

MEETING OF EPPC's VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Barton, D. Fairless, M. Ferguson, T. Fryer, D. Seal, S. North, S. Watson, E. Wilkinson & M Williams

OFFICER PRESENT: K Bell

ABSENTEE: J. Bates

NOTICE OF MEETING: Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 which came into force on 4 April and enabled the Parish Council to hold remote meetings for a specified period until May next year.

M. Barton opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

035/2021 **Declarations of Interests and/or lobbying:** There were none

036/2021 **Co-option:** It was reported that both vacancies could be filled by co-option and that Steph Watson had applied to return to the council by co-option. It was proposed by M. Ferguson, seconded by M. Barton and:
RESOLVED: That Steph Watson be co-opted.

037/2021 **Allotment Land:** The landowner's legal team had advised that the landowner wished to obtain up to date advice from a surveyor and his own land valuation and had asked if the Parish Council would deposit with them a sum sufficient to cover the fees. Following a discussion, it was:
RESOLVED: That the Parish Councils fair and reasonable offer of £30,000 for the land plus up to an additional 10% on completion would not be varied.
It was further:
RESOLVED: That in the event that the landowner was unwilling to sell the land or there were further delays; the Parish Council would progress Compulsory Purchase Proceedings with TMBC.

038/2021 **East Peckham Primary School Footpath – Reimbursement to EPPC:** KCC Estates had confirmed that whilst the land was KCC owned; they had requested EPPC to seek a reimbursement for the repairs directly from the Primary School. Following a discussion, it was:
RESOLVED: That EPPC would not pursue recovery of the debt from the Primary School but would instead pursue KCC for the amount outstanding. It was acknowledged that EPPC might have to write off the amount if KCC was unwilling to pay.

039/2021 **2021 Awards:** Following a discussion, it was
KALC Award: Proposed by T. Fryer, seconded by E. Wilkinson and
RESOLVED: That the 2021 Awards would be presented to Steve New, East Peckham Butchers and Stores

Signed Chairman

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EPPC Community Engagement Award: Proposed by M. Barton, seconded by M. Ferguson and:

RESOLVED: That the 2021 Award would be presented to Emma Barnes for her School and Community Lunches

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Matters for Future Discussion

Jubilee Hall

M. Barton sought Council approval for Total Building Care to be the councils approved contractor for minor building works and to continue to provide a building inspection for the JH. The ongoing maintenance of the building and its regular inspections would be subject to further discussion.

D. Seal informed members that as a trustee of the Almshouses, he was in the process of arranging for a survey to be undertaken on the Almshouses and could make similar arrangements in respect of the JH. This was agreed .

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Matters for Consideration in Private

Staffing Review

M. Barton began by asking members for a vote of confidence in the Clerk. The result was 7:2 in favour. M. Barton thanked members for this vote of confidence. Following a debate, which included the controversial comment by E. Wilkinson that it was "immoral for the Clerk to be paid for 30 hours per week when she could do it in 20", it was:

RESOLVED: That the Clerks contract and contracted hours of work would remain unchanged pending a review which would take place when the JH was able to reopen following the relaxation of the Covid restrictions

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