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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Present: G. Hussey (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chairman) R. Allen, M. Cooke, V. Saunders, R. Gatt, C. Forrest, M. Fillmore, G. Fleming and N. Vance-Webb
L. Bannister (Clerk)
HDC Cllr. Hogben
HDC & WSCC Cllr. Kitchen

Cllr. Hussey advised that the meeting is being recorded. The recording will be deleted once the minutes have been approved.

1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Allen declared that he is employed by the project being discussed at item 7.

3 Approval of Minutes of the previous Meeting

These were agreed by Council and duly signed by Cllr. Hussey.

4 Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was resumed.

5 Reports from other authorities

Cllr. Hogben reported that HDC are meeting virtually, but many meetings have been cancelled. The finances are suffering with the loss of the car parking income. The subsidy from Government is not sufficient to cover their costs.

6 Repair of notice boards & location of new notice boards

Three options were presented to council. Members wanted to buy oak notice boards and would like to ask local contractors for quotes. Cllr. Vance-Webb has some oak that could be used. The Clerk will approach some local contractors and advertise for anyone local who would like to quote.

The disused board on Rusper Road will be removed by Cllr. Cooke.

7 Approval of new sign at car park

History People UK has requested permission to put an information sign about Lucy Broadwood in the village. **It was RESOLVED** to approve this subject to approving the design and the location.

It was suggested that this could be located next to the map. Note: the map is currently being restored and will be returned to its location soon.

8 Street lights at Cooks Mead

Approval of quote for replacement lantern

The quote for this has not yet been received.

Removal/replacement of columns and lights

12 people responded to the consultation as follows:

Would like the lights to be removed: 10

Would like the lights to be replaced: 2

It was RESOLVED to remove the lights.

9 Approval of Financial Regulations and Standing orders

It was RESOLVED to approve these.

It was agreed that in future policies will be reviewed by Council either when they need to be amended, or after an election of new Members. They will be reviewed by the Clerk annually, who will report to Council if changes are recommended.

10 Approval of asset register

It was RESOLVED to approve this.

11 Approval of Insurance Premium

The following quotes have been received:-

BHIB - £846.33

Zurich - £1175.01

The following were from the broker Came & Co so a £50 fee would be added:

Pen - £1134.51

Hiscox - £1656.54

Ecclesiastical - £1696.90

It was RESOLVED to purchase the BHIB policy at a cost of £846.33.

12 Request for grants

Grants have been requested from Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice.

It was RESOLVED to grant £200 to the Air Ambulance, and £100 to Citizens Advice.

13 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr. Sallows updated that we are waiting for confirmation of who the examiner will be. The referendum will be delayed this year due to the restrictions on elections.

14 Update on community response to pandemic

Cllr. Allen updated that since lockdown they have had a peak of 65 volunteers. Rusper Village Stores were commended for their home delivery system.

The meeting adjourned for five minutes

Volunteers will be helping out Rusper Village Stores with their deliveries. There is a slight concern about ensuring that recipients are genuinely in need of a delivery service.

£84 has been received from The Hub Beeding, and further payments are expected regularly. This is to reimburse volunteers that have incurred expenses.

Thanks were offered to Cllrs. Allen, Cooke, all volunteers and Rusper Village Stores.

15 Report from representatives

Nothing to report.

Cllr. Forrest re-joined the meeting

16 Report from other Authorities (cont.)

Cllr. Kitchen reported as follows:-

- Legal and General are speaking to HDC about infrastructure. Cllr. Kitchen has asked that the parishes are kept updated and is waiting for a meeting with Barbara Childs.
- Government has refused to put a hold on the Local Plan and the housing numbers. The pandemic circumstances will not be allowed to be taken into account.
- Cllr. Kitchen has been contacted about fly tipping at a layby on Hillybarn since the refuse sites closed. There are signs there about CCTV but this does not seem to be having an effect. Cllr. Hussey requested that more signs are provided by Highways.
- The Highways Manager has changed.
- Next door to Pucks Croft is very easy to access and needs to be secured. The Clerk will try to contact the owner.
- The layby at Lambs Green planning application is going to committee next week. Cllr. Kitchen will ask for a deferment and delegation to meet with Highways to find out what their objection is to the barrier. Cllr. Kitchen will ask if the parish council can be part of that meeting.

17 Clerk's report

Cllr. Sheridan has resigned as councillor. He will be removed from the bank mandate and at the next meeting a new signatory can be appointed if necessary. Members would like to co-opt a replacement as soon as possible.

Correspondence has been received as follows:

- CAGNE Bulletins and Forum minutes
- Email from resident suggesting a link to the Centre for Sustainable Energy website
- GACC newsletter
- Email from Highways regarding the replacement of repeater signs. The Clerk will find out if it is possible for RPC to buy the repeater signs.
- Email from Planning Department
- Email from Marie Curie

£7684 has been awarded for the Operation Watershed works at Wimland Road by Baldhorns.

18 Annual leave for Clerk

The Clerk has requested annual leave from 3-14 August. This was agreed.

It was agreed that in the future, annual leave will be approved by the Chairman.

19 Finances

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

These were agreed.

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Fillmore to review these each month and email his approval/comments. This will be reported on at each meeting.

Invoices to pay

It was RESOLVED to pay the following:

Salaries – £572.48

SSE - £68.49

Sussex Land Services (March) - £457.34

Sussex Land Services (April) - £457.34

Surrey Hills Solicitors - £788.00

SSE - £35.32

BHIB - £846.33

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

20 Rusper Recreation Ground lease

The meeting was closed to members of the public.

It was RESOLVED to:

- Continue delegated authority to Cllrs. Saunders and Sallows to pursue the new lease. They can authorise an additional £2,000 expenditure if necessary.
- Appoint Ben Spiers to negotiate on RPC's behalf.
- Attempt to negotiate a purchase in the first instance.

21 Other business

Cllr. Fleming noted that the dog bin stickers have still not been put up. The Clerk will chase this and put something on the website to remind people to pick up their dog litter.

Members would like to respond to the Stafford House enforcement appeal to endorse what was said on the relating planning application and support HDC's reasons for enforcement.

Cllr. Sallows reported some issues with footpaths. The Clerk will send around the link to report these.

22 Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 30th June 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER
CLERK