

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30PM.

- PRESENT:** Cllrs. T Lewin (Chairman), Josephson, Miller, Withers and Wogan
- APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Davies, R Lewin and Williams
- NOT PRESENT:** Cllr. Moore
- IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk and Asst Clerk. Sara Smart (Community Development Officer).

116/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

117/20 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Davies (ill health), Cllr R Lewin (personal reasons) and Cllr. Williams (work)

118/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

119/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th February 2020 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. T. Lewin, seconded by Cllr. Wogan, and AGREED. The Chairman undertook to sign them at the next available opportunity.

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the meeting held on 25th February 2020.

120/20 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

121/20 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he had been approached by the Earth Protector Movement and 'Plastic Free Town' to solicit the Councils support and potential adoption of the idea. The Clerk advised that these ideas should be submitted to Full Council. Cllr. T Lewin had some backing material that he would send to Committee members.

122/20 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

- 1. Review of working of the VENUe :** The planned review of the VENUe has not yet taken place, mainly due to waiting for the installation of the final elements of the project; an internet connection, the games area goal assembly and the surrounding lighting. The review would be done when the VENUe re-opens after lockdown. Cllr. Wogan expressed her concern regarding the fencing of the MUGA being on only two sides and said that she felt this could be dangerous, especially once the skatepark extension is built.
NOTED
- 2. Waste Recycling Centre progress report –** Council had voted to go to consultation regarding borrowing. The draft consultation had been amended & approved by AiRS and was now ready. Cllr. Wogan asked if the document would be going to Full Council for approval. The Clerk advised that it was AiRS as independent overseers of the consultation which had to approve the document. Full Council would be involved in any decisions following the consultation outcome.
NOTED

3. **Wealden Grants.** The District Council had announced an emergency fund of £500 per application to help with service costs specifically associated with the coronavirus crisis and said they would accept applications from local councils on this occasion. We were awarded the full £500, to split between Gages and the telephone helpline. NOTED

123/20 FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report had been circulated in advance and was NOTED.

124/20 FOREST ROW MARKET

A report from Sue Young had been previously circulated and was NOTED

125/20 CAR HIRE CLUB

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he would explain the current situation in more detail, later in the meeting.

126/20 EV CHARGING UNIT

A report from Sue Young had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

127/20 VOLUNTARY MEDICAL CAR SERVICE

This service had been suspended during the Covid 19 crisis. NOTED

128/20 HEARING AID SERVICE

Some batteries had been sent out in the post. NOTED

129/20 COMMUNITY HELPLINE

A report from Sue Young had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr. T Lewin thanked all those people involved.

130/20 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

A report from Sandra Ayles had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr. T Lewin thanked all those involved.

131/20 FROW FRIENDS IN THE AFTERNOON/ THURSDAY CLUB

A report from Sandra Ayles had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

132/20 REPAIR CAFÉ

A report from Sara Smart had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Sara Smart advised that she was hoping that the Repair Café would start up again in September but would contact all volunteers to make sure they would be happy to attend. Measures would be taken to enable social distancing.

133/20 FOREST ROW BUSINESS GROUP

A report from Sara Smart had been previously circulated and was NOTED. The group had now disbanded due to lack of support. The twice-yearly 'treasure trails' would continue. Cllr. Wogan asked if there was any cost to the Parish Council and assured that they had been self-funding in the past.

134/20 YOUTH SERVICE

A report from Mel Mesher had been previously circulated and was NOTED. The Youth Service would open as soon as Government guidelines allowed it.

135/20 MENS SHED

This was included in Sara Smart's report and NOTED.

Hopefully, this initiative could progress very soon. Cllr. Wogan asked Sara Smart for a forward plan of the proposed service.

136/20 COLLABORATIVE WORKING & FUTURE PLANS

This was included in Sara Smart's report and NOTED.

Cllr. T Lewin thanked Sara for her hard work. He also advised that the Community Fridge was working very well and had been invaluable to some families during the Covid-19 crisis.

137/20 THE FUTURE OF THE CAR CLUB

Cllr. T Lewin advised that one car was on long term loan to a nurse and one was not being used. He advised that the sad decision had been taken to suspend all activities and both cars would be returned before the insurance was due for renewal at the end of July. He advised that the Club had been running for 8 years and over 160,000 miles had been driven. It had been very successful overall. Members were being told this week.

138/20 A 'POST-COVID EVENT'

There was discussion about an event possibly in September on the Green. Possibly a celebration of local food, a wall of thanks and names of people who have died during this time as funeral gatherings have not been allowed. Cllr. T Lewin mentioned a local visioning group and Cllr. Josephson suggested that a presentation should be made at a future meeting to explain what it is about.

Cllr. Withers suggested a survey be taken on the covis-19 crisis and lockdown – how it has been for people.

139/20 CORRESPONDENCE

None

140/20 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Josephson said that there were families in need in the Parish who will still need help once restrictions are lifted – these people should be thought about. Cllr. T Lewin advised that we are aware of many more households due to the Community Fridge.

Sara Smart advised that a lot of families will continue to be affected by poverty and the situation would be looked into.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman