



Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on

Monday 16th November 2020 at 7.30 pm Conducted Online Via Zoom

Members Present:

Cllr B Edwards (Chairman), Cllr A Britcher – Allan Cllr D Smith, Cllr E Ellicott, Cllr Wilson, Cllr C Ducklin, Cllr D Funnell and Cllr M O'Callaghan

Officer Present:

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In Attendance:

Kent County Cllr McInroy

Members of the Public:

Three

1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting

No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.

2. To receive and approve apologies for absence

None

3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

4. Declarations of Lobbying

None

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020

These were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record

5.1 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items)

None

5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes

None

6. Open session for questions from the public:

Mr Barber updated the members on the proposed accessibility path and took questions from the Cllrs. There would need to be some levelling in areas, but not too much. He was still unsure what material would be used for the path, but it did need to be able to be used all year round. He informed the members that he would be happy to show anyone the proposed route. He then asked Cllr McInroy if there was any update about the requested crossing on the A264. Cllr McInroy replied that nothing had been decided yet, but the outcome could change if more people were able to use the accessibility path. Another member of the public reported that street cleaning had been missed on an area of Lower Green Road. Clerk to report. The Speedwatch coordinator asked the Clerk if she had been able to find out how many ATCs had been fitted for the 20mph survey. The Clerk informed him that she would contact KCC Highways. A further member of the public informed the members that she had started a petition on the High Street. She was concerned with the congestion. The Cllrs informed her that the RPC had been actively working on ways to ease the congestion, such as requesting a loading bay for deliveries. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the next Highways agenda.

7. Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish

Cllr McInroy informed the members that he had spoken to Fiona Payne, KCC Highways, about the 20mph road survey. She would respond with the results once she had visited Lower Green Road. Cllr Funnell informed the Cllrs that he was in the process of helping a shop keeper, who makes deliveries, obtain a Park Exception Certificate. He was still looking at the ROW through Grange Gardens. He had been informed that Town & Country have already started to charge their tenants.

8. Deputy Clerk

Update on start date – It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would commence work on the 6th January 2020. Clerk had drawn up draft contract, to be agreed to at next Full Council meeting.

9. Accessibility Path

To discuss path with John Barber and consider a donation. The members voted to support the installation of the path but would consider a donation once the project had been costed.

10. Maintenance

- i. To consider purchase of equipment – It was agreed that a ladder and wheel barrow would be purchased.
- ii. Report on works carried out – The Clerk updated the members on the work carried out by the maintenance person.

11. Finance

- i. To consider donation to CAB – It was agreed to donate £1500
- ii. To consider donation to Homestart – It was agreed to donate £500
- iii. AGAR report from external auditor – The Clerk forwarded the members the result of the external audit. Despite a minor clerical error by the external auditor, there were no concerns raised.

12. Christmas Lights

Lights to be fitted to only 7 columns this year, due to some being condemned. It was agreed that Christmas lights would be put on the front of the RC, Clerk to speak to maintenance.

13. Hanging Baskets

- i. To discuss purchase of plants for 2021 summer – It was agreed that the plants would be ordered from the same supplier as this year. However, trailing plants would be preferred. Clerk to order.
- ii. Purchase of a replacement basket – This was agreed.

14. Chair’s Report

Cllr Edwards reported that he had attended a Code of Conduct Training Course held by TWBC.

15. Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reported that a food larder was being considered for Rusthall. A meeting had been arranged and Cllrs Ellicott and Britcher, along with the Clerk to attend. The Clerk informed the members that the Pilates class had to postpone renting the hall due to current restrictions. The Mum and Baby group had cancelled, however the football academy were still using the hall.

16. Diary Dates

23rd November Planning Meeting, 25th November Finance Meeting, 28th November KALC meeting and 10th December training for Cllrs Ellicott and Britcher.

17. Accounts for Payment – to authorise the payment of invoices as listed below.

These were agreed.

18. Items for Information

There were none

The meeting closed at 21:15

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Dated

ACCOUNT PAYMENTS