

Clutton Parish Council

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council Monday 19th October 2020 Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present: Councillors S Barran, J Bush, D Hayward, R Naish, A Parfitt, N Skinner, D Veale, K Warrington, G Williams (Chair), S Davis (Ward Councillor) and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk) and 0 members of public

- A minutes silence was observed in memory of Cllr Ian Myatt who passed away last month.

101.1. Apologies for Absence -T Starr

101.2. **Declarations of Interest** received from Rosemary Naish (101.6b), Karen Warrington (101.6b) and Neil Skinner (101.6b)

101.3. **Minutes:**

a) The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September were **approved**.

b) Matters arising from the decisions of the last meeting:

-Acceptance of quote has been sent to Hi-line for the tree works in Station Park. Date of works has not yet been confirmed. (140/20)

-Childrens Fitness Equipment has been ordered (141/20)

-The sanitizer dispenser has been adapted to dispense less sanitizer (144/20)

-Volkar has fixed the 2 street lights agreed last meeting and an additional light by the allotments (146/20)

101.4. **Planning:**

a) There were no planning consultations to consider.

b) The Parish Council agreed that it was important to submit a response to the governments white paper on 'planning for the future'. The Ward Councillor highlighted some of the changes that could affect the Parish Council; The size of development qualifying for the provision of a mandatory proportion of affordable housing is increasing from 10 to 40 houses; The suggested system for land supply would leave the rural communities vulnerable. The planning working group would circulate a draft response for the Parish Council to agree.

101.5. **Finance, legal, HR & Admin.**

a) The monthly finance report and payments for this month were approved.

b) The Parish Council received the 6-month budget review.

c) The Parish Council approved expenditure for the renewal of the SLCC membership.

d) The Parish Council approved the new minutes schedule & Agenda layout.

101.6. **Parks, Open Spaces & Environment.**

a) The Parish Council considered the acquisition of new adult fitness equipment. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged to other outdoor fitness areas. The group would look at the area next to the playpark and at Station Park to recommend the best location.

b) Expenditure for tulip bulbs for the communal area of the allotments was approved.

A request for reimbursement for fuel used in the strimmer was not approved as it was being used to trim the path to the side and front of each allotment. The responsibility for cutting this grass is down to each allotment holder.

101.7. **Highways, Rights of Way & Infrastructure.**

a) Notification was received of a road closure on Station Road for 7 days from the 26th October for Wessex Water.

b) Notification was received that the speed survey had been installed on Station Road from Friday 2nd October.

c) It was agreed that the Village Operative would concentrate on clearing fallen leaves this month.

101.8. **Community Engagement.**

a) It was reported that there has not been much response to the Community Recognition Awards Feedback had indicated that many of the people helping would rather not be named. The Parish Council agreed that they would like to acknowledge everyone that has helped throughout the ongoing pandemic and would offer a generalised thankyou rather than naming individuals.

b) The Parish Council approved expenditure of £200 for the Poppy Appeal for replacement poppies.

c) The Website Accessibility Statement will be circulated for approval at the next meeting.

101.9. **Climate and Ecological Emergency.**

- a) The Parish Council nominated Karen Warrington to represent them on the Chew Valley Climate & Ecology Emergency Group. It was recommended that a resident also joined the group and so volunteers would be invited.
- b) It was agreed that the parish Council would consider declaring a Climate Emergency. More details would be circulated.
- c) The Parish Council formed a Climate and Ecological Emergency Working group which included Karen Warrington, David Hayward, Jenny Bush and Gareth Williams. Residents would be invited to join as well.
- d) The Parish Council received a report about the Bristol Airport Expansion and agreed to consider a donation to the Parish Council Airport Association (PCAA) at the next meeting. The PCAA mounting a legal case against the expansion at the Appeal hearing.
- e) The Parish Council received a report of items being collected in the phone box; Toothbrushes; toothpaste tubes; bottle tops; used pens; popcorn packages; bread bags; crisp bags; biscuit wrappers; and plastic with silver lining (cat/dog food pouches)
- f) The proposal to purchase a teracycle box was deferred to the next meeting.

101.10. **Correspondence** since the last meeting.

- a) Clutton Primary School have asked if anyone is interested in becoming a school governor.

101.11. **B&NES:** The Ward Councillor reported that she had received a number of reports of fly tipping. She has been working on the B&NES response to the Government White Paper on the future of planning.

101.12. **Representative Bodies:**

- a) **Clutton United Charities:** The 400th Anniversary event has been postponed, but the website is due to go live this month.
- b) **Clutton Village Hall:** The committee have not met this month. The Hall is open and several groups have restarted with Covid restrictions.
- c) **Allotments:** The water will be turned off this month. It is still very wet and so once it has been turned off, two meter readings will be taken to make sure there is no leak.
- d) **Flood Wardens:** A flood was reported at the bottom of Clutton Hill, but once leaf-fall was cleared from the drains, the water cleared quickly.

101.13. The Clerk reported that TCL Landscapes will investigate problems with the Cone Climber at the start of December. The Dog bin by the bus stop is damaged and so options for repair or replacement are being investigated.

101.14. Items put forward for the next meeting on Monday 16th November; First draft of the budget.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm