

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Extraordinary Full Council held on
Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.30pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Members: Cllrs A Bourke, D Bramer, M Bramer, S Buchanan (Chairman), C Dalby, S Gofton, G Green, P Luxford, J McTavish, J Ogden, A Rose and B Wade

In attendance: Mrs N Jerram (Clerical Assistant)

Item 1: Apologies for Absence: - To receive and accept apologies

A.102 There were no apologies received

Item 2: To confirm the receipt of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form from Councillor Dalby following his co-option

A.103 Members noted the above and welcomed Cllr C Dalby on board

Item 3: To receive Declarations of Interest

A.104 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 4: Call for Capitals Projects

4.1 To consider submitting a project(s) for the Call for Capital projects application to the Kent & Medway Economic Partnership & Kent & Medway Business Advisory Board by 22nd February

A.105 Members considered a list previously circulated of possible projects the Parish Council may like to put forward. Cllr McTavish spoke on her conversation with the Strategic Programme Manager from Kent & Medway Economic Partnership. Projects with the greatest ability to deliver the best outputs are the most likely to be funded. The Parish Council to discuss prioritising projects that would most benefit the community and complete the spreadsheets accordingly.

After lengthy discussion members agreed to vote on 2 defined projects as follows:

1st Priority - Roundabout at junction of Longfield Road and A227

Cllr Buchanan proposed the above, this was seconded by Cllr McTavish. There were 9 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 1 abstention.

2nd Priority - Foot/Cycle Path from Nurstead Lane to Istead Rise

Cllr Buchanan proposed the above, this was seconded by Cllr Wade. There were 10 votes in favour and 2 votes against.

4.2 To delegate to the Clerk to hold preliminary discussions with KCC about agreed projects and to complete the spreadsheet for submission, in consultation with Cllr McTavish and the Chairman

A.106 The above motion was approved on a proposal from Cllr Buchanan, seconded by Cllr Ogden and all voted in favour. Members agreed that Cllrs Gofton and Luxford would complete the spreadsheet for Foot/Cycle Path from Nurstead Lane to Istead Rise and Cllrs Buchanan and McTavish would complete the spreadsheet for Longfield Road roundabout.

Action: Clerk/Cllrs Buchanan, Gofton, Luxford, McTavish

Item 5: To consider sending a letter to MP Adam Holloway to seek his support to ask the Government for an extension in the regulation to give local councils the power to hold meetings remotely, as the current regulations expire on 7th May 2021

A.107 Cllr Buchanan explained that a letter had been sent to Local MP Adam Holloway and a response had been received suggesting a review of the current situation in mid-April regarding an extension for holding meetings remotely. Members discussed their concerns and on a proposal by Cllr Buchanan, seconded by Cllr Ogden all voted in favour to retrospectively approve the letter previously sent and to draft and circulate a follow up letter to be agreed by all members in reply to the response received.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Buchanan

Item 6: To consider sending a letter to Meopham School regarding the Parish Councils concerns relating to the proposed development

A.108 Cllr Buchanan explained that a letter had been sent to the School with reference to the proposed development. After discussion members agreed to send a more detailed follow up letter to include highlighting traffic concerns on A227 and parking and traffic concerns for users of the site. Cllr Buchanan then proposed retrospectively approving the letter previously sent and agreement to a follow up more detailed letter to be approved by all members. This was seconded by Cllr Green and all voted in favour.

Cllr Green then proposed to invite the CEO of the Trust to attend the next Full Council parish meeting on 30th March to explain the proposals. This was seconded by Cllr M Bramer and all voted in favour.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Buchanan then asked members to email their suggestions to her and the Clerk to be included in the follow up letter.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Buchanan

Item 7: To consider the options for the Annual Parish Meeting for 2021

A.109 After consideration Cllr McTavish proposed that the Parish Council holds a virtual Annual Parish Meeting preceded by the publication of the annual reports and budget details and to invite questions from parishioners before the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Luxford. There were 11 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Action: Clerk

Item 8: On the recommendation of the Administrations and Resources Committee, to approve a Harassment Policy

A.110 Cllr Green proposed a slight amendment to the draft Harassment Policy previously circulated. Following discussion this was seconded by Cllr M Bramer and all voted in favour.

On a proposal by Cllr M Bramer, seconded by Cllr Green all members voted approval of the revised policy.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

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