



SEIGHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr David Price (Chair & Acting Clerk)
Cllr Carole Allen
Cllr Neil Brown
Cllr John Busby
Cllr Mark Hodgkins
Cllr Mark Turnbull

Cllr Mark Winnington County/Borough Councillor (from about 8.30pm to 9.00pm)

In attendance: 2 members of the public

21/01/01: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES: RECORD ABSENCES

Apologies were received from Councillors Jeremy Pert and Ray Sutherland.

21/01/02: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- a) Cllr Busby declared an interest in Item 5 of the agenda.
- b) No written requests for dispensations had been received.

21/01/03: THE LATE MRS TERESA MERCHANT- MURPHY

A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs Merchant- Murphy, former Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Council.

21/01/04: DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2021/22

The Acting Clerk had circulated a draft version of the budget prior to the meeting. It was resolved to set the precept at £19693.27 including the government grant of £796.63.

21/01/05: DERRINGTON WARD VACANCIES

Applications for co-option onto the Council to fill the two vacancies in Derrington Ward were received from Mr Mark Hayward and Mr Richard Wilkes and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt both applicants onto the Council, subject to signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. The Acting Clerk to arrange to meet the applicants to complete the forms.

21/01/06: PLANNING APPLICATION 20/32222/FUL

To consider additional information provided by the applicant and amendments to the application in respect of the erection of polyhouses and ground source heat recovery for the production of soft fruit on a permanent basis on land west of Stallbrook Hall, Crossing Land, Derrington.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to the amended proposals, subject to the residents at the Stallbrook properties being consulted prior to the removal of the high Leylandii hedge to the west boundary of Stallbrook Hall to ensure that the replacement mixed hardwood tree belt will have sufficiently matured to provide an adequate screen along that side of the site.

21/01/07: STAFFING MATTERS

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs Nikola Evans as Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Council for 30 hours per month at SCP10 rising each year incrementally to SCP13.

21/01/08: MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business to discuss the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.