

Aldwick Parish Council

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CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mrs L. Richardson. CLERK/RFO: Sue Batey. Deputy Clerk: Mary Halpin

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting (430) Held on Monday, 10th August 2020 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Mr J. Bass, Cllr Mr A. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Rufey,
Cllr Mrs L Richardson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Stallard, Cllr Mrs G Edom,
Cllr Mrs S Coppard, and Cllr Mr Gotheridge.

In Attendance: The Clerk, The Deputy Clerk, County Cllr Mr A Patel and
District Cllr Mr H Coster

Apologies received: Cllr Mrs C Birch – family holiday; apologies accepted and approved.

The meeting opened at: 7.00 p.m.

024.20c **Declarations of Interest by Members**

Cllr Mr Bass declared a personal/prejudicial/pecuniary interest in item 13 (035.20c) as he is a member of WFRM and so he would remove himself from the meeting and would not comment or vote upon the item.

025.20c **Any matters the Chairman may wish to bring to the Council.**

None for this issue.

026.20c **Questions from members of the public – None & Representations from any Councillor who has a prejudicial/pecuniary interest in any of the agenda items.** None

027.20c **To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting (428) held on Monday 15th June 2020.**

Resolved, members agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 15th June 2020, having been circulated in advance, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

028.20c **Clerk's Report and Actions**

Min no: 011.20c/074.19f This item has been withdrawn by the nominator.

Min no: 018.20 The Head Teacher from Rose Green Infants School thanks the Council for their financial contribution towards assisting them with the safe return of children to school whilst adhering to post Covid-19 guidelines.

029.20c **To consider reports from Arun District Councillors and West Sussex County Councillors representing Aldwick.**

County Cllr Mr Patel reported the following:

- That West Sussex County Council has adopted the Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030
- That the Fire & Rescue service advises all homes to have a working smoke alarm and that if necessary, residents should contact Fire & Rescue who will help with the fitting.
- That the Fire and Rescue Service warns that although the sea appears calm, great care should be taken by those using it for swimming or other activities as there are hidden currents and very few life-guards on duty during the Covid outbreak.
- That residents should be wary of online scams during the Covid emergency
- That 2,810 is the total number of Covid cases recorded in West Sussex since the outbreak began. There were no cases recorded in Bognor Regis or Chichester this week.

A Member queried whether the road-works in operation on the Lr Bognor Road are the continuation of previous gas works which were temporarily suspended and what time frame was in operation.

Cllr Patel responded that he would check and respond.

District Cllr Mr H Coster reported the following:

- That anti social behaviour issues continue at the West Meads toilets. The District Council plans to finalise its deterrents in the near future.
- Residents have complained about dogs roaming free in Marine Park Gardens. The District Council is awaiting the results of a public consultation on the rules for dogs in public areas.
- Residents have complained about holes left in West Park by metal detectors. Users should make good the damage to the soil caused by these. Failures to do so should be reported to Cllr Coster.
- Residents have complained about children playing around a culvert at the boundary between West Park and Faresmead. Ownership of the culvert will need to be established in order to progress the matter.

030.20c To receive the Minutes from the following committees:

Planning - Dated – 22nd June; 6th July, 20th July and 3rd August – received

Finance – Dated – 27th July 2020 - received

Amenities - Dated – 29th July 2020 - received

031.20c The Planning Committee has proposed the following recommendations:

	None for this meeting.	
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032.20c The Amenities Committee has proposed the following recommendations:

	None for this meeting.	
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033.20c The Finance Committee has proposed the following recommendations:

	None for this meeting.	
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034.20c The Finance Committee would like to inform Council that a Task & finish workshop has been held to establish the financial implications of the Parish council acquiring Laptops for member use. This project arose from a recommendation made by one of our IT suppliers to help with the current and possible future virtual meetings arrangements. The Chairman of Finance will report to members on current progress.

The Chairman reported that at present, there was insufficient interest in the idea expressed at the Task & Finish workshop. However, it was agreed to keep the proposal as an agenda item for possible future consideration.

Having expressed an interest in the following item, Cllr Mr Bass left the meeting.

035.20c To agree and approval a Discretionary Grant to the Willow Farm Residents Association (WFRA) from the post-Covid-19 fund established to enable grants to be made to benefit those organisations supporting individuals in the community refer to min no. 019.20c. This grant will enable WFRA to fund a bench replacement within the Jubilee Gardens which is widely used by residents as an open space amenity.

Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

The Chairman noted that the bench would benefit the residents, many of whom are elderly and that it would encourage them into the open air.

036.20c That Cllr Mrs Birch and Cllr Mrs Edom join the Village Design Statement/Neighbourhood Plan working Group.

Members were precluded from voting in relation to Cllr Mrs Birch, owing to her absence from the Meeting. Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously, that Cllr Mrs Edom should join the working group.

- 037.20c To agree to delegate the Calendar for Council/Committee meetings up to May 2021 to the clerk.**
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.
- 038.20c Questions to the Chairman or Clerk previously submitted in writing**
The Clerk reported that Members had appreciated the work done by the Deputy Clerk in maintaining a high standard in the writing of the newsletter during the months of Covid.
- 039.20c Correspondence**
None for this issue.

Date and time of next meeting:
Monday, 5th October 2020 at 7pm

The meeting closed at: 7.35 pm

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