



Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council

16 December 2020

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council held this day at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr R Hutchings (Chairman), Cllr A Martin (Vice Chairman), Cllr N Brooks, Cllr T Butcher, Cllr L Harris, Cllr W McNeill, Cllr N Geary and Cllr S Smith.

Also Present: T Jamieson (Clerk)

Part 1- Open Items

		Action
20/212	Apologies for Absence – There were no apologies.	
	At the start of the meeting Cllr Brooks read out a tribute to Ian Nichols whose death from Covid19 had recently been reported. A request for a Memorial plaque had been made and Cllr Brooks would approach CEO at BCP to discuss a suitable site.	NB
20/213	Declarations of Interests by Members - There were none.	
20/214	Minutes of Previous Meetings Minutes of the meetings held on 25 November 2020 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record. To be signed by the Chairman at a later date.	
20/215	Chairman's Remarks The Chairman stated that he had no comments to make.	
20/216	Matters Arising	
a)	20/203g Community Speed Watch Cllr Brooks reported that the number of volunteers had fallen to 9 from 10.	
b)	20/208 Social Media A paper had been produced regarding further use of social media. After some discussion it was generally agreed that initially this should be limited to Facebook only and that a working party be set up to consider the best way forward. Working Party Cllrs Martin, Harris and McNeill to look at whole issues of keeping residents informed.	AM

c)	<p>20/210 Vandalism at Nea Meadow The Chairman reported that since the destruction of the notice board at Nea Meadow the Parish Council had received several reports of anti-social behaviour on the car park at Nea Meadow. He and the Clerk were looking at various ways to deter the anti-social behaviour such as CCTV, reducing the height of the barrier and locking it at night time. The Clerk was in touch with the Anti-social Behaviour Office at BCP for advice. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would continue to review costs. Cllr Brooks offered a contribution towards cost of gate.</p>	BH/Clerk
20/217	<p>Planning Reports Cllr McNeill reported:</p> <p>8/20/0892 - 29 Pine Crescent. No decision to date.</p> <p>8/20/0811 - 18 Amberwood Drive. A number of objections had been submitted but no decision to date. Cllr Brooks would call in to BCP Planning Committee should Officers recommend approval of the application.</p> <p>8/20/0965OUT Jesmond Avenue. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should comment on the application but not put in an objection. Comments will draw attention to the need for any planning consent to include conditions designed to protect trees on the site</p> <p>A member raised the issue regarding applications where amenity land is being taken into residential gardens particularly on the Hoburne Farm Estate. Concerns were expressed that should more of these requests be allowed the character of the area would be changed.</p>	WMc
20/218	<p>To Receive Updates on Council Initiatives</p>	
a)	<p>Neighborhood Plan Following the presentation made to Members the previous evening there was little to report although it was agreed that Highcliffe Golf Course should be included in local green space.</p>	
b)	<p>Revitalising the High Street Work was continuing on a marketing strategy and some new lettings had been confirmed.</p>	
c)	<p>Pavement Improvements The Chairman reported that the footpath between Smugglers Lane South and Rowan Drive had been cleared by BCP Council and that there was a works order out to improve the bridge. There was interest from some local residents to look after the path in the future. It was reported that a bus shelter in Walkford had been decorated by a local community group. The Chairman agreed to make a visit</p>	BH

d)	Wingfield Pavilion Improvements The Chairman reported that the FA had been in contact and that details were in place for a grant award but that a quotation for the work would be required before a final decision could be made. He would contact the surveyors asking them to go out to tender in the new year invitation to include Seascope and two other firms.	BH
e)	Fencing on A337 The Chairman reported that following the completion of the fencing a banner had been erected showing this was a Parish Council initiative.	
20/219	Financial Report, Finance Balances & Payment of Accounts. Papers had been circulated showing the current positions regarding Payments due and current bank accounts. The Clerk reported that the CiL monies had been received. She was instructed to set up a third Building Society Account with £85k. The Clerk asked that three further payments be included (Bournemouth Water £17.05, RBL £20 and Cllr Harris £23.04) The reports were accepted and unanimously agreed.	Clerk
20/220	To Consider & Approve Budget & Set Precept for 2021/2022 Papers had been circulated showing the proposed budget for 2021/22 and the required sum of £163,160 precept showing a small reduction from the current year. After some discussion it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the precept for 2021/22 be set at £163,160 . The Clerk to inform BCP Council. The Clerk to ask CTC and the two PCs what they are precepting for 2021/22.	Clerk Clerk
20/221	To Consider a Report on Measures to Combat Climate Change A paper was distributed showing how BCP Council measures up against the 2030 climate targets published by Friends of the Earth. Cllr Brooks reported that the figures for BCP Council were on the Cabinet papers for the meeting held that morning. Review of papers to be made.	BH/Clerk
20/222	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 27 January 2021	
20/223	To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public present pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business. Proposed & Seconded Carried unanimously. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.	

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