

Minutes: Monday 14th September 2020 via video conference, 7:15 pm

Present: Councillors: Mrs E Bradley, B Davies, Mrs Lyward, Mrs Merricks, P Myers, D Smedley, P Turner (Chairman) and N Warren.

In attendance: Mrs J Cannings (Deputy Clerk) and ESCC Cllr. Glazier. No members of the public were present.

20/63 Item 1 The Chairman invited comments or questions from members of the public on matters relating to the business of the Council. No members of the public were present.

20/64 Item 2 To receive reports and ask questions of the County (ESCC) and District (RDC) Councillors. Cllr Glazier reported on road issues. The closure of the W.B. to Fairlight road, likely until November, and the planned closure by Southern Gas Network of the A259 into Rye involving a diversion. Due to public representation, Southern Gas has reviewed plans and changed to keeping the road open with single lane traffic, manned by lights. Cllr Glazier confirmed that Covid support in the community was still active, food parcels continue to be provided but testing is still slow.

20/65 Item 3 Apologies for absence.

- a. To receive and record apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr Ms Austen.
 - b. To consider any requests for approval of reasons for absence, if any. There were none.
- Members are also asked to complete and sign the circulated sheet (circulated electronically).

20/66 Item 4 Disclosures of Interests. Cllr Warren disclosed a personal interest in item 6(b) as Treasurer of Icklesham Youth Club..

20/67 Item 5 It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2020.

Matters Requiring a Decision by the Council

20/68 Item 6 Grant applications: .

- a. **Rye & District Community Transport.** **It was resolved** to approve a grant of £4,000.
- b. **Icklesham Youth Club.** **It was resolved** to approve a grant of £4,800.00

20/69 Item 7 Request by Hastings Athletic Football Club to use the Icklesham Recreation Ground football pitch on a Saturday morning from September for a youth team. The Deputy Clerk was asked to obtain more information from the Club and approval was given for a pitch inspection to be carried out before a decision is made.

20/70 Item 8 Change to Website Host. **It was resolved** to change to Rother District Council. Councillors requested a more user friendly website email system.

20/71 Item 9 Rye Harbour Flagmast. a) **It was resolved** to give retrospective approval to proceed with repairs to the mast. b) **It was noted** that the Clerk has asked the EA to consider making a financial contribution to the repair costs and also reduce the yearly license fee for a new lease. .

20/72 Item 10 Proposal from Winchelsea Court Hall for IPC to have use of the hall for storage.

The Chairman reported that the proposal was for IPC to have a storage facility and the use of the Court Hall for one morning a week in return for installing and providing a broadband connection. **It was resolved in principle** but to be brought back at the next meeting for a decision when connection costs have been obtained.

20/73 Item 11 Traffic Calming and PWLB Loan. Review of the decision to defer the scheme. The Deputy Clerk reminded members of the background to the decision, reported that the scheme design team has started working again and that she had requested confirmation of the original estimated costs of design and construction(reply awaited). **It was resolved** to proceed with drawing down the PWLB loan and commissioning the scheme design as long as any increase in costs were inflationary only.

20/74 Item 12 The Planning Committee minutes since the last meeting, including the minutes of 24th August, with an amendment as reported, were noted. It was resolved to approve the **Allotment Committee** minutes of 10th August.

20/75 Item 13 Financial Matters.: It was resolved to approve:

- a) **Receipts and payments** (actual vs budget report) for the month ending 31st August 2020 - enclosed.
- b) Items paid (to note) and **items for payment** in September 2020. – enclosed.
- c) Cllr Moore was thanked for carrying out the Council's quarterly bank reconciliation.

Matters for Information or Noting

20/76 Item 14 Update on Clerk recruitment. Cllr Ms Bradley reported on the recruitment response and process. A candidate has been offered the position, subject to normal reference checks, and has accepted with a proposed start date of mid October.

20/77 Item 15. Programme of Works up until the end of August. Noted.

20/78 Item 16 Correspondence. Email of thanks was read out from the previous Clerk for her leaving party, gift and flowers..

20/79 Item 17 Reports of Councillors and Officers on Outside Bodies and Attending Events..

Cllr Turner had attended an online multi-agency meeting about the pandemic and concerns over a second wave.

20/80 Item 18 Future meetings or events. A staffing committee meeting date was arranged for 7.15pm on Monday 28th September 2020 (after the planning meeting). Both meetings to be held remotely.

20/81 Item 19 Date and venue for next meeting. The next full council meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th November 2020 at the Icklesham Memorial Hall. This meeting may be held remotely.

Meeting closed.8.35pm.