

## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 15TH 2020

ATTENDANCE – Mrs T Wilcock, Mr J Rainsbury, Mrs S Rainsbury. Mr D Rimmer , Mr L Dryden, Mr D Owen & Mrs C Foster.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

The report of the damaged stile near Tusons Farm had been acknowledged, no response had been received concerning the condition of stiles generally.

### WEBSITE

The clerk enquired if there were any more photos ready to be submitted. It was decided that Councillor Owen would submit his photos and would liaise with Easy Websites.

### CONTAINER ON RECREATION GROUND

This had received its first coat of paint.

### FOOTWAY – WALMER GREEN

This had been reported and an order has been raised for inspection. Individual reports from the public are welcomed.

### DEBRIS SCREEN

There is ongoing correspondence with LCC. However, Councillor Wilcock said that time scales should be given as the screen needs to be in place before winter. Councillor Dryden will continue to pursue this matter.

### DOG FOULING

A response has been received – any concerns should be reported to SRBC and they will clean up as necessary.

5. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Nothing reported.

## 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

07/2020/00430/CLD – 291 Liverpool Rd Walmer Bridge

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate – side extension.

07/2020/00395/FUL – 59 Liverpool Old Rd Walmer Bridge.

Conversion of existing dwelling into two flats.

It was agreed that there was nothing contentious with the above.

## 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This was discussed and agreed. The precept will be credited this month.

## 8. PAYMENTS

The payment of £386.99 to L Dryden for plants at Walmer Green Gardens was agreed.

The payment of £75 to John Robinson for the internal audit was agreed.

The payment to Acer Gardens of £1715.55 for work done in April/May was confirmed.

The clerk pointed out that Acer were not VAT registered and therefore the Parish Council are not able to make a recovery. This will be factored in at the time of the next tender.

Any future invoices for flowers etc should be in the name of the Parish Council and sent to the clerk.

## 9. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FOR 2019/2020

These statements were agreed and will be signed by the Chairperson.

## 10. ANNUAL MEETING/ ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairperson, Councillor Wilcock, explained that due to legislation as a result of Covid 19 that neither of these meetings need to be held until 2021.

Councillor Dryden said that they could still be held if the Parish Council choose to do so.

The clerk explained that the Parish Meeting usually followed the Annual meeting and gave the opportunity for members of the public to interact with

the Council and, if necessary, place items on the agenda. The Annual Report of the Parish Council is also presented for agreement.

Councillor Dryden saw no reason why the Annual meeting should not take place “remotely” as members of the public would still be able to join the meeting via “zoom”, and this ability to join the meeting had been advertised.

He suggested that the meeting should take place “remotely” in July, Councillor Wilcock favoured a face to face meeting perhaps in September.

A vote was taken and the council voted 4 to 3 to hold the Annual meeting in July.

Councillor Wilcock disagreed with with this decision as it could effectively exclude members of the public who are not comfortable using a virtual platform . She stated that this would compromise transparency and openness. This is evidenced by the fact that no members of the public had attended any of the last 3 virtual meetings.

No decision was made as to if and when the Parish meeting would be held.

#### 11. LENGTHSMAN’S CONTRACT

Councillor Dryden advised that Acer had problems accessing equipment needed to water the plants.

It was agreed that Councillor Dryden purchase a large water container at a cost of £169 so this would be available in an emergency.

#### 12. WALMER BRIDGE GARDEN CLUB

Councillor Dryden wishes to restart the garden club as soon as possible. Posters will be sent to the clerk.

#### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail had been received from a person working on behalf of the owners of Lesser Marsh Barn, Station Rd, Little Hoole, asking for a meeting with Councillors. This was deemed not to be necessary.

#### 13. MEMBERS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The hedge opposite the Esso station was overgrown . LCC to be contacted.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7pm. This will be the Annual Meeting.