

MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 22 MARCH 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Evans. Councillors: Atkinson, Aubry, Broadhurst, Child, Cox, Dolbear, Duguid, Holden-Brown, Hughes, Johnson, Kyrle, Newcombe and Pragnell.

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk).

Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

941 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllrs Bicknell, Bourne and Irish.

942 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Atkinson declared that she was a Trustee of the Velmore Centre.

943 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

With the lockdown there had been an increase in the police presence.

944 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave her report, which due to the impacts of Covid-19 situation is reported in full: -

"We are looking forward to reopening the tennis courts next week and the Sports Hall in April but only for badminton.

In the meantime our staff have been taking on line courses.

Duncan has completed the first unit of his legal course and achieved a merit. He, Geoff and Tori are now qualified as Duty Holders and Responsible Persons for Legionella Management and he and Tori have completed a course on Covid 19 in the Work Place.

Hilary finished Module 3 of her AAT course early with a score of 96% and has now begun the Sage module. She also attended a HALC course on Preparation for Year ending Finance.

All the office and Sports Hall staff have done online courses on Lone Working and Manual Handling from the organisation Health and Social Enterprise Training.

Our grounds staff have been keeping our recreation grounds and play areas in excellent condition and are now working on our wild flower meadows to ensure we have another spectacular display this year.

The Allotment sub-committee met and we will be appointing two Allotment Reps. for Ramalley.

Unfortunately, two of our Sports Hall staff have left to further their careers. Until we reopen the current staff will cover and we are advertising for replacements.

It appears that the Government will extend the time whereby Councils can meet on line. Until all members have been vaccinated it does not seem safe for us to resume our normal meetings.

I wish you all a happy Easter, though perhaps not the one we were all hoping for."

945 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 January 2021,
- b) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management committee of 1 March 2021 and accept the minutes of that committee of 8 February 2021,
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance committee's meeting of 15 February 2021, to accept the financial reports made to that committee.

Following proposal and seconding on each item in turn, the individual minutes were AGREED by a show of hands and the financial report noted.

- 946. TO ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020 AS PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

- 947. TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT AS PREPARED BY INTERNAL AUDIT AND THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER.**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

- 948. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER TO AGREE TO THE PROVISION OF A GRANT OF £680 TO THE VELMORE CENTRE TO HELP THEM KICK-START AFTER LOCKDOWN IS LIFTED TO ALLOW OUTDOOR PROVISION OF REFRESHMENTS.**

The Clerk gave a brief introduction to the item. Members discussed the needs of the Velmore Centre. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

- 949. MEMBER'S QUESTIONS**

(none submitted for the Agenda).

- 950. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM 24 MAY 2021 VIRTUALLY** (might be reviewed if coronavirus regulations allowing virtual meetings are not extended).

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Chairman.....