

## WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL held by Zoom video-conference on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mrs P Costello (Chair), Mrs I Beacom, Mrs J Candy, Mrs G Cousins, Mrs J Farley, Mrs B James-Lloyd, Mrs J Keen, Mr D Kirley, Mr A Landers, Mrs E Mulliner, Mr A Smith, Mr P Tinney, Mr S Thorogood, Mrs S Worrall

In Attendance: Mr. R Pring (Clerk), Mr David Cox, Ms Trudi Jackson

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded

- 20.10.1. **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr P Tinney
- 20.10.2. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** – Cllr Costello gave details of committee meetings attended at Sedgemoor including a Scrutiny Session where concerns were expressed about the apparent lack of attention given to Neighbourhood Plans. She had also attended Licensing and Planning meetings
- 20.10.3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Nil.
- 20.10.4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020. RESOLVED: THE CHAIRMAN BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN THE MINUTES AS A CORRECT RECORD .**
- 20.10.5. **MATTERS ARISING:-**
- A. CIL POLICY UPDATE** - Cllr Smith had previously circulated a paper outlining potential projects identified by the CIL group.. Recommendations were made against each project. He highlighted the difficulty of costing some projects like the 20mph speed limits proposed in the NP. SCC require all costs to be met by the PC and depending on the scheme selected it could cost up to £50k. More work was required to determine which schemes should be brought forward. All CIL projects needed to comply with rules contained in an Advisory Note for Town and Parish Councils issued by Sedgemoor District Council.
  - B. PILCORN STREET UPDATE** - The sudden appearance of plans for traffic calming and pavement work as part of the planning application for Strongvox Stage 3 had caused concern from residents living close by. Cllr Smith had circulated a note outlining the position of the PC to oppose this application - and to explain that these highway proposals were in fact drawn from the NP. The Chairman was meeting Strongvox regarding this application and would discuss this issue with them. She was still hoping to see some sort of traffic calming in the vicinity of Saxon Way It was agreed that Cllr Smith should bring forward a paper on this topic at the next meeting. **ACTION - AS.**
  - C. PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTE UPDATE** - Cllr Mulliner reported that a working group had been set up and the next step would be to contact land owners to see if they were prepared to allow pieces of land to be adapted into a cycle route. Cllr Keen said it was possible grants may be available to carry out a feasibility study.
  - D. EMERGENCY CLIMATE FUND UPDATE** - Moved to main agenda
- 20.10.6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Nil.
- 20.10.7. **TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE CURRENT SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE** - Cllr Smith was reviewing options to resume speed monitoring across the Parish. His proposal is to identify a number of locations where devices can be located. The existing device would be used alongside 2 or 3 simpler devices to advise drivers of their speed. These would be rotated around the Parish to raise driver awareness of the speed limits. Cllr Kirley offered to assist in finding suitable locations for SIDs. **ACTION - AS/DK,**
- 20.10.8. **WORTHINGTON WOODS AND CAR PARK EXTENSION PROPOSAL / UPDATE** - Cllr Costello said that she now felt that the proposed cost of extending the car park (£200K) was excessive and perhaps the field should be turned into community open space. Cllr Candy was already considering options. The Clerk said that as the matter had been voted on in July, the Council would have to wait 6 months before formally reconsidering the matter. – **ACTION – PC, JC.**
- 20.10.9. **SCC CLIMATE EMERGENCY FUND** - Cllrs. Mulliner and Keen had met with Green Wedmore and had circulated a list of proposed projects that could be funded by the SCC fund. Their report was

well detailed and individual projects would have a minimum cost of £5k. The report would now be forwarded to Cllr Huxtable for consideration. The Chair thanked both Councillors for their hard work in preparing such a detailed, in depth report – **ACTION – EM, JK**

20.10.10. **TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING ENTRY SIGNS INTO THE VILLAGE AND OTHER MATTERS** - Following a discussion with Mr David Ewens, he had requested the Clerk to withdraw the matter from the agenda.

20.10.11. **TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE REVISED GRANTS APPLICATION PROCEDURE AS CIRCULATED** - Cllr Smith had circulated a proposed document based on the policy used at Sedgemoor. Proposed by Cll Cousins and seconded by Cllr Candy that the policy be adopted. This was agreed

20.10.12. **TO SEEK VOLUNTEERS TO ORDER AND DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS TREES TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES** - Cll Cousins and Cllr Worrall offered to oversee the distribution - **ACTION GC,SW**

20.10.13. **TO CONSIDER CO-OPTING A MEMBERS TO REPRESENT WEDMORE WARD** - Cll Costello proposed and Cllr Landers seconded that Mr David Cox be co-opted onto the Council. This was agreed

20.10.14. **FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

- a) **Audit of accounts** - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Cllrs Keen and Mulliner confirmed that all was in order.
- b) **Accounts for Payment** – as per the following list

<u>Method</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CARD	ZOOM	Monthly subscription	£14.39
BACS	M Isgar	Repair bench at cemetery gates	£118.50
BACS	R Parsons	Cut field at car park	£126.00
BACS	Clarity Copiers	Photocopy charges	£9.34
BACS	Carter Jonas	Access rent into car park	£75.00
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at toilets	£11.54
DD	Sedgemoor DC	Clerk's salary	£1708.12
BACS	Clarity Copiers	Photocopy charges	£25.92
BACS	SALC	Training courses	£100.00
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	Annual accounts audit fee	£360.00
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at Car Park	£57.90
BACS	EDF Energy	Electricity at Council Rooms	£76.81
BACS	Sedgemoor Dc	Bin Emptying	£487.66
BACS	Sedgemoor Dc	Bin emptying and car park scavenge	£515.74
DD	Mainstream	Phone calls	£2.99
CARD	ZOOM	Monthly subscription	£14.39
BACS	D Summers-Cooke	Clean and lock toilets and consumables	£279.50
BACS	Mrs R Stevens	Clean Council Rooms	£25.00
BACS	R Pring	Clerk's expenses	£24.19
BACS	W Jackson	Grass cutting and various highways works	£1413.00
BACS	TQ Exel	SID training courses x 2	£468.00

20.10.15. **ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS.** Cllr. Farley reported that street name signs for Latcham and Sand were missing and needed replacing. The Clerk would contact the appropriate department. Cllr Landers felt that planning applications should be scrutinised to see that energy saving projects etc were being considered. Cllr Beacom asked if the brook could be cut back in Glanville Road. The Clerk would ask Will Jackson to deal with this. Cllr Keen reported that the white lines had been replaced at Rughill. Cllr Thorogood had sent a report to the IOW News together with a grant application form for green issues. He had also met with the County Footpaths Officer to discuss village issues. A walk was taking place this weekend. The Clerk reported that he had asked Will Jackson to put up the large poppies

around the parish in time for Remembrance Sunday and beyond. A bench in Lascot Hill has been struck by a motor vehicle and needs replacing

20.10.16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Item	From Whom	Subject
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20.10.17. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Cemetery.** – Nil
- **Facilities, Allotments & Footpaths.** – Nil .
- **Finance & General Purposes.** – Nil.
- **Housing.** Nil
- **Highways, Car Park & Brook.** – Nil
- **Planning.** – E-mail consultations continuing for the time being. .
- **Twinning.** Nil

**REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES**

- **IOW News** – Nil
- **Play Areas** – Nil
- **SALC** - Nil
- **WPFMC** - Nil
- **Village Halls.** – Nil.
- **Green Wedmore** – Nil.

20.10.18 **MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:-**

- a) Chairman – Nil.
- b) Clerk – Nil.
- c) Members – Nil

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.02pm