

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Wrington Parish Council held on 17 June, 2020

Present:

Cllr B Taylor (Vice-Chair)	Cllr B Taylor
Cllr J Steinbach	Cllr S Lovell
Cllr D Yamanaka	Cllr H Ward
Cllr G Bigg	Cllr L Samuel
Cllr P Jervis	Cllr L Vaughn
Fiona Burke (Clerk)	Cllr S Treweek

In attendance: Guy Winterbourne, Wrington Sports and Social Club (WSSC), John Clements (WSSC) and Mike Clements (WSSC).

Cllr Rawlins did not attend the meeting. Cllr Taylor took on the role of Chair for this meeting

1. To receive apologies for non-attendance and to approve the reasons where appropriate.
Apologies were received from District Councillor Hogg and Cllr Rawlins.
2. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) related to agenda items and to receive any amendments to the Register of Interests.
No declarations were received.
3. To confirm and sign as a true record the minutes of the email meeting held on 20 May, 2020.
The minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.
4. To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation.
Guy Winterbourne, Director of WSSC, addressed the Council and explained that although WSSC is a limited company its mandate is: 'To encourage recreational, sporting and social activities in the interests of social welfare for the inhabitants of the village of Wrington and its Parish'. He commented that the Parish Council and WSSC have similar goals in that they want to provide facilities to the Parish.
Guy reported that he had responded to the letter from the Council. He admitted that the original letter had been a wake-up call to do something for WSSC itself and to protect the assets of the Parish Council. He reported that the bar function is an integral part of the Sports and Social Club and a number of sports clubs use it. He admitted that an issue had been caused by the overlap of the cleaning with the running of the bar but this had now been addressed by employing a separate cleaner who is carrying out a deep clean of the building. He also reported that internal and external decorating would be taking place soon and professional cleaning services have been contracted to clean the carpet tiles and the oven. Only guide dogs will now be allowed in to the building.
He addressed the club's financial wellbeing and reported that WSSC typically spend and receive around £15,000 a year and they have the finances under control; he added that they have been running the club comfortably for the last twenty years. WSSC have received £10,000 from the Coronavirus fund, some of which is being spent on bringing the building up to speed and to compensate for loss of club rents. WSSC would like to have a one year extension from 30 September 2020 with a view of extending the lease by seven years.

Guy commented that he wanted the lines of communication between WSSC and the Parish Council to be as open as possible going forward.

An issue that he reported was the need for storage for items that the clubs that use the pavilion need, as well as the chairs and tables, hostess trolleys, parasols, sound equipment and gazebos.

Guy Winterbourne thanked the Council for their time and he, Mike and John Clements left the meeting.

5. To note items of correspondence received and requiring possible action:
 - a) Invitation from Western Power Distribution to give views on the priorities and commitments identified for their emerging RIIO-ED2 Business Plan. This was noted.
 - b) Email from Phil Neve giving his resignation from the Council. This was noted and the Clerk will send a letter of thanks to him for the work he carried out as a Councillor.
6. To receive the Finance Statement. To authorise payments recommended for approval.

Treecare Consulting Ltd – tree surveys of the Mike Bush Paddock, quarry & allotments	£636.00
Greenslade Taylor Hunt - rent for Glebe Field, 2nd quarter 2020/21	£100.00
Mark Slater – reimbursement following purchase of leaflets to advertise Wrington Community Resilience’s Covid-19 response.	£100.00
Aqua Washroom Solutions – sanitary bin for Broad Street public toilets, July to September	£19.50
North Somerset Council - monthly inspection of play areas, June (invoice not yet received)	£28.80
Regular payments:- cleaning of Broad Street toilets (Debbie Heal), NEST Pension Scheme,	
HMRC (NI & Tax 1st quarter) and salaries for Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Parish Orderly.	
BHIB Ltd – insurance renewal 2020/21 (paid)	£2,664.81
K & E Property Maintenance – dog bin emptying retainer (paid)	£150.00
Marie Curie – grant (paid)	£400.00

7. To consider and agree finance recommendations:
 - a) To purchase a laminator to replace the current broken one, at an estimated maximum cost of £70.
 - b) To agree to pay £150 towards teram fabric for new stone to be laid on parts of Old Hill, footpath AX30/42/30, which is the major Bridleway over Old Hill, that gets particularly muddy. The stone and labour to be provided free of charge (see email sent with papers for more detail).

Resolved: To agree to both of the above finance recommendations.

8. To consider the new proposals for the 20mph scheme in Wrington (circulated via email on 30/05/20) and to resolve whether to accept the new scheme. Councillors discussed the new proposed 20mph scheme and decided the following points would need to be addressed before they could resolve to accept the new scheme:
 - Ropers Lane to be included in the 20mph scheme. If Ropers Lane is left out of the scheme then it will become more of a rat-run than it already is for motorists trying to avoid the roads with 20mph limits. It is assumed that if Ropers Lane is included then

Chapel Hill will also be part of the scheme.

- If it was absolutely not possible to include Ropers Lane at this point then Councillors would not want to see the whole scheme jeopardised but would like further discussions with NSC about when it would be included.
 - Councillors all agreed that they would like the build out indicated at the top of High Street to be further up, in West Hay Road just before the Chapel Hill junction as you come into the village, to allow large agricultural vehicles to pass. They are concerned that if the build out is at the top of High Street it will make the road too narrow for some of the larger agricultural vehicles.
 - Councillors all agreed that they would want the limit along Silver Street to be more inclusive and moved further along to the Cox's Green side of Garstons, thereby including Garstons. The new housing development will make this area busier so it makes sense for this part to be included.
 - As some of the 20mph roundels will be situated within the conservation area Councillors would like the size and amount of these to be kept to a minimum where this is possible within the legal constraints.
9. To decide whether to proceed with creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. A discussion was held and it was agreed that the Council should proceed with setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Bigg agreed to take the lead on this with Cllrs Steinbach, Yamanaka, Treweek and Ward also agreeing to get involved in a working group. Cllr Bigg stressed the need for Community engagement and agreed to liaise with District Cllr Steve Hogg as soon as possible.
10. Consultation: Revision of Rights of Way Improvement Plan, closing date 1 September, 2020.
The Clerk explained that Tony Harden has agreed to look at this as he has expert knowledge on the Rights of Way in the Parish. The Council were happy for him to do this and wished to extend their thanks to him.
11. To receive matters for information and items for possible consideration at the next meeting of the Council.
- Cllr Steinbach wished to bring up the flooding issues from the industrial estate on to parts of Garstons Orchard and expressed his concern that it may have been caused by works to Coxs Green.
 - Cllr Treweek enquired whether the hedge along Westhay Road could be cut back as it is encroaching on the pavement.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 20.50.