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Minutes

Minutes of the video conferenced meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7pm.

Presentation: The Hinkley Connection Project Team

A representative from National Grid and a representative from Balfour Beatty updated the meeting on the connection project in the parish including the following matters: Tarnock and the compound including escorted deliveries in December, it was discussed that deliveries should avoid school bus pick up times, more detail will be provided nearer the time including to parishes on the delivery route; completion of the haul road toward the Mendips and construction towards East Huntspill; work has started on the sealing end compound; commencement of foundations for T pylons; removal of overhead lines; grant schemes, STEM grants and helping adults back to work; fund routes for Parish Halls; offer for Parish Council to visit sites when restrictions are lifted.

Present

Cllrs Body (Chairman), Hipwell, Shaw, White, Wilkie and Vining. Also in attendance were County Cllr Filmer and the Parish Clerk, Mrs H Marshall. There were no members of the public present.

127/20 Apologies: Cllr Winsor, personal commitment. District Cllr Godwin Pearson

128/20 Declarations of Interest Cllr Vining National Grid: a dispensation regarding National Grid and the Hinkley Connection Project, valid for a period of 4 years until July 2022 was noted.

129/20 Minutes of the Video Conferenced Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020: Copies having been circulated; the Minutes were taken as read and approved as a true record.

130/20 County Councillor's report: Matters discussed included: Coronavirus figures in Somerset, deaths in the area lower than the 5yr average; over 90% children back at school; latest audit report is unqualified, but will be closely monitored moving forward; One Somerset and Stronger Somerset websites have latest information; Climate Emergency Fund offered. Cllr Filmer noted that Sedgemoor District Council have had IT problems and reviewed investment in Bridgwater at the site of the splash pool which is to include a cinema, bowling alley, restaurants and a sports bar.

Cllr White left the meeting.

131/20 Somerset Climate Emergency Fund: Members discussed applications. The proposal from the Biddisham Hall Committee was discussed in detail.

Resolution: To submit the Biddisham Hall application in the first application window. To delegate any decisions regarding Fund applications to Cllrs Body and Vining. Unanimous.

Cllr Hipwell is to contact the Schoolrooms committee to discuss a proposal.

132/20 Community matters: Small Improvement Scheme: County Cllr Filmer reported that the scheme should be installed this side of Christmas, subject to other road closures on the A38. The Chairman reviewed recent **Funding guidance** on church property and noted that the Council have discussed the matter with a representative of St Congars Church regarding repairs to the church wall.

133/20 Jubilee Field and Memorial Field The Chairman noted that the goalposts in the Jubilee Field seem sound. Cllrs Body and Vining are to add 5 posts to the fence to sure up the posts that have rotted. It was noted that the top rail of the goal post is looking rusty but seems sound, a check will be added to the inspection to monitor the condition. A cut of the hedges at both fields has been arranged.

134/20 The staffing committee meeting was reviewed. The Clerks salary and pension arrangements are to be prioritised for review and appropriate budget arrangements must be made.

135/20 Crime report and policing update: No matters were reported. Crime figures in the Parish were updated.

136/20 Planning: Enforcement: Resolution: To write to Sedgemoor District Council for the latest information on the reinstatement of the field to the rear of the Castle Mills Industrial Estate. There were no updates to the Planning Report.

137/20 Correspondence: All correspondence was brought to the attention of the Council.

138/20 Finance

i. The October financial statement, having been circulated, was approved as a true record.

ii. **Items for the budget:** To consider appropriate funding for the Clerks salary and review and the maintenance of the two open spaces in the Parish.

iii. **Resolution:** The Payments Schedule was approved:
DD Clerks Salary and Mileage Sep £421.82
Clerks Expenses October £169.43

139/20 Member's Points of Information: No matters were raised.

140/20 Items for the Parish Magazine/Social Media: None

141/20 Date of next Meeting: 16th November 2020 via Zoom.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Signed F Body (Chairman)

Date