

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held by a zoom (virtual meeting) at 7.00pm on Monday
21 September 2020

Present:

Cllr HM Haffner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward, Cllr J Jones, Cllr K Farley, Cllr D Axell, Cllr P Baldwin,
Cllr A Livingstone, Cllr R Martin, Cllr F Durling

Also, at meeting: S Sanders (Clerk)

2 members of the public

162A. Apologies:

Cllr J Belcher, Cllr N Beaney, Cllr B Mayfield

Not present: Cllr D Upton

163. Declarations of Interest:

None

164. Questions and comments from the public relating to items on this Agenda:

A member of the public if forming an Adur Park Advisory Group was necessary as the Council already had a Parks and Open Space Committee. The Chair had already advised the member of the public on this issue.

165. Public Participation

Two members of the public spoke about the problems surrounding the teen shelter in Adur Park. The first speaker said there had been anti-social behaviour particularly late at night, rubbish had been left there had been problems with graffiti. Two signs that had been put up and torn down.

The second speaker had taken photos of the shelter and asked if Councillors had visited the park. The speaker added that the shelter served no useful purpose except for drinking and litter. The problems had been reported to the police. The speaker asked why the shelter should remain.

166. Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 05 August 2020

The Minutes had been previously circulated. The Chair requested that the in the fourth sentence from the end it should read "The Chairman suggested that we may need to form a Adur Park Advisory Group."

It was then agreed to confirm the Minutes.

Proposed: Cllr K Farley

Seconded: Cllr P Baldwin

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 05 August 2020 be agreed

167. Agreement of Expenditure for April, May, June, July 2020

Papers on these matters had been previously circulated.

Proposed: Cllr J Hayward

Seconded: Cllr R Martin

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the expenditure for April, May, June July is agreed

168. Request from a resident for the “completion of the de-silting of Westham Pond”

i) Adhere to the pond management plan for a controlled and gradual reduction of silt

ii) Proposal to complete the de-silting of Westham Pond

The Chair explained the present situation. He stated that the Council had a management plan and two years ago the Council de-silted one end of the pond. To dig out and de-silt would now completely change the management plan. However, a resident has asked the Council to completely de-silt the pond. The Chair proposed item 7. (i) i.e. that the Council stick to the management plan.

Proposed: Cllr M Haffner

Seconded: Cllr F Durling

A Councillor asked why the Council would wait until next August for the next stage of work. It was explained that there should be a reduction in silt and there should be more plants and fish. The Council could then assess the situation.

All Councillors voted in favour

Unanimous agreement

The Chair then asked if anyone wished to propose 7. (ii) i.e. the de-silting of the pond but no Councillors wished to propose it.

The proposal then fell.

169. The Clerks report on the teen shed in Adur Park

The Clerk updated Councillors as to the present problems surrounding the teen shed in Adur Park.

Councillors commented that the teen shed had been installed with “good intentions” but it was no longer fit for purpose. The Council had put signs up asking users to respect the shelter or it would be taken down, but the signs had been immediately ripped off.

One Councillor asked if it was a health and safety issue as the structure was unstable.

The Clerk added that it would cost around £2,000 to repair or it would cost between £2,500 to £5,000 for a new shelter that could be erected on a more suitable site.

It was agreed that the item for the removal of the teen shelter should be included in the Agenda for the Full Council Agenda on 19 October 2020.

The Clerk agreed to find prices for the removal of the teen shelter for the next meeting.

170. Set up of an Adur Park Advisory Group

The Chair proposed the setting of an advisory group to report to the Council. There would be no set meeting but there must be at least one Councillor on the group who would report back to Council and answer any question.

Four Councillors put their names forward for the group.

Proposed: Cllr M Haffner

Seconded: Cllr A Livingstone

The meeting closed at 19.37 hours