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Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7:00pm.

Present – Cllr D. Wilson – Chairman, Cllr C. Bere, Cllr G. Bishop and Cllr T. Cullen.
Clerk and RFO – Mrs D. Langston.
Mid Sussex District Councillor A. Bennett and C. Trumble.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.
Two Members of the public.

Minutes

Chairman opened the meeting by thanking all the members of the community for their community spirit and assistance towards other residents during the COVID-19 lockdown.

21.20 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Mid Sussex District Councillor R. Jackson.

22.20 Declaration of interest by Councillors on any item on the agenda. No interests were declared.

23.20 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1oth March 2020. Minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

24.20 Update by MSDC Councillors A. Bennett and C. Trumble:

- Past 3 months or so has shown the resilience of our communities and what people contribute. This has been very apparent across the district during lockdown. MSDC Applause Awards will be open for nominations from residents, MSDC would like to recognise the assistance that has been offered by local people during the pandemic.
- Impact on financial aspects of Coronavirus primarily attributed to loss of income from leisure centres. Council have also spent a lot of time during lockdown working with grants and funding for small businesses and looking at ways to alleviate homelessness.
- Loss of income will have a large impact on budget with a loss of around £4.3 million pounds. It is hoped that there will be some form of support from government. Proposals to mend the hole in budget are being discussed and will be agreed by September.
- Key impact has been on homelessness and temporary accommodation. During February there were 85 homeless people in MSDC by end of May this figure had increased to 105. Majority of these cases have been single people with mental health issues. At the last council meeting MSDC voted for a spend of another £4.2 million pounds to purchase and rent additional units for both homeless people and those needing temporary accommodation.
- Play areas within the district are being assessed for re-opening, there is no definite date for the Pyecombe play area.
- MSDC has moved to holding their meetings online. These meetings are open to members of the public and these can be viewed via the MSDC YouTube channel.

Mid Sussex District Councillor A. Bennett left the meeting at this point to attend another meeting.

25.20 West Sussex County Councillor Joy Dennis circulated an update prior to the meeting covering the following items:

- Recorded COVID-19 cases.
- Government funding for the Test and Trace Service.
- West Sussex COID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan.
- Care Homes.
- Infection Control Fund.
- Hospital Capacity.
- Business update including the WSCC apprenticeship scheme and impact on the Gatwick triangle.
- Education.
- Highways
- Temporary cycle lane proposals, primarily in the seven main towns.
- Footpath inspections and works are now being undertaken once again.
- Bus pass timings update.
- Household Waste Recycling Site.
- Financial Pressures and Service Delivery at WSCC.

26.20 To discuss continuing issues with power and water supplies within the parish. In recent months there have been numerous power outages having a huge impact on residents. When the power goes off this has an impact on the water supply as this is affected by the lack of power to a trip switch. Council have concerns about the continuing issues with power during winter months. Clerk will contact residents to ask for information on dates of loss of services and the impact this has on health, welfare and businesses. Cllr Dennis and Cllr Trumble will liaise with Clerk on this matter.

27.20 To resolve the following planning applications:

SDNP/20/01343/FUL Tunnel House, Clayton Hill, Hassocks, BN6 9PQ. Proposal: General external repairs, services replacement and introduction of Photovoltaic and ASHP air source heat pump systems. Replacement of Primary window glass for compressed doubled glazed panes in existing windows and introduction of secondary glazing internally. Roof covering replacement and new rainwater goods. Council resolved it had no objections to the application.

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28.20 To nominate the Councils representatives to outside bodies including Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils and West Sussex Association Local Councils. Cllr Wilson and Cllr Saich will represent Council on both outside bodies.

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29.20 Financial Matters
29.1.20 Council reviewed the system of internal control and prepared the Annual Governance Statement.
29.2.20 Council resolved to appoint S. Moallemi as Internal Auditor for the period 2020/2021.

29.3.20 Confirmation of payments raised since last meeting:
£367.91 WSCC Invoice 8001466996
£ 35.00 ICO
£ 79.98 D. Langston Expenses
£ 30.13 B&H SWET Ltd Newsletter
£367.91 WSCC Invoice 8001461277
£ 46.44 WSCC invoice 8001457797
£ 59.92 EDF Energy Invoice 7573538
£367.91 WSCC Invoice 8001455660
£496.27 MSDC Invoice 4100280480
£ 9.66 D Langston Expenses
£172.95 D Wilson Newsletter Expenses
£108.00 Vision ICT LTD invoice 10855
£ 59.99 iweb Design Ltd Invoice PPC005
£ 65.83 EDF Energy Invoice 6966985
£361.71 WSCC invoice 8001449918
£ 88.03 WSALC Invoice 1073

29.4.20 Council approved the accounting statements for year ending 31st March 2020 and these were signed by the Chairman.

30.20 to confirm date of next meeting as 15th September 2020.