

## **AVENBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J. Eva (Parish Clerk) and Ward Cllr Ellie Chowns

**PUBLIC:** Melanie McCluskey

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**36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** ... apologies received from Cllrs Yvonne Berry and Ian Smith.

**37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** ... no interests were declared.

**38. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**RESOLVED:** the minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

**39. OPEN SESSION** (10 minutes):

**39.1** Cllr Chowns gave a verbal ward report which included the following information;

- Cllr Chowns will email the clerk a copy of HC's monthly Leaders newsletter for circulation.
- HC's Talk Community – provides support and updates to community groups.
- Covid-19 levels are increasing in Herefordshire, so everyone is encouraged to adhere to social distancing guidelines to reduce infection rates; **HANDS – FACE – SPACE**
- Covid-19 HC business grants have started today. There are two levels of support available to businesses affected by the second lockdown. For information contact HC.
- Stronger Towns Process – Cllr Chowns is HC's representative on this independent board that is consulting on projects to be included in a bid to central government for funding to regenerate Hereford. Visit <https://strongerhereford.co.uk/> to find out more.
- HC budget 2021/22 – public consultation will run from mid-December to mid-January.
- Herefordshire's waste contract ends in 2023 and the consultation period for a new contract is due to begin shortly.

Cllr Churchill enquired why the Bromyard Recycling Centre at Linton closes at 4pm.  
Cllr Chowns will ask the cabinet member directly about this and report back.

*The running order of the agenda was altered slightly to accommodate the member of the public who was in attendance and Cllr Chowns who was required at another meeting.*

**39.2** Speeding vehicles through Munderfield

Following contact from resident, Melanie McCluskey, both the clerk and Cllr Chowns contacted Ian Connolly, WM Police Traffic Management Advisor, regarding speeding in Munderfield and to request a speed data collection. Members noted that the data collection has been delayed due to the second covid-19 lockdown. Cllr Chowns will contact Ian again for a date for the speed data collection.

Cllr Chowns asked the PC to consider installing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to deter speeding drivers.

Cllr Churchill reminded all those present that in previous years the PC has looked into whether a SID could be installed along the B4214. In the 2020/21 budget the PC set aside £1k towards this and in February 2020, a re-inspection for Munderfield took place to try and identify a suitable installation point. Unfortunately, due to the narrowness of the highway BBLP could not recommend a safe and suitable location for a SID that would be

clear of vehicle strike. Members noted that it might be possible to locate a SID in a front garden off the highway, in a residential garden.

Melanie confirmed her fears as a resident, parent and pet owner at the speed at which some drivers navigate through Munderfield. Melanie intends to petition residents regarding a speed limit reduction.

**RESOLVED:** for the PC to ask residents along the B4214 whether anyone would be happy to have a SID installed in their front garden – the clerk will prepare leaflets and Melanie has kindly offered to deliver them.

*Cllr Chowns and Melanie McCluskey left the meeting.*

**39.3** Members of the public are invited to raise matters relevant to the parish (*please note that decisions cannot be made on items not on the agenda*). There were no other issues raised.

#### **40. PLANNING**

**40.1** Neighbourhood Development – to consider next steps.

**RESOLVED:** to defer this item to the new year when all councillors will be in attendance.

**40.2** Brockhampton Group NDP – to consider commenting on the draft plan.

**RESOLVED:** to note the draft plan.

#### **41. FINANCE**

**41.1** To consider and agree the finance report.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the financial report.

**41.2** To note payments made since the last meeting;

41.2.1 Autela ... Payroll Services ... £51.25.

41.2.2 Clerk ... October Salary & office expenses.

**RESOLVED:** the above payments were noted.

**41.3** To consider and approve the draft budget and precept for 2020/21.

The draft budget and precept for 2021/22 was considered and amended to include the installation and hire of SID for the parish.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the budget for 2021/22 and a precept at £5,450.

#### **42. HIGHWAYS / GREEN SPACES**

**42.1** To consider any highways issues that need reporting – no issues raised.

**42.2** To appoint a Footpaths Officer from within the community – to defer this item to the next meeting as no interest was received. Posters advertising the voluntary position will be added to the PC's noticeboard and website.

#### **43. ST MARYS CHURCH**

No update was available at the time of the meeting.

#### **44. MEETING DATES**

**44.1** Meeting dates 2021 - Tuesday evening's from 7pm.

**RESOLVED:** the following dates were confirmed: January 19th, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 18th, July 20th, September 21<sup>st</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Chairman Cllr Gill Churchill