

## **WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held by a zoom (virtual meeting) at 7.00pm on  
Tuesday 04 May 2021

### **Present:**

#### **234. Election of the Chair of the Council**

Cllr Mike Haffner was proposed to stand as Chair of the Council for the year 2021/22

**Proposed: Cllr F Durling**

**Seconded: Cllr K Farley**

**Unanimous Agreement**

**Resolved: that Cllr Mike Haffner is elected Chair of Westham PC for the year 2021/22**

#### **235. To receive the Chairs Declaration of Acceptance**

Cllr Mike Haffner signed the Declaration of Office and then displayed it to Councillors to show the signature

#### **236. Record members present**

Cllr HM Haffner (Chair), Cllr F Durling, Cllr J Jones,

Cllr K Farley, Cllr D Upton, Cllr P Baldwin, Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr R Martin,

Cllr J Hayward

WD Cllrs R Cade, P Doodles, A Douglas, A Snell

Also, at meeting: S Sanders (Clerk),

#### **237. Apologies**

Cllrs, D Axell, N Beaney, J Belcher, A Livingstone,

WD Cllr A Douglas

#### **238. Declarations of Interest**

None

**239. Opportunity for public comment by email**

One email has been received this morning which had been circulated to Councillors

**240. Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 19 April 2021 to be agreed by Council**

The Minutes for the above meeting had been previously circulated to Councillors.

It was then agreed to accept and adopt the Minutes of 19 April 2021

**Proposed: Cllr M Haffner**

**Seconded: Cllr F Durling**

**Unanimous agreement**

**Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2021 be agreed**

**241. A review of existing committees including the Finance & General Purposes Committee**

The Chair explained that the Open Spaces Committee had not met recently due to Covid restrictions. A number of advisory groups had been set up concentrate on specific topics. There were three Advisory Groups:

Adur Park

Westham Village Pond

Butchers Field

The Chair explained that he preferred working groups as they were more helpful than a single committee.

Some Councillors thought that an Opens Spaces Committee would be beneficial to the Council so it was decided to re-visit the question of keeping this committee in six months' time.

Councillors were informed that Cllr Belcher did not want to continue to be the Chair of the Open Spaces Committee if it re-starts.

**Proposed: Cllr F Durling**

**Seconded: Cllr R Mayfield**

**Unanimous agreement**

**Resolved: To re-visit the question of keeping the Open Spaces Committee in 6 months' time**

Councillors then discussed the membership of Wealden District Association of Local Councils (WDALC). The Council was already a member of the East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC) which in turn gave membership to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

There seemed little point in being a member of WDALC as they only met twice a year, appoints officers and then nothing happens.

It was asked if there was any value in paying the subscription fee to ESALC now they had split from West Sussex. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue their membership of ESALC for the next year.

It was proposed that the Parish Council would not continue to be a member of WDALC.

**Proposed: Cllr M Haffner**

**Seconded: Cllr B Mayfield**

**Agreed with two abstentions**

**242. Review of the Fixed Asset Register**

The Clerk had previously circulated the fixed asset document. Over the past months she had tried to update the register adding a number of sites that had previously been omitted.

She had checked the deeds against the register and found certain areas of land were missing from the register which will now be added to the list.

**243. To resolve to exclude members of the press and public (public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960)**

Not required

**The meeting closed at 19.34 hours**