos. 26-28 Bulford Road. A representative of the firm applying for planning was present and explained the adjustments to the plans and their reasons, having listened to the public objections at the meeting last year. They had taken on board the recommendations of the tree specialist at Wiltshire Council to ensure both silver birch trees would be protected. They had also removed all but one window on the upper floor facing over the back garden, save for an obscured glass bathroom window to ensure neighbours privacy. The other member of public present confirmed their contentment with the amendments. Cllr Wright had spoken to the residents of the adjoining properties earlier in the day and confirmed he had not called in the application as he was satisfied it was not back land development.
  - c. The next application related to changes at 39 Bulford Road, Bits and Pieces hardware store. These are internal alterations and the Council had no objections.
  - d. There was an application for a pitched roof replacement to a garage at 15 Ridgmount and again there were no objections.
  - e. There was an application for Bonavon, Recreation Road to raise the roof by 1 and a half metres to allow for installing a first floor with bedrooms. To which there were no objections.
  - f. Durrington House had an application to reduce a cherry tree, an acer, an ash tree and a horse chestnut tree. It was suggested the

Council ask the WC tree specialist to have a look at the trees and advise.

f. AMENITIES – No reports forthcoming

**7/21**            **REPORT** by the Clerk – The Clerk reported that she had met with the CCTV company and discussed the installation at the Pavilion. At that time it was suggested that we have broadband at the Pavilion to ensure remote access of the CCTV. The Clerk visited Amesbury to see their CCTV set up and their fencing. The Clerk was obtaining quotes to repair or replace the tall fencing at the play park on the Recreation Ground. The Internal Audit is progressing and the Clerk required a Councillor to certify the petty cash for the Auditor. Cllr Wright offered to assist.

**8/21**            **REPORT** - Cllr Wright gave a verbal report about meeting many residents this month and finding there is a lot of community support in the village.

**9/21**            **REPORTS** by Representatives of other organisations and meetings attended on behalf of the Town Council:

- a. AMESBURY AREA BOARD – No meeting
- b. CATG – No meeting
- c. WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN – No meeting
- d. LARKHILL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP – No meeting to report

**10/21**           **ACCOUNTS** – The Accounts were reviewed. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve:-

- a. the cheques and debits for March 2021 and
- b. the Bank reconciliation for the current account for the same period
- c. The unaudited year end statements prepared by the RFO.

**11/21**           **DISCUSSION TOPIC** –

- a. The Clerk asked the Council to consider a number of signs about the village. The first had been requested by a member of the Public, who wanted the sign “No Drop Off Zone” at the entrance to the Ham from Church Street. This causes a number of issues not the least which is that the Highways Department has to approve a sign placed on Highways land so it is not within the gift of the Council. In addition this signage was not requested by the Steering Group last year when the list of requirements was presented to the Council for approval. It was considered that the Council had honoured its agreement with the Ham Steering Group save for the planting of trees which would now take place in the Autumn. The Clerk then asked for confirmation to put up signs as follows:-
  - i. “Pick up after your dog” 2 in the Recreation Ground

- ii. "Not for over 11's" at each end of the playpark in the Recreation Ground
  - iii. "Warning River Ahead" at the end of the Recreation Ground where it joins River Park and
  - iv. "Please stay away from the River Bank – Due to Erosion" at the site near "Nat's Bench" to ensure the footfall is reduced and residents are aware of the eroding riverbank.
  - v. Allotment Parking Signs
- b. The Councillors discussed the future of the Council with 5 Councillors not returning after the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Galan-Bamfield prepared a document about the future of the Council and its role in planning maintenance for the assets and the use of committees in the future. The list of Councillors Roles had been sent out by the Clerk for all remaining Councillors to consider which roles they were happy to take on at the next meeting.
- c. Cllr Paines gave a breakdown of the plans so far for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations next year. There are plans for a Saturday barbeque, children's races and an afternoon tea on the Sunday. The plans will be firmed up throughout the year.
- d. The idea of planting a tree for Prince Philip at the cemetery was discussed and it was agreed this would go ahead. Cllr Wright asked for the funding to purchase new signs for Philip Road and this was also agreed.

## **12/21 PROPOSALS**

- a. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Financial Regulations subject to amendment at paragraph 1.14 from £5000 to £1000.
- b. The Town Council **RESOLVED** to approve the quote from BT for the installation of Broadband at the Pavilion subject to finding out any further cost if a line needs to be installed first

## **13/21 CORRESPONDENCE** to the Chairman or Clerk

No other correspondence had been received other than that referred to above concerning the Ham.

## **14/21 THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING is the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at the Village Hall.**

**Chairman**

**Date**

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