

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr HM Haffner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward, Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr A Livingstone, Cllr F Durling, Cllr J Belcher, Cllr J Jones, Cllr P Baldwin

Also, at meeting: S Sanders (Clerk)

179. Apologies:

Cllr D Axell, Cllr N Beaney, Cllr K Farley

Not present: Cllr R Martin, Cllr D Upton

180. Declarations of Interest:

None

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

None

182. Public Participation

None

183. Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 19 October 2020

The Minutes had been previously circulated to Councillors

It was then agreed to confirm the Minutes

Proposed: Cllr F Durling

Seconded: Cllr R Mayfield

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2020 be agreed

184. Agreement of Expenditure for the August and September 2020

Papers on these matters had been previously circulated.

Proposed: Cllr R Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr A Livingstone

Unanimous agreement

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

185. Signage – the erection of Signage at the locations: The car park next to the school at Adur Drive, The land at Hobney Rise, Westham and replacement signs at each entrance to Adur Park

The Chair informed Councillors that many of the signs around the Parish are not fit for purpose and it was time to renew them on a rolling programme.

There was discussion regarding a new sign at the Hadlow Road / Railway Tunnel entrance to the park. It was decided that the precise siting of the sign should be determined when the sign has been agreed and manufactured.

The Clerk will source proofs for the signs liaising with Chair over wording.

Proposal: To approve in principle with Councillors being sent out the proofs for the signs for their consideration

Proposed: Cllr J Hayward

Seconded: Cllr A Livingstone

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the above proposal is agreed and carried out as soon as possible

186. Chairs Report

The Chair said he had been in contact with Wealden Councillors and an Eastbourne Councillor who had spoken about the Friday Farm development. A few months earlier this development had been turned down but recently it had returned to the Wealden Planning Committee and the refusal overturned with little change in the new application.

Changes were needed urgently in the planning process for Parish Councils, such as a longer length of time for the return of comments.

The proposed development at Sharnfold Farm has caused grave concerns in the area with the Chair trying to contact the Eastbourne Herald so that the wider public may have notice of what is happening in the area.

The Chair said better communication links were needed with residents to inform them about the Powers the Parish Council have to legally carry out work. He hoped a proposed monthly newsletter on the website would improve contact with residents.

The meeting closed at 19.36 hours

