

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of an online meeting of the **Policy & Resources Committee**, held on **Tuesday 27th October 2020** at 6.00pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton – Acting Parish Clerk and Mr C Corbett - Committee & Finance Secretary (taking the Minutes)
Mr Mike Turner (newly appointed Parish Clerk, but not yet formally in post)

Public Open Session

There were no members of the general public present.

PR/20/29 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs ARH England and C Turley who were attending a Licencing Committee at the Borough Council.

Cllr S Parr was also unable to attend.

There were also no Declarations of Interest.

PR/20/30 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr J G Loveridge and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Loveridge and **RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 28th July 2020 and on 11th August 2020 (previously approved) be acknowledged as information; and that the minutes of the Committee held on 9th September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

PR/20/31 MATTERS ARISING

None

PR/20/32 CLERK'S REPORT

The Parish Clerk presented a report that outlined a number of matters including :- Brookside Christmas Lights - the Christmas lights were installed on Friday in preparation for the festive season but were vandalised in the following days of the weekend and bulbs removed. Therefore, due to a Health and Safety issue, the lights had had to be taken down, to the detriment of the local community. Members were informed that the incident had been reported on Social Media and some 17,500 “hits” had been recorded indicating the vast public interest in the incident. CC's Local Policing and Community Ambassador Fund – The Parish had been successful in a joint bid with Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council in securing £5300 for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device and it would be located at various site in the two Parishes.

Half Term Activities No specific activities were planned, but the Breakfast packs, Lunch packs and recipe packs were being continued, in partnership with Telford and

Wrekin council who provide the funds, and the Parish provide the man power and local knowledge.

Christmas Smile - Cllr Amy Corcoran suggested a potential involvement with the project to provide gifts for vulnerable children in the Parish. Registration has been completed and a collection point had been identified. The Acting Clerk suggested to Members that if they would like to donate a gift (new products only), it would be gratefully appreciated.

PR/20/33 SAMBROOK CENTRE

The Committee considered a report that stated that over the last few weeks the Sambrook Centre had been gradually introducing User Groups back into the centre. Currently two Tai Chi sessions per week, a CAB advice session (by appointment), Scout, MELD (men's disabled mental health group) and Stay and Play were operating. All groups have Risk Assessments and are following Track and Trace rules, we also have a QR code for those with smart phones.

The library remained open two mornings a week with attendance between zero and nine per session. It was not proposed to extend as the demand. We are in touch with Telford and Wrekin library services about what additional services they are offering and are following their guidance.

Slimming World are keen to re start their group but at present we are unable to accommodate groups larger than six people.

Staff would continue to review the situation in line with government guidance.

In addition to the written report the Acting Parish Clerk stated that recently the Parish had been approached by the Telford & Wrekin Council regarding the availability of the Sambrook Centre for possible future Covid19 Vaccination procedures and appointments.

PR/20/34 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The meeting received, for information, the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 6th October 2020.

PR/20/35 CORRESPONDENCE – To receive any correspondence requiring action – none

PR/20/36 COUNCILLORS REPORTS - To receive reports on matters relating to the Committee – Cllr G Sinclair stated that clearance works were underway to improve The Madebrook.

Meeting finished at 6.14 pm

Chair

Date