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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.30 pm. This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

Present: G. Hussey (Chairman), G. Sallows (Vice Chairman) M. Cooke, M. Fillmore, R. Gatt, R. Allen and G. Adams
L. Bannister (Clerk)
HDC & WSCC Cllr. Kitchen
1 member of the public

Cllr. Hussey advised that the meeting is being recorded, and the recording will be deleted once the Minutes are approved.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Fleming, Bender, Saunders and Forrest.

Cllr. Forrest sent apologies for missing the meeting due to health related issues and asked that Members approve his absence so that he does not lose his seat. **It was RESOLVED** to approve this.

2 Declaration of Interests

None.

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.

Mr Richard Nordgreen represents the landowners at Stud Farm and spoke about wanting to work with the parish before proceeding with any development. The idea is to present a master plan for the site to make it more cohesive. Mr Nordgreen will attend the Planning Committee meeting to discuss this in more detail.

The meeting was resumed.

5 Reports from other Authorities

This item was adjourned until Cllr. Kitchen could join the meeting.

6 Precept for 2021/22

It was RESOLVED to set the Precept at £33,751.

7 Approve Terms of Reference for Traffic and Transport Working Group, and set dates for meetings

It was RESOLVED to approve the Terms of Reference subject to a couple of minor amendments. Meetings will be arranged quarterly, starting in March.

Cllr. Kitchen arrived

8 Reports from other Authorities (cont.)

Cllr. Kitchen reported that no refuse tips will close in the next year, and that dustmen have done a brilliant job throughout the pandemic. Cllr. Kitchen believes that they should be thanked for this as they have not missed a single collection.

9 Set date for litter collection

It was agreed to postpone this event due the pandemic and review this in six months. Residents will be encouraged to keep the areas around their own homes clean.

10 Horsham District Public Space Protection Order Consultation

It was agreed not to comment on this application, although councillors may respond individually.

11 Report on meeting with Homes England

The report was noted.

12 Representative for Public Rights of Way

Cllr. Adams was appointed as representative for the Rusper Public Rights of Way.

13 Response to Night Flights Consultation

The consultation has been extended until end of May, except for two questions that need to be answered sooner. This decision will be delayed until the next meeting.

14 Plan for Annual Parish Meeting

It was RESOLVED to change the date of this meeting to Thursday 22nd April. The meeting will be held virtually and potentially streamed online with presentations from different speakers.

15 Update on Recreation Ground lease and plan for the future

The landlord's solicitors are investigating the registration of land before the lease can be completed. The terms of the lease are agreed.

The Clerk will do an index map search of the area with the Land Registry.

16 Report from representatives

- Cllr. Allen reported that the Village Hall has received a grant to enable them to cover costs while they are closed.
- Cllr. Cooke reported on the Horsham District Older Peoples Forum.
- Cllr. Fillmore reported extensively on GATCOM and Gatwick related meetings and issues.
- Cllr. Sallows has asked the Sports Club to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the future of the land. The fence around the old recycling bins has been damaged. Cllr. Sallows will clear away any wood but doesn't think this needs replacing.
- Cllr. Adams attended councillor training and reported that this was useful.

17 Clerk's report

Correspondence

The following has been received:-

- An update from HDC on the Local Plan Review. This has been delayed so that HDC can conclude their work with Highways England and Natural England before the publication of their Regulation 19 document.
- MP Jeremy Quin has acknowledged the letter regarding the Land West of Ifield site but does not want to get involved in local planning decisions. Cllr. Sallows will draft a response to this.
- The Sussex and Surrey Association of Local Councils has given an update on the future of their organisation.

Other

- The Operation Watershed work at Baldhorns on Wimland Road has been completed. The Operation Watershed team are still considering how to approach the work needed on The Mount. It is likely that Rusper PC will be asked to pay for this from the money held.
- The bollards on the High Street will be fitted on 22nd February. Residents have been asked to move their cars from the layby during this time and may use the car park as an alternative.
- No quote for the back board has been received yet.
- Kenwards has now quoted for the ground sockets. This is £2,350 plus VAT. The Clerk will apply for S106 funding based on this.
- The Remembrance bench was received by Cllr. Saunders.
- The Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (CAGNE) AGM will be held on 5th February at 7pm.
- The Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign AGM will be held on 28th January. Cllr. Fillmore will attend this.
- The CAGNE PC Forum will be held on 25th February at 7 pm. Cllr. Fillmore will attend this.
- The next North Horsham Liaison meeting will be on Thursday 17th February at 10am. Cllrs. Gatt and Adams will attend.
- A new PCSO has been appointed to Rusper. She will meet Members to discuss any issues.
- The work to repair the subsidence at the junction of Capel Road and Friday Street is booked in for March. Highways are trying to get the contractor to bring this date forward.
- The electricity lines at Cooks Mead will be moved underground from 1st March. There may be some road disruption during this time. UKPN has already contacted the residents.

18 Traffic Regulation Order consultation

It was RESOLVED to fully support this.

19 Finances

Reconciled accounts & bank statements

These were verified by Cllr. Fillmore, who produced a report on the accounts.

Opening of current account

It has not yet been possible to open an account with Metro Bank. The fees for this are going to be more than expected (£10-£20) for a dual authorisation account. The Clerk suggested opening an account with Unity Bank instead, but this will be in contravention of Standing Order 7a. If Members want to change the resolution to open an account with Metro Bank, three Members will need to write to the Clerk making a motion to this effect.

Q3 budget comparison

The Clerk reported that most budget lines are within budget, and due to come in within budget. The recreation ground budget heading has gone over budget due to the surveyor's report, and the Neighbourhood Plan grant that had to be repaid at the start of the financial year.

As of the 30th December, there was £88,232 in the bank account. There is sufficient money to cover the remainder of the budgeted payments, with enough set aside to cover the projects and reserves. Of the expenditure still to come, around £6,900 will come from money set aside for projects and reserves, reducing the amount needed to be held to £59,781. The end of year surplus is estimated to be approx. £7,200.

Invoices to pay

It was RESOLVED to pay the following:

Salaries – £1039.51

Landbuild - £9,220.80 – don't pay until RG has had a look

SSALC Limited - £36

Local Councils Update - £75

All of these payments will be sent via bank transfer.

20 Other

A planning application has been made to Surrey County Council for capping an above-ground landfill (0079). It was agreed to ask for a restriction on vehicle movements so they show the most direct route to the A24, and a clear designation of that route should not include Rusper.

21 Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 23rd February 2021 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

LEANNE BANNISTER
CLERK