

EXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a “virtual” Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 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:

Josh Thorne declared an interest in Planning Application 6/3/20/123.

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 12th October 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:

The Clerk advised that both the District Council and ENPA had supported our request to retain the red telephone boxes. A decision was awaited from British Telecom.

The Clerk advised that work on the website continued and due to the efforts of Valerie Carveth there were now photographs of the Church, the thatched Cricket Pavilion and the Village Hall included. He was hopeful of it being operational by the end of the year with training still to be provided.

The Clerk advised that the problem with e-mails to ENPA had been satisfactorily resolved.

6. Finance:

The Clerk reported a balance of £1,613 in the Reserve Account and £2,651 in the Current Account. One cheque for the Clerk’s expenses from April to October had been issued since the last meeting.

7. Planning:

Application 6/3/20/123 for the re-purposing of redundant farm buildings into accommodation for the farm manager at Gupworthy Farm was reviewed. The Councillors noted that the buildings were in Brompton Regis Parish but the land was adjacent to Exton Parish. The Councillors had no objection to

the re-purposing of the buildings and were pleased that the water-wheel reportedly built in Bridgetown was to be retained.

Action Clerk

Application 6/15/20/107 for a conservatory for Stolford Rise Armoor Lane Exton was reviewed. The Councillors had no objection to the Application.

Action Clerk

8. Parish Precept 2021:

The Councillors noted that there would be costs in the forthcoming year in respect of the new website but felt that these could be managed without increasing the Precept.

Action Clerk

9. Proposed Bid to Somerset Climate Emergency Fund:

The Clerk advised that he had forwarded details of this Fund to the Village Hall Committee. Mary Le Coyte had suggested that the provision of solar panels to the Village Hall would be an appropriate scheme to put forward for funding and agreed to research costs and put a bid together. Bids have to be submitted by Parish or Town Councils and Mary Le Coyte requested that the Parish Council do this on her behalf. The Councillors agreed to do this on the understanding that the Village Hall Committee took responsibility for the project.

Action Clerk

10. Village Volunteers

Valerie Carveth advised that bulbs had been planted around the Jubilee Tree. Paul Williams and Eric Carveth would be trimming back trees and tidying up around the signpost by the Badgers Holt.

11. 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>