



Beaminster Town Council

Minutes of the Virtual Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 via Zoom.

A resident expressed his concern with regard to the increase in parking charges and the impact that levelling the County's charges would have in Beaminster in particular.

2458 Members on line – Cllr Monks (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Mrs Page and Cllr Turner; also Dorset Councillor Mrs Knox, the Town Clerk and one member of the public.

Dorset Police - In the absence of PCSO Bishop the Town Clerk read his incident report for the month of September.

Dorset Councillor Mrs Knox advised that:

- Car park charges – the levelling up of car parking charges across the County would not be subject to public consultation and she had spoken with the Dorset County cabinet leader with her views on the consultation with regard to parking permits.
- With regard to the withdrawal of the free school meals voucher scheme during the half term holiday Dorset Council continued to support where needed via referrals from CAB or Dorset Community helpline.
- Covid-19 – as Dorset approached going into Tier 2 measures the Council continued to fight hard to separate itself from Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch and maintain its own level of alert

2459 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Bishop.

2460 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were received.

2461 MINUTES OF THE BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020

Having previously been circulated with a copy of the minutes of the virtual Town Council meeting held on 22nd September 2020 were amended prior to **RESOLVED** for signature by the chairman.

Min No. 2454 – Progress Report

Cllr Turner requested a minor amendment – "the **windows** on No. 21 had undergone refurbishment
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2462 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Min. No. 2429 – Snooker table, Fleet Club

The chairman advised the snooker table had been listed on an online auction site with a reserve of £500, to date one bid had been received in the sum of £300. Following extensive discussion members **AGREED** to defer a decision until the Covid-19 pandemic had subsided.

(b) Min. No. 2438 – Water station in the Square

The Town Clerk advised that having received the design from Wessex Water initial enquiries had been made with Dorset Council with regard to the requirement for planning consent however, initial discussions with the Conservation Officer had concluded the design would not be acceptable in the preferred location being adjacent a listed building.

Further enquiries with Wessex Water regarding an alternative design or location away from the Square had met with a negative response therefore the project had stalled pending further discussions with Dorset Council. **NOTED.**

2463 PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS

Members had previously been circulated with details of the payments & receipts for the month of September 2020 (copy attached). **RESOLVED** their adoption.

2464 PUBLIC TOILET – MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Beswarick requested the Council revisit the provision of a public toilet in the Playing Field and members had been circulated with previously obtained plans.

The Town Clerk highlighted what appeared to be a discrepancy with the plans circulated and the notes of a BAAD meeting that took place on 26th November 2019.

NOTED the first priority would be to complete the Skate Park project. Members **AGREED** to refer the item to BAAD for further discussion with the parties concerned.

2465 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meetings held on 29th September 2020 and 13th October 2020. **NOTED.**

There being no other issues raised the minutes were **ADOPTED.**

2466 RECREATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the Recreations & Amenities Committee meeting held on 13th October 2020. **NOTED.**

The minutes were amended to record Cllr Langridge as present at the meeting.

There being no other issues raised the minutes were **ADOPTED.**

2467 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dorset Broadcasting Group

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the latest newsletter, the content of which was **NOTED.**

(b) Beaminster Museum

Members **NOTED** a letter of thanks received from the Trustees for the grant in the sum of £3,000.

2468 CLIMATE & LONG TERM RESILIENCE PLAN WORKING GROUP

Cllr Cheeseman advised two out of three scheduled meetings of the Working Group had taken place with the focus to put together a long term plan for climate change. He anticipated a ten year plus Forward Plan would be available in the New Year.

(a) Funding for ECO projects and potential budget adjustments

Members had previously been circulated with a summary of responses received to the Chairman's initial Eco Policy document.

A number of members expressed concern that not all councillors had had sight of the Policy document, in response the chairman confirmed the document had been forwarded to all members Council email address.

Following initial discussion members **RESOLVED** to hold an Extraordinary Council meeting to discuss the Policy in depth, a date was scheduled for Monday 9th November commencing at 7.00pm.

2469 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mrs Page advised the questionnaire was nearing completion.

2470 PROGRESS REPORT

Members had previously been circulated with a progress report to date **NOTED**.

The Town Clerk, following a meeting with the building consultant, advised the following timetable with regard to the extension works:

- Roof to go on week commencing 2nd November; also external doors and new fire door at Fleet Club
- Partition off the front of the main hall, block up the store room door and make temporary door through from Cowie Room week commencing 16th November.

2471 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were raised.

Cllr Beswarick enquired whether there had been any progress on the SID in Tunnel Road. The Town Clerk advised it had been deferred in March due to Covid-19. The item would be put back on the agenda for the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee to consider monitoring sites.

2472 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 9.40pm.

2473 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting would take place on Tuesday 24th November at 7.00pm.

CHAIRMAN
24th November 2020

