**SHILLINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**

**7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2020 BY REMOTE CONFERENCING (ZOOM)**

**MEETING HELD UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors M Webberley (Chairman), L Gasson (Vice-Chairman), R McNamara, K Ridout, R White, County Councilor P Batstone, Footpaths Officer G Rains, Clerk D Green; in addition, there were 3 members of the public in attendance.

**NB the meeting was of limited duration due to difficulties involving the Zoom system (noise distortion issue and some contributors could not be heard)**

**575. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Received from Cllrs Aaron and Kennard

**576. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**577. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2020 were approved.

**578. MATTERS ARISING:**

The Chairman hoped that everyone had seen the test version of the new website and commented that it was good despite there being a few minor issues. Cllr Gasson said it was an improvement especially with the footpath maps now included. The Clerk advised that he would speak to the developers and ensure that the outstanding issues were rectified before the live launch.

**579. PUBLIC SESSION TO RAISE ISSUES**

Clive Luther expressed his concerns regarding the proposed siting of the Lavender Farm near his home which would adversely affect his property value and enjoyment. Cllr Batstone advised that the matter was still under discussion and that the Lavender Farm would not now be in Broad Close Field adjacent to his property. Cllr Batstone will discuss the issue with Cllr Gasson and would provide more details in due course.

**580. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Batstone advised that reports from the Chief Executive Matt Prosser had been circulated. Cllr Batstone had been dealing with Sturminster Newton issues recently and Dorset Council has been focusing on the Covid-19 economic situation and related matters including the provision of laptops for children. A socially distanced ceremony to raise the Armed Forces flag had taken place and there were plans for a VJ Day ceremony. The funding shortfall arising from Covid-19 was being discussed with central government, being some £60 million at present.

**581. FOOTPATHS**

Graham Rains advised that there were few issues to report: the maintenance schedule is somewhat behind but the usual locations such as the Quarry path are on the Rangers work list. Graham had been asked by Sue Dancy of the Dorset AONB if they could use some of his pictures and circular walks in an article for Dorset Life.

**582. PLANNING**

**I) New applications received before the meeting:**

a) 2/2020/0678/VARIA Netherfield, Blandford Road, Shillingstone DT11 0SF, this relates to a variation of planning application 2/2017/1333/HOUSE to change the location of the proposed garage.

There were no objections to this proposal.

b) 2/2020/0826/HOUSE - Holly Gate, Church Road, Shillingstone DT11 0SL. This relates to an application to install a car port.

There were no objections to this proposal.

**583. FINANCES**

**i) a) Retrospective payments approved:**

The list of payments had been circulated to councillors in advance. There were no objections to these.

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| DEBIT | 05/06/2020 | £ 54.24 | Fireline Ltd | Fire Ext service |
| BACS | 15/06/2020 | £ 350.00 | SLCC Enterprises | CiLCA Qualification Fee |
| BACS | 15/06/2020 | £ 275.00 | Somerset Ass of Local Councils | CiLCA Course Fee |
| BACS | 18/06/2020 | £ 378.21 | Dorset Association of Parish | Subscriptions |
| BACS | 23/06/2020 | £ 38.98 | SSE | Pavilion electricity |
| BACS | 30/06/2020 | £ 588.68 | David Green | Pay |

**b) Payments approved:**

Clerks expenses £ 21.56

**584. PLAY AREAS, RECREATION GROUND AND PROPERTY CHECK**

The Chairman noted that there had been further vandalism at the Pavilion involving damage to the gutters. A quote has now been received for the anti-vandal downpipes; these are though expensive but are unfortunately necessary.

The Chairman confirmed that the pavilion is officially closed pending further government advice, and should not be used until necessary cleaning protocols were in place. Clive Nelson confirmed that he would advise the Cricket Club accordingly.

The Chairman noted that the gate to the recreation ground had been found open and understood that this may have been connected with someone using the tennis court. The Chairman asked Sharon Pryor if tennis club members and coaches could be reminded to close and lock the gate after use.

**585. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Paul Wilson concerning the impact of verge cutting of local flora, notable orchids. This had been referred to Graham Stanley of Dorset Rangers who had explained the verge cutting policy and had agreed to install blue posts at the location on Lanchards Lane where the issue had been noted.

The Clerk had received an email from Sturminster Newton Town Council querying their own lengthsman charges for last two years. The Clerk had replied providing details of the agreed contract and no further response has been received.

**586. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

No specific items.

**587. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was confirmed as being on Thursday 6th August 2020 at 7:30 pm, venue to be decided.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.