

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the online meeting (due to Covid-19) of **Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council**
held on:-**Tuesday 24th November 2020** at **6:00pm**

Present: Councillors: Mrs J Loveridge (Chair), ARH England (Vice-Chair), Mrs A Corcoran, N England, Miss S Roberts, G Sinclair, C Turley, Ms S Vaughan-Hodkinson and A Watkin.

Also Present: Mr Michael Turner (Parish Clerk), Mrs Caroline Higgins (Responsible Finance Officer) and Mr C Corbett (Committee Secretary – taking the minutes)

Public Open Session

There were no members of the general public present.

FC/20/67 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Cllr J G Loveridge.

Also, Cllr S Parr was unable to attend the meeting

FC/20/68 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 29th September 2020, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

FC/20/69 MATTERS ARISING

None.

FC/20/70 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

The Parish Clerk presented a report that highlighted various issues including :-
Speed Indicator Device (SID) - The Parish Council had been successful in a joint bid with Hollinswood and Randlay PC to secure funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner to purchase a SID, together with installation and running costs. There was sufficient funds in the budget to cover initiative (£1700 per year for both parishes).
Website Accessibility - Notification had been received from "In Touch", who provided the Parish Web-Site that confirmed the content met the correct legal standards.
The Sambrook Centre - Following current Government Guidelines, the Sambrook Centre was closed for groups, members of the public and staff (where they can work from home). The Centre was only open on Tuesday mornings to hand out Breakfast Packs. As always, Government guidelines were being checked as they were updated regarding for the detail of where Telford was to be placed on the tier system as of 2 December.
HEM update - An update following the consultation that took place had been received. 234 people responded to the consultation exercise and as a result the following changes had been made to the planning application:

- Ecology – changes to reflect greater buffer zones and new woodland areas
- Highways – changes to road widths, further emphasis on bridleways and cycle paths, and the provision of further parking spaces

- Drainage – changes to reflect storage ponds and ensure no residential units are within flooding areas
- Pedestrian routes – additional routes shown.

The planning application would be submitted at the end of November and a period of statutory consultation would then follow.

FC/20/71 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly receipts and payments report for September 2020 was presented to the Council for approval by the Responsible Finance Officer.

It was proposed by Cllr ARH England, and seconded by Cllr C Turley and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that the Monthly Receipts and Payments report for September 2020, as presented to the Council, be approved.**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED that the Monthly Cash Control report for Sept 2020, and the Monthly Payroll report for September 2020 be presented for approval at the Policy & Resources Committee to be held on 15th December 2020.**

FC/20/72 BUDGET 2021/22

The Parish Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer explained that they were still processing the financial data and would report to the Policy & Resources Committee in December. There were some concerns regarding the lost income streams from the closure of the Sambrook Centre since March.

It was proposed by Cllr C Turley and seconded by Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that the budget report be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2020.**

FC/20/73 LAPTOPS FOR SCHOOLS

The Clerk explained that answers to questions expressed at the last meeting were still awaited from Fliss Mercer at the Borough Council and the Clerk undertook to follow up the matter at the Borough.

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred, pending receipt of further information, to a future meeting.

FC/20/74 COMMUNITY WEALTH FUND ALLIANCE

Consideration was given to joining the Community Wealth Fund Alliance and the Parish Clerk was asked to seek further information on costs and benefits to the Parish.

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred to a future meeting.

FC/20/75 BROOKSIDE SAFER STREETS

Members noted the initiative of the Police & Crime Commissioner in association with Telford & Wrekin Council and the Chair stated that the matter was for noting. Cllr ARH England stated that there was a grant of some £550k available for improvements in Brookside (within the perimeter road) but there were concerns of residents to the proposed “gating” of certain alleys on the estate. A meeting was proposed with residents to be held at Brookside Central. Also there were proposals to move the Youth Shelter to a grassed area near the Windmill School.

RESOLVED – that the initiative be noted with interest.

FC/20/76 **COUNCILLOR/CLERK RELATIONS**

The Council was requested to reconsider a Councillor/Clerk Relations Protocol, deferred at last meeting, which was appended to the agenda.

Cllr A R H England commented that he now withdrew his previously stated concerns and now supported the document.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Corcoran and seconded by Cllr ARH England and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED that the Councillor/Clerk Relations Protocol, as presented, be approved.**

FC/20/77 **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

The meeting received, for information, the minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on 3rd November 2020 and the Policy and Resources Committee held on 27th October 2020.

FC/20/78 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

FC/20/79 **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

The meeting received any reports from councillors on current matters in the parish.

Cllr G Sinclair reported a worrying incident of a recent theft from a vehicle in his Ward using a "cloning device".

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.41pm

Signed

Dated