

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held by a zoom (virtual meeting) at 7.00pm on Monday
15 February 2021

Present:

Cllr HM Haffner (Chair), Cllr A Livingstone, Cllr F Durling, Cllr J Jones, Cllr N Beaney,
Cllr K Farley, Cllr D Axell, Cllr D Upton, Cllr P Baldwin,
WD Cllrs P Doodes, Cllr R Cade

Also, at meeting: S Sanders (Clerk), 5 members of the public

207. Apologies:

Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr J Belcher, WD Cllr A Douglas

Not present: Cllr J Hayward, Cllr R Martin

208. Declarations of Interest:

None

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

None

210. Public Participation

None

211. Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 18 January 2021

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

It was then agreed to accept and adopt the Minutes of 18 January 2021

Proposed: Cllr K Farley

Seconded: Cllr P Baldwin

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 be agreed

212. Grant funding request from St Marys Church, Westham

A Councillor remarked that he had visited the church and the work had been well done and a good job carried out. The total cost was £1,800 and it was a first-class job.

Proposed: Cllr N Beaney

Seconded: Cllr K Farley

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the grant funding of £450 was agreed

213. Agreement of Expenditure for December 2020

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year to December 2020. After a short discussion the expenditure was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr M Haffner

Seconded: Cllr J Jones

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the above expenditure for December 2020 is approved

214. Grass Cutting Contract and Grounds Maintenance 2021/22

The Clerk had sent out eight tenders and received only three replies. She referred to the three quotes that the Parish Council had received.

The Chair said that sometimes for best value it is beneficial to pay for additional work and a flexible service. It was noted that the one contract was roughly the same cost as last years. After a brief discussion it was proposed that the present contractors were awarded the contract.

Proposed: Cllr M Haffner

Seconded: Cllr F Durling

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the Grass Cutting / Grounds Maintenance 2021/22 contract be awarded to the present contractor

215. Clerks Update

Nothing to report

216. Chairs Report

The Chair reported on a number of items:

He had had a zoom meeting with the Sussex and Surrey Association of Local Councils (SSALC) who had reported that West Sussex had split with East Sussex.

East Sussex Association of Local Councils (ESALC) will still operate and will continue under NALC.

It was pointed out that Councils cannot belong to the national association without belonging to a local association. It is still to be decided whether this split will affect the Parish Councils contributions to East Sussex.

The Chair then said currently the Police are dealing with a number of noisy motorcycles in the area.

The Clerk will write to Wealden DC about extensions to planning applications as sometimes the 3-week limit is not enough time to consult with residents for major planning applications.

The Sharnfold development application has now consulted on traffic matters but the Chair thought it was not the best time to do this while the country is in "lockdown" and there is less traffic about.

The meeting closed at 19.27 hours