

## Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday August 19th.

As permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 this meeting was conducted by video conference “online”.

### Present

#### **Councillors**

Shaun Egan (Chairman)

Cheryl Byford

Matt Reed

Mike Woods

Rob Davies

Alex Egan

Clerk: Mr B Parsons.

1/8/20 **Apologies:** Apologies from Cllrs Reed and Fontenla, were approved. County Councillor Brian Oosthuysen and District Cllr Edmunds sent apologies.

2/8/20 **Public Forum:** There were two members of the public present. Mrs Badham asked the council to report two blocked or damaged drains to the County Council.

3/8/20 **To update declarations of interest:** Cllrs were asked to complete any still outstanding declaration of interest forms for SDC.

4/8/20 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.

5/8/20 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on July 15th were approved and signed.

6/8/20 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk’s report.

7/8/20 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk’s Report.

8/8/20 **Questions from councillors:** Cllr Smith asked about the position of the bench at the Westrip Place play area, which was not where the council had intended it to go. A parishioner had contacted the council concerned that people sitting on it would look directly in to one of his bedrooms. Cllrs discussed the site and Cllr Smith agreed to circulate photos of the site for consideration at the next meeting.

9/8/20 **District and County Councillors’ reports:** District Cllr Edmunds had sent a report on the District Council’s recent activities.

10/8/20 **Environment:**

a) **New street light:**

**Action:** Cllr Demmer to contact the parishioner who had requested another streetlight on Church Road and inform the Clerk who would ask GCC for a quotation for installation.

b) **Environmental policy:** Cllr Smith had drawn up a list of sites of interest.

**Action:** Cllrs Smith and Alex Egan to meet to produce a digital map for consideration at the September meeting.

11/8/20 **Planning applications:**

a) **Applications received to date:**

S.20/1514/FUL Land To The Rear Of 2, The Martins - Erection of a single storey residential dwelling with associated vehicle parking and landscaping – no comment

S.20/1575/HHOLD Sunnyholme Townsend - Conversion of garage to an annexe for assisted living – support with a request to the planning authority that the annex be permitted with a condition that it should not be sold in the future as a separate dwelling.

**Noted:** Permission - S.20/1409/TCA – Rising Sun Cottage, Randwick – birch tree - reduce width of crown and reshape.

b) **Proposal to open Stroudwater Station at Stonehouse:** Cllrs discussed a proposal from Stonehouse Town Council to reopen Stroudwater Station at Bristol Road, Stonehouse, to provide a link from the Stroud area to Bristol and beyond without the need to go via Gloucester.

**Resolved:** To support the proposal to build Stroudwater Station as a sustainable and achievable transport project which will bring environmental, social and economic benefits.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact County Councillors asking them to ensure this proposal is included in the County's Local Transport Plan,

c) **Consultation on changes to the planning system:** Cllrs discussed the NALC request for responses to the government's consultation on changes to the planning system. Cllrs decided against responding.

12/8/20 **Finance:**

a) **Bank reconciliation:** Cllrs considered the bank reconciliation for July.

b) **Reserves policy:** Cllrs approved the policy drafted by the Clerk.

**Resolved:** To adopt the policy.

13/8/20 **Parish event:** Mr Tim Byford summarised the Wap committee's discussion about holding an event in the Autumn. Suggestions included a bonfire on Randwick Playing Field, fireworks and a torchlight procession. There was also a suggestion for a ceremony commemorating the people who had died during the Covid 19 pandemic. Cllrs discussed the current restrictions on holding mass

*gatherings. The council was not confident that an event should be held at present due to the consequences of the pandemic and requirements for social distancing. The council would want clarification of any arrangements for a bonfire, a firework display or a torchlight procession. The council confirmed that in principle it would contribute financially to an event.*

*14/8/20 **Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda:** As above.*

*15/8/20 **Orders for payment:***

<i>DLS Business Solutions</i>	<i>Annual Charges website support</i>
<i>M Lammas</i>	<i>August monthly contract payment</i>
<i>B Parsons</i>	<i>August salary (less PAYE due in the 2nd quarter)</i>
<i>Kimcell Ltd</i>	<i>Domain name renewal</i>
<i>O2</i>	<i>mobile phone 12 August – 11 Sept</i>

*16/8/20 **Dates of meetings:** Next meeting - Wednesday September 16th at 7 pm. The meeting to be held online unless NALC's recommendations changed to approving face to face meetings.*

*Under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 until May 7th 2021 parish council meetings may be held at such an hour and day as the council may determine without requirement for further notice. Parish councils can alter the frequency, move or cancel such meetings without requirement for further notice. The initial obligation to provide three clear days' notice of pc meetings will continue.*

*The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.*