

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 27th May 2020
via Zoom Video Conferencing**

Present:

Cllr Frank Bunce – Chairman
Cllr Clive Hill
Cllr Karen Dunn
Cllr Wayne Hadley
Cllr Jonathan Horton
Cllr Michael Kay
Cllr Jessica Rathbone
Cllr Peter Tennant
Cllr John Fox

RFO: Carole Cox

Clerk: Franciska Giles

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2932 Rules and Procedures of Video Conferencing

Cllr Frank Bunce explained the rules and procedures of Zoom video conferencing to the Parish Councillors

2933 Clarification of Parish Council Meetings Held via Zoom Video Conferencing

The Clerk stated that the Coronavirus Regulations 2020 were passed by Government on 1st April 2020 and apply to meetings taking place before 7 May 2021.

The regulations enable local authorities to hold meetings remotely including by (but not limited to) telephone conferencing, video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming.

The RFO pointed out that as a result of these regulations, local authorities can determine not to hold their annual meeting and asked the Parish Council to agree on postponing its annual meeting until 2021.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Karen Dunn

The Chair asked the Parish Councillors to raise their hands in order to indicate that they are in favour of this proposal. All hands were visibly raised and the Chair called out each Parish Councillor by their names stating that they are in favour of the proposal

It was resolved that the Parish Council will postpone its annual meeting until 2021

2934 The Public

None present



2935 Apologies

Cllr Donna Williams offered her apologies to the Clerk which were accepted.

Not present: Cllr Trevor Wills and Cllr Kim Wallace

2936 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None

2937 Zoom Video Conferencing

2937.1 The Clerk asked the Parish Councillors to suspend the agreed Parish Council meetings calendar during COVID-19 lockdown and to agree which alternative methods the Parish Council wishes to implement for holding Council meetings during that period, with the proposal that Zoom video conferencing is the system used for all subsequent Parish Council meetings.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

The Chair asked the Parish Councillors to raise their hands in order to indicate that they are in favour of this proposal. All hands were visibly raised and the Chair called out each Parish Councillor by their names stating that they are in favour of the proposal

All in favour

It was resolved that the Parish Council will suspend its agreed Parish Council meetings calendar and can hold its Parish Council meetings via Zoom video conferencing during the lockdown

2937.2 The Clerk asked the Parish Councillors to agree on holding Committee meetings via Zoom video conferencing during the lockdown.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Karen Dunn

The Chair asked the Parish Councillors to raise their hands in order to indicate that they are in favour of this proposal. All hands were visibly raised and the Chair called out each Parish Councillor by their names stating that they are in favour of the proposal

All in favour

It was resolved that the Parish Council can hold its Committee meetings via Zoom video conferencing during the lockdown

2938 Delegated Powers

The Clerk asked the Parish Councillors to exercise the Council's power under Local Government Act 1972 Section 101 to empower the Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council to do anything necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability until revoked by resolution of the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Karen Dunn

Seconded: Cllr Michael Kay



The Chair asked the Parish Councillors to raise their hands in order to indicate that they are in favour of this proposal. All hands were visibly raised and the Chair called out each Parish Councillor by their names stating that they are in favour of the proposal

All in favour

It was resolved that the Parish Council empowers the Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council to do anything necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability until revoked by resolution of Council.

2939 Planning Application PL/2020/00884

Cllr Clive Hill stated due to its anticipated impact on Bickenhill village, it would be advisable for the Parish Council to submit a representation to SMBC on this planning application. Due to time constraints, Cllr Clive Hill suggested not discussing this planning application during tonight's Parish Council meeting but to call a separate Planning Committee meeting soon where the Planning Committee members could discuss the matter and formulate a written response. It was also suggested that Cllr Michael Kay to attend this Planning Committee meeting. Cllr Frank Bunce proposed to delegate powers to the Planning Committee and Cllr Michael Kay to submit a comment to SMBC, on behalf of BMGPC, for planning application PL/2020/00884.

Proposed: Cllr Frank Bunce

Seconded: Cllr Jonathan Horton

The Chair asked the Parish Councillors to raise their hands in order to indicate that they are in favour of this proposal. All hands were visibly raised and the Chair called out each Parish Councillor by their names stating that they are in favour of the proposal.

All in favour

It was resolved that the Parish Council delegates powers to the Planning Committee and Cllr Michael Kay to submit a comment to SMBC, on behalf of BMGPC, for planning application PL/2020/00884.

2940 Date of the next meetings

The RFO requested a Parish Council meeting to approve the accounts of the Parish Council so they can be submitted to the external auditors on time. It was proposed to hold the meeting on Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 18:30 GMT.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

The Chair asked the Parish Councillors to raise their hands in order to indicate that they are in favour of this proposal. All hands were visibly raised and the Chair called out each Parish Councillor by their names stating that they are in favour of the proposal

All in favour

It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting, to approve the accounts, will be held on Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 18:30 GMT via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Cllr Frank Bunce closed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Chairman's signature: