

WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr HM Haffner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward, Cllr R Mayfield, Cllr A Livingstone, Cllr F Durling, Cllr J Jones, Cllr N Beaney

Also, at meeting: S Sanders (Clerk), 1 member of the public

187. Apologies:

Cllr P Baldwin

Not present: Cllr D Axell, Cllr J Belcher, Cllr K Farley, Cllr R Martin, Cllr D Upton,

188. Declarations of Interest:

None

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

None

190. Public Participation

None

191. Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 16 November 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 16 November 2020 be agreed

192. Financial Matters for resolution by Council

Papers on these matters had been previously circulated.

(i) External Auditors Report and Certificate for 2019/20 for resolution

(ii) Internal Auditors Interim Report

Cllr Mayfield proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for her work which was seconded by the Chair. All agreed. The Chair commented that the Council spent less this year compared to last year.

Proposed: Cllr R Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr M Haffner

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That both reports are accepted and agreed by Council

193. Urban Grass Cutting Contract for 2021 – Self delivery Option 3

Cllr Mayfield recommended acceptance of Option 3 as the Parish Council would be in control of the contract.

Proposed: Cllr R Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr N Beaney

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That Option 3 – self delivery is accepted as the preferred contract for grass cutting by Council

194. Extra signatory to Councils Bank Mandate

Cllr Mayfield explained that the Council needed another signatory in order to be able to “speak” to the bank. At present there are three and if one is absent the cheques cannot be signed so the Council need another signature for cover if one signatory is absent.

Cllr Mayfield proposed that the Clerk be the 4th signatory on the mandate.

Proposed: Cllr R Mayfield

Seconded: Cllr Livingstone

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: All agreed that the Clerk be the 4th signatory for the bank mandate

195. Work to land between Beaulieu Drive and Tillingham Way, Stone Cross

The Chair explained that previous Councils had agreed to maintain the land. The Clerk added that it was a public walkway. Councillors commented that the walkway is well used by the public and continue with the present contractors for the work as other quotes were twice as much as the present contractor. Both contractors had been recommended for use by Wealden DC. It was also suggested that Westham PC put up “no fly tipping” notices.

Proposed: Cllr M Haffner

Seconded: Cllr A Livingstone

Unanimous agreement

Resolved: That the above work be carried out as soon as possible

196. Chairs Report

The Chair updated Councillors on a number of items. He informed Councillors that he had recently attended a “zoom” meeting of the East Sussex Local Councils which is associated with SALC this was an interesting meeting with a number of speakers covering a range of subjects including health and the environment during the COVID-19 crisis. One fact was that the government was not picking up on some of the COVID tracing, so this was being done by local authorities.

The Chair also gave an update on the latest planning concerns that were affecting the Parish area.

Finally, the Chair wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 19.21 hours