

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2020 at 7pm

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

PRESENT: Cllr Pat Woodfield (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Gough, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Daniel Raynor, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC, part), Averil Marczak (Clerk)

4030. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk announced that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Patrick Smith.

4031. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional interests were declared.

4032. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June were approved.

4033. SAM MIDDUP FIELD PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH

Cllr Raynor presented the recommendations agreed at the meeting of the working party. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the recommendations and to communicate the details to the neighbouring residents. It was agreed to place an order for a footbridge, within the approved budget, subject to receipt of 3 quotes. It was agreed that Cllr Charles-Jones would circulate the 3 quotes for the footbridge to all members via email.

4034. VILLAGE HALL DRAINAGE

3 quotes for the required works were considered. It was agreed to ask Blitz Drainage to undertake all of the work forthwith.

4035. PLANNING

There was no objection to: PC1098/GBC2020/0509 for a single storey rear extension and new pitched roof over existing garage at 8 Sunningdale Drive and PC1099/GBC2020/0540 to form hipped tiled roof over existing garage flat roof at 10 Pinfold Close.

PC1100/GBC2020/0528 to demolish existing industrial unit and erection of bungalow, Workshop Old Manor Farm was considered. It was agreed to observe: that the western boundary on the site plan appeared to be incorrect; no elevations were shown for the existing unit to be demolished, however, the existing roofline appeared substantially lower than that proposed for the bungalow; consideration must be given as to whether the proposed replacement building will impact on the openness of the green belt.

The Clerk had responded under delegated powers to PC1097/GBC2020/0513PN to change 2 existing agricultural buildings to dwelling houses at Old Manor Farm. No objection had been made, but the following comments made: any existing Permitted Development Rights should be removed; the roof for unit A may not meet standards for the enclosed three dwellings; to ensure any protected birds are not at risk a wildlife survey should be completed.

4036. USE OF GOVERNORS FIELD FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS' EVENT

A tentative enquiry to use the Governors' Field for a leavers' event, coordinated by parents, had been received. It was agreed that the Governors' Field could not be made available at this time, but to make the Village Hall or Pavilion toilets available for an outdoor event, if this was helpful.

4037. CORONAVIRUS: EASING OF RESTRICTIONS FROM 4TH JULY

A Government announcement made on 23rd June had given the go-ahead for community centres and outdoor play areas to reopen from 4th July, providing they could be made "Covid secure". Further detailed guidance, much of it challenging or even impractical for parishes, had been published by the Government on 26th June for playgrounds and 30th June for community centres and this was currently being evaluated by NALC.

The Clerk reported that demand for the Village Hall, other than from the Preschool, was likely to be very low or non-existent prior to September. There was a lengthy debate regarding the reopening of the Governors' Field and it was agreed that the PC should work towards reopening by the end of July if possible. Some routine maintenance and cleaning was needed, and Cllr Starke agreed to complete a risk assessment taking into consideration the new Government guidance regarding social distancing, cleaning measures, signage etc. It was also agreed to monitor the opening, operation and use of other playgrounds in neighbouring villages.

4038. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as July 21st 2020.

The meeting finished at 9pm.