

Randwick and Westrip Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7 pm on Wednesday January 20th 2021.

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)

Alex Egan

Rob Davies

Marianne Demmer

Cheryl Byford

Alun Davies

Matt Reed

Clerk: Mr B Parsons.

*1/1/21 **Apologies:** None received.*

*2/1/21 **Public Forum:** There were three members of the public present. A parishioner asked why the council’s communications working party had been dissolved and commented on parish council communications. The chairman explained that the working party had not been tasked with anything and had not met. He suggested that the next council could decide to consider communications after May 2021.*

***Action:** The Clerk was asked to enquire about a counter for the website to record searches.*

The Chairman of RVH&PFC welcomed the possibility of having trees planted on the Jubilee Field through GCC Highways Ash Dieback programme.

*3/1/21 **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda:** None.*

*4/1/21 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on December 17th were approved and were to be signed by the Chairman.*

*5/1/21 **Report from the Officer of the Council:** Cllrs noted the contents of the Clerk’s report.*

*6/1/21 **Correspondence:** Cllrs noted the correspondence listed in the Clerk’s Report.*

7/1/21 Questions from councillors:

Cllr Reed reported that parishioners had expressed concern about parking at ‘Wood Turning’, at the top of the village, which had been very busy during the pandemic, with many cars bringing people to walk, run and cycle in the woods. Often the whole off-road space was full and cars were parked on the road up to fifty metres along the road through the woods. Cars were sometimes also parked on both sides of the road. Residents were concerned that traffic was obstructed and emergency vehicles would not be able to pass. Cllr Reed asked what action the council could take.

Action: The Clerk to ask the Neighbourhood Policing Team for support and to contact the emergency services for their experience of vehicles causing obstruction in the parish.

Cllr Demmer reported that the construction of a house at Fort View had affected residents nearby by creating a lot of dust and asked about conditions to mitigate this in the planning permission. She also queried whether the height of the roof line was as planned.

Action: The Clerk to contact SDC Planning and Building Control for clarification.

8/1/21 **District and County Councillors' reports:** None present. Cllr Edmunds had sent a written report.

9/1/21 **Environment:**

a) **Waste bin at Finn's Way:** SDC had recommended a model of litter bin that the parish council could buy. SDC would not empty a bin positioned next to the bench but would empty one if sited by the dog bin, by the entrance to Finn's Way, by the road. Cllrs discussed whether a bin by the road would stop littering near the bench. A bin by the bench would need to be emptied by a volunteer. A bin by the road might be used by responsible people who wanted to remove litter from by the bench and bin it for collection by SDC.

Action: The Clerk to write to the residents who had contacted the council about the problem to ask their views.

b) **Tree planting at Finns Way:** Cllrs decided to discuss this during the next item.

c) **Ash Dieback Disease – replanting:** GCC Highways intended to plant groups of mixed native tree whips in designated areas to replace ash trees that were being felled. Parish councils could also order whips to plant.

Action: The Clerk to ask a tree surgeon for recommendations for species to plant at Finn's Way to replace trees felled there; to order whips from GCC for Finn's Way and to order whips required by RVH&PFC for planting along the boundary of the Jubilee Field by The Lane.

10/1/21 **Planning applications:**

a) **Applications received to date:** No new applications received in January.

b) **Noted:**

Permitted - S.20/2512/TCA - Old School House, The Lane, Randwick -. Willow T1 - reduce the crown in height by between 5 and 7 meters and reduce the lateral spread by up to 5m. Horse Chestnut T2 - remove

Refused - S.20/2428/HHOLD - Dormic, Westrip Lane - Proposed rear extension and front porch

Permitted - S.20/2375/HHOLD The Change – single storey extension

Withdrawn - S.20/2656/HHOLD - Heatherville, Church Road - Removal of garage and porch and construction of two storey side and rear extension, detached garage and creation of new vehicle access with associated works

Discharge of conditions - S.20/2496/DISCON

11/1/21 Standing orders:

Resolved: Cllrs approved the amended standing orders to include the 2020 EU procurement threshold figures.

12/1/21 Finance:

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

b) **Budget** Cllrs considered a draft budget drawn up by the Clerk.

Resolved: To set the budget for 2021/22 at £19,218.

c) **Reserves:** Cllrs considered the financial reserves held by the council.

Resolved: To use some of the reserve to support the budget.

Resolved: To amend the Financial Reserves Policy

d) **Precept:** Cllrs considered the budget requirement. There was no need to increase the precept. Cllrs decided to set a precept which would keep the council's portion of the band D council tax at the same figure as 2020/21.

Resolved: To set the precept for 2021/2022 at £18,791.

13/1/21 Items delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda: As above.

14/1/21 Orders for payment:

Stroud Office Supplies ink cartridges

M Lammas January monthly contract payment

B Parsons January salary less PAYE due in the 4th quarter

O2 mobile phone 12 Jan – 11 Feb

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The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.