



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the virtual Zoom meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr King (Chairman) and Cllrs Hayday, Bishop, Herrett, Sutherland, Randall, Palmer (apologies – late), Francis (late) and Flynn (co-opted)

In attendance: Mrs Maria Pennington, Parish Clerk. Unitary Cllr Richard Britton.
There was one member of the public present.

Public questions

The member of the public thanked the Parish Council for having the 'Making Space for Nature' item on the agenda. The proposal had been circulated prior to the meeting and the member of the public hopes people will find it very interesting to raise the biodiversity and wildlife in the village.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.33pm.

Apologies

327/20 Apologies received from Cllrs Bell and McFarland due to prior commitments. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to note the absences for the reasons given.

Declaration of Interests

328/20 Cllrs King, Sutherland, Bishop, Herrett, Randall, Hayday, Palmer (after joining late), Francis (after joining late), Flynn (after co-option) declared a personal and pecuniary interest in agenda item 11. To set Parish Precept for 2021/2022 as they pay Council Tax.

Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

329/20 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to discuss item 21. To report on progress of acquisition of land for cemetery (potential purchase of assets) following the exclusion of the press and public.

To receive written applications for the office of parish councillor and co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy

330/20 The Clerk advised the member of the public expressing an interest had not yet joined the meeting. It was agreed that should the member of the public join later, this item will be revisited.

Acceptance of minutes of virtual meeting held 17th November 2020

331/20 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 17th November 2020 and they will be signed by the Chairman when safe and practicable.

Cllr Francis and a member of the public, Mrs Trazie Flynn, joined the meeting.

To receive written applications for the office of parish councillor and co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy

332/20, 330/20 The Chairman returned to this item and one name was proposed, Mrs Trazie Flynn. Mrs Flynn introduced herself to the Parish Council. Cllr King proposed Mrs Flynn to be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. Cllr Hayday seconded. All in favour. The Declaration of Office will be signed by Mrs Flynn and the Clerk when safe and practicable.

Acceptance of minutes of virtual Finance Committee meeting held 25th November 2020

333/20 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the virtual Finance Committee meeting held on 25th November 2020 and they will be signed by the Chairman when safe and practicable.

Planning and enforcement update

334/20, 302/20, 253/20 The Chairman advised that Wiltshire Council are still to decide if the legal agreement between BKG and the local former planning authority is enforceable. Unitary Councillor Britton has been asked to take this issue further. The Parish Council is logging any concerns submitted by residents as requested by the New Forest National Park enforcement department.

335/20, 301/20 With regards to the dwelling being built in the garden of Forest View, the Chairman advised that the fencing, required before development commences as per a planning condition, has still not taken place. The Parish Council continues to chase Wiltshire Council enforcement plus the Wiltshire Council senior ecologist. The Chairman reported that all new dwellings built in Whiteparish within the River Test catchment area will need to comply with the nitrate offset regulations and that Wiltshire Council is investigating legal agreements to replace conditions on planning consent regarding this.

336/20 The Chairman reported that it now appears one of the new dwellings at land near Forest View is not appearing to be built as to planning consent. Wiltshire Council enforcement have been asked to investigate. The Chairman also reported that the Parish Council raised concerns with Wiltshire Council planning department regarding permitted development rights and when they become applicable on a dwelling after the Local Planning Authority have granted planning consent. It appears this matter is not defined and the Parish Council has now raised the particular issue with Wiltshire Council enforcement planning department.

To update on breach of common land legislation at The Pound, Common Road

337/20, 308/20, 207/20 The Chairman advised that the landowner has been asked for written confirmation regarding their intention for deregistration, however, the Parish Council has received no response.

To consider a request for “Making Space for Nature”

338/20 Further to a discussion Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the proposal for “Making Space for Nature”.

Cllr Palmer joined the meeting.

To set budget for 2021/2022

339/20 Further to the Finance Committee meeting on 25th November the Clerk had circulated the budget and following an update from Cllr King and a subsequent discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Flynn, to accept the proposed budget for 2021/2022.

To set Parish Precept for 2021/2022

340/20 Further to the Finance Committee meeting on 25th November the Clerk advised that the precept is set at £50,277.78 with the intention that there is no change for the Band D rate, therefore, ensuring the Parish Council complies with its' Financial Reserves Policy. Following a subsequent discussion Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the precept to be set with the intention that there is no change for the Band D rate at £70.50, making the precept £50,277.78, therefore ensuring the Parish Council complies with its' Financial Reserves Policy.

To approve accounts for payment and to record the bank balances

341/20 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Flynn, to authorise payments totalling £53,237.56.

Community Account Balance 15.12.20 - £16,058.86

Business Reserve 15.12.20 - £62,286.49.

To consider the final payment of skatepark

342/20, 185/19, 143/19, 114/19, 94/19 The Clerk advised that an overall retention of 5% was originally agreed with Gravity further to slight errors with the skatepark. As Gravity have not responded to communications and have not returned to work on the skatepark the Clerk, after discussion with the internal auditor, would like to release the 5% retention into the general fund and if any future developments arise the Parish Council could make considerations from general reserves. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to release the retention into the general fund.

To review and approve the Reserves Policy

343/20 Subject to a minor amendment, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Flynn, to recommend approval of the Reserves Policy.

To review and approve the Risk Assessment

344/20 Subject to a minor amendment, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Flynn, to recommend approval to the Risk Assessment.

To review and approve the Grant Awarding Policy

345/20 Subject to an amendment, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Flynn, to recommend approval of the Grant Awarding Policy.

To note the skatepark annual inspection report

346/20 The Clerk advised the report had been circulated and there are no issues arising from the inspection. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one abstention from Cllr Flynn, to note the skatepark annual inspection report.

To consider the work on the boundary on the northern side of the recreation ground

347/20 The Chairman reported that the work on the boundary on the northern side of the recreation ground has now finished.

Rights of Way and Common Land update

348/20 Cllr Herrett reported that it has come to his attention that ROW 30 has an application for it to be open to all vehicles. The Chairman advised this application was raised in 2005 and the Clerk advised, that further to speaking with a Wiltshire Council Senior Definitive Map Officer, this application is still in a queue to be reviewed by Wiltshire Council.

349/20 A councillor reported blockages along ROW 2 as it nears the A36. The Clerk will report to Wiltshire Council.

Highways update

350/20 The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council has notified that Common Road, Whiteparish will be closed from 18th January and it is anticipated that the closure will be required for 2 days.

351/20 The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council has notified that Newton Lane, Whiteparish will be closed on 5th February 2021 to enable BT to carry out carry out equipment testing and associated works.

352/20 The Clerk advised she has asked Highways for a change of date for the next visit of the Parish Steward as it clashes with the closure of Common Road.

To review the Clerks Job Description

352/20 The Clerk reported that further to the Staffing Committee meeting there is an addition to the Clerks Job Description. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to include the addition to the Clerks Job Description.

353/20 Reports from representatives:

School: No report

Memorial Trust: Cllr Hayday gave a report on the Memorial Trust.

New Forest National Park: Cllr Palmer had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

Youth: Cllr Sutherland advised there is no update.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer advised there have been no new applications.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group: Cllr Bishop advised there has not been a meeting. The Clerk read out a statement from the local Police.

Area Board: Unitary Cllr Britton advised the next Area Board meeting is 28th January 2021 with a CATG meeting on 17th February 2021.

Correspondence/communications update

354/20 The Clerk circulated the update prior to the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05pm.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom (provisional)