

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the online meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 1st
December 2020 at 6:00pm.

Present: Councillors G Sinclair (Chair), A Corcoran, J G Loveridge, S Parr, Miss S Roberts,
Miss S Vaughan-Hodkinson, A Watkin and Mrs J Loveridge (ex-officio)

Also Present: Michael Turner (Parish Clerk) Mrs Caroline Higgins (RFO) and Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary, taking the minutes)

Public Open Session

There were no members of the general public of the Parish present

CE/20/61 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

Cllr N England (Vice Chair) was unable to attend the meeting.

CE/20/62 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 3rd November 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/20/63 CLERK'S REPORT

The Parish Clerk reported that all staff and Councillors had made him very welcome. Sam Middleton, in particular, had given a lot of insight into the workings of the Parish Council;

All libraries were being opened up by Telford and Wrekin as of 2 December 2020. However with the Deputy Clerk currently on sick leave, and the Clerk still finding his feet, he had advised T&W that he would be delaying opening up until an expected opening on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am until 12 noon as of 8 December 2020. If that was not achievable, then the aim would be for Tuesday 15 December onwards.

With reference to fires at the Allotment Site previously discussed, the Clerk had been given a lead to a farmer in Shifnal who might be interested in receiving green waste for his bio-digester. The matter would be pursued and may resolve the matter, while potentially making a positive impact environmentally. Cllr Mrs Loveridge asked how the material would be collected and/or stored on site prior to dispatch to the Bio-digester and the Clerk undertook to explore the initiative further and obtain the necessary information. The initiative was at its early stages.

RESOLVED that the report be approved

CE/20/64 COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021/22

The Responsible Finance Officer commented on a report that outlined the general principles to the 2021/22 Committee budget. There were some minor adjustments suggested and the RFO undertook to make the necessary modifications

Cllrs commented upon the position of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Clerk undertook to explore the current position. Furthermore, the position with regard to the “leaning bus shelter” at Brookside Avenue may need financial input to maintenance issues on site. The Clerk undertook to examine the reports submitted by structural engineers in the past and report to a future meeting.

The Committee thanked the RFO for a very informative and elaborate presentation.

It was proposed by Cllr J G Loveridge and seconded by Cllr S Parr and subsequently **RESOLVED – that, subject to minor adjustments, the 2021/22 Budget for the Community & Environment Committee be approved.**

CE/20/65 GRANTS

Consideration of any applications for grants under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 – None

CE/20/66 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council:-

- a) **TWC 2020/ None.**
- b) Any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda -. **None**
- c) Any information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – **TWC/2020/0899 Old Rectory, Stirchley Village Change of Use of Guest House to Dwelling – Approved and TWC/2020/0894 21 Cygnet Drive, Brookside extensions – Approved.**

CE/20/67 CORRESPONDENCE

None

CE/20/68 COUNCILLORS REPORTS Councillors’ reports were made on matters relevant to the Committee as follows:-

Cllr J G Loveridge – stated that there had been an incident with a youth at Brookside Central earlier that had been reported to the Police. Furthermore he reported upon some potholes at Beaconsfield that needed reporting – The Clerk agreed to liaise and get details to report to T&W

Cllr S Roberts commented upon the Brookside Safer Streets initiative and its intension to relocate the Youth Shelter which had generated some concern amongst residents

Cllr A Corcoran commented upon the environmental Implications of discarded disposable face masks. Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson encouraged the use of reusable masks and stated that Hollinswood & Randlay PC had ordered for use some Parish branded masks – The Clerk undertook to explore the idea further.

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson further commented upon the lack of password security to the current use of “Zoom” meetings. Cllr S Parr commented that Zoom meetings were not subject to potential hacking of info.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.53 pm

Signed

Dated