

AVENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PUBLIC HALL, BROMYARD, ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Cllrs Gill Churchill (Chairman), Wendy Smith, Alma Westwood and Yvonne Berry.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Eva (Parish Clerk) **PUBLIC:** 0

53/20 To receive apologies for absence – received from Cllr Jones (illness).

54/20 To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation – none received.

55/20 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

It was RESOLVED to approved the minutes of 19th November 2019, which were signed by the Chairman.

56/20 Open Session

Councillors noted the disruption caused by a 5-hour blockage of the gated lane to Avenbury, on Friday 17th January, by a large static home which was being delivered to a property nearby.

57/20 Finance

57/20.1 To note the bank balance for the current account and reserves account;

- a) Current account as of 4th December 2019 = £5,088.67
- b) Reserve account as of 3rd January 2020 = £4,152.06

Members noted the difficulty the Clerk has had with NatWest bank when trying to amend the Council's correspondence address for access to the monthly bank statements, with conflicting advice from the bank resulting in further delays. Cllrs Churchill and Smith (signatories) attempted to resolve the issues in person at the bank without success – the Council to consider switching to another bank.

57/20.2 To consider the spend against budget.

The spend against budget was noted by members.

57/20.3 To consider approval of the following invoices for payment;

- a) HALC affiliation, HALC and NALC annual subscriptions at £345.02.
- b) SLCC annual subscription for the Clerk at £48.00.
- c) Clerk's salary - January 2020.
- d) Clerk stationery and postage stamps at £9.32.

It was RESOLVED to approve the above invoices for payment.

57/20.4 To note payments made since the last meeting;

- a) Clerk's salary – November and December 2019.
- b) HMRC PAYE payment at £161.20.
- c) Autela – payroll and additional work with HMRC at £101.88.

The payments listed above were noted.

57/20.5 To consider the draft annual parish precept for 2020/21.

Members considered the draft budget in detail and it was RESOLVED to set the 2020/21 precept at £4,740.00.

58/20 Speed Indicator Device (SID) – to consider submitting a request to Balfour Beatty for a site visit to Munderfield to assess whether a SID could be installed along the B4214 and how effective it could be in speed reduction.

The Parish Council has previously approached BBLP about this and were advised at the time that there were few suitable, sizable, roadside verges on the approach roads to Munderfield where the fixings and camera could be installed. A discussion ensued and members noted the financial impact that the purchase or hire of a SID would have on the parish precept in 2021/22 and it was agreed that residents of Avenbury parish must be consulted at the Annual Meeting before this expenditure is agreed.

It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact BBLP for full costings of this project and report back.

59/20 Correspondence

It was noted that information received by the Clerk has been circulated to Councillors.

60/20 St Mary Church

No update was available.

61/20 To consider agenda items for the next meeting

- To consider if Avenbury requires a resilience plan
- To consider if there is sufficient support in the parish for a neighbourhood development plan.

62/20 To note the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 17th March 2020.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Chairman Cllr Gill Churchill

Signed: Date: