

AVENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 23rd MARCH 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs Gill Churchill (Chairman), Yvonne Berry, Alma Westwood and George Churchill

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Eva (Parish Clerk), Cllr Ellie Chowns, Herefordshire Council (HC) and
Lynda Wilcox (CEO HALC)

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- 55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE ...** apologies received from Cllr Ian Jones (work).
- 56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION ...** there were none.
- 57. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) ...** to consider actively progressing the NDP
The Chairman invited Lynda Wilcox to provide councillors with an overview of the NDP process. Lynda set out the role of the parish council and explained the benefits that an NDP could bring to the local community.
- This item was discussed.
RESOLVED ... that the parish council proceeds with the creation of an NDP.
- 57.1 To consider applying for an NDP grant OF £9K
This item was discussed.
RESOLVED ... that the parish council applies for an NDP grant.
- 57.2 To consider the appointment of an NDP Consultant
This item was discussed.
RESOLVED ... that the clerk prepares a number of options for consideration a future parish council meeting.
- 57.3 To consider holding a public open meeting to form an NDP steering group in May 2021
This item was discussed.
RESOLVED ... to hold a meeting at the Public Hall in Bromyard. This will take place in May during the annual parish meeting.

LW left the meeting at 7:31pm

58. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED ... to approve the minutes of 19th January 2021.

59. OPEN SESSION (10 minutes):

- 59.1** Cllr Chowns gave a verbal ward report which included the following information;
- Monthly HC Leader's newsletter is circulated to all parish council clerks ... this provides an update on HC's activities.
 - Budget 2021/22 ... significant savings are required to meet the needs of increased social care costs for both children and adults. HC has implemented extra support for struggling families ... 100% Council Tax relief.
 - Economic development ... HC is working on Hereford's Town Investment Plan for Hereford, plus Market Town economic development plan.
 - Fastershire ... the role out is now at stage 5 and is
 - A Skills Board has been established to address skills levels in Herefordshire.

- Tourism Promotion Project ... progressing well and a new *Visit Herefordshire* website has been launched.
- Local speeding issues ... Cllr Chowns has raised these concerns in preparation for HC's Traffic Regulation Order programme of works. To be considered later in the agenda.

The Chairman enquired whether HC has any training or support schemes in place to help older residents who may encounter problems when using computers. Doctor's surgeries and banks are increasingly moving towards online transactions and some residents might struggle.

Cllr Chowns confirmed that HC has started a *Digital Inclusion Project*, however, this is largely aimed towards families. Cllr Chowns agreed to raise this issue with colleagues and advised that the Talk Community Programme might be able to assist with this.

Cllr Chowns left the meeting at 7:50pm.

60. FINANCE

60.1 To approve invoices for payment.

60.1.1 Autela ... payroll services ... £61.45

60.1.2 Clerk ... February salary

RESOLVED ... to approve the above invoices for payment.

61. PLANNING ... to consider applications for determination by Herefordshire Council (HC)

61.1 P190111/O ... Land at Flaggoners Green South of the A44, West of Panniers Lane, East of Chanctonbury and North of Pencombe Lane, Bromyard ... Outline planning application for the erection of up to 120 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from the A44. All matters reserved except for means of access.

This item was discussed.

RESOLVED ... to again OBJECT to this application for the following reasons; safety concerns regarding vehicular and pedestrian access, River Lugg phosphates and nitrates levels, no reference to Affordable Housing and the removal of historical hedgerow / habitat.

It was agreed that the Chairman will represent the PC views when this application is considered by HC Planning Committee.

61.2 P204423/F ... Plot 1 Land At Avenholme Gorsty Lane, Munderfield, HR7 4JX ... Material changes to extant consent 191289 from 3 bed house to 2 bed houses.

This item was discussed.

RESOLVED ... to SUPPORT this application.

62. HIGHWAYS / GREEN SPACES

62.1 Footpath / highways; to consider any issues that need to be reported to BBLP/HC

- Stoke Lane footpath – the condition of a stile will be reported to HC.

62.2 Verge mowing ... to consider a response to HC re timing of grass verge cuts
Members noted this information.

62.3 To consider submitting a Traffic Regulation Order request to HC for speed reduction

This item was discussed.

RESOLVED ... to apply for a TRO to reduce the speed limit through Munderfield.

63. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED ... TO RESOLVE that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

64. ST MARYS CHURCH

Item not discussed.

65. STAFF MATTERS

65.1 To receive a verbal report from the Chairman following the clerk's Confirmation in Post appraisal and to consider any necessary action.

Matter deferred as information not available at time of meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed: Date:
Chairman Cllr Gill Churchill