

EXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a “virtual” Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020 at 8:00pm.

Present:

Mr Guy Thomas-Everard, Miss Janette Webber, Mr Doug Sherring, Mr Steve Rowe, Mr Joshua Thorne, Mrs Valerie Carveth, Mr Robert Takle and Mr Andrew Moore (Clerk).

In Attendance:

Because this was a virtual meeting there was no one else in attendance.

1. Apologies:

There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

3. Representations from members of the Public:

Being a virtual meeting no members of the public were present. However, they had been asked to forward any comments concerning the Agenda to the Clerk and none had been received.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15th June 2020:

The Minutes were agreed as circulated but would be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record when social distancing would allow.

5. Matters Arising:

Doug Sherring reported that he had contacted A P Farmer as to when they would be able to do the pruning of the Jubilee Tree and they had advised that it would be within the next couple of weeks and that they would liaise with Valerie Carveth.

The Planning Application 6/15/20/104 in respect of Howe Hill Farm had been previously objected to by the Parish Council. Following further information received from the Applicant and ENPA Planning it was agreed to withdraw the objection but still express concern about potential future development and it being visible from Exton Church

Action Clerk

6. Finance:

The Clerk reported a balance of £1,612 in the Reserve Account and £4,179 in the Current Account. There was one cheque of £168 to approve for the Council's insurance. The Clerk reported the VAT refund had been received.

7. Planning:

Application 6/15/20/105 for the construction of a gateway to the rear garden of Chapel Cottage in Week Lane was reviewed. The Council noted that the gateway would be in character and would make a great difference to the welfare of the resident. The Council were concerned about the potential risk of such a gateway opening directly on to the A396 but noted that Highways had raised no concern. The Council agreed to support the Application.

Action Clerk

8. Update on the proposed Parish Council Website

The Clerk advised that he had circulated the proposed content and no concerns had been raised. He had received information from Dick Longman about the Village Hall and this had been incorporated. He now proposed to forward everything to the website designer.

Action Clerk

9. Village Volunteers:

Valerie Carveth reported that the Parish Lengthsman together with a few volunteers had done a great job in cutting back vegetation around the Village Hall.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be agreed dependent on social restrictions and the need to respond to Planning Applications.

. The Agenda can be viewed at:

<https://democracy.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=230&LS=1>