MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15th DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllrs. Josephson (Chairman), Davies, Hill, R Lewin, T Lewin, McNally, Miller, Moore, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers, Waters, Williams & Wogan

APOLOGIES:

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Asst. Clerk

C115/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

C116/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received

C117/20 TO RESOLVE TO DEAL WITH THE MINUTES & TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8^{TH} DECEMBER 2020 AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above resolution. This was seconded by Cllr. Hill and AGREED.

C118/20 TO RESOLVE TO POSTPONE CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM THAT PREVIOUS MEETING AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Cllr. Josephson proposed the above resolution. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

C119/20 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None relevant to this business

C120/20 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that representatives from Sussex Police had attended the December market and were very pleased with the Covid safety layout of the market.

She asked Cllr. Wogan to clarify her comment at the last meeting that the 'Council was divided'. Cllr. Wogan explained that she felt the divisions in the council reflected the divisions in the village, and the Council needed to work together, Other Councillors commented that although they did not feel that the Council was divided, they felt it was a good idea to have a social event when possible, to get to know each other better.

C121/20 TO CONSIDER AND MAKE ANY REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

The Standing Committee draft budgets had been previously circulated. Councillors raised a few queries, and these were answered.

Cllr. Wogan proposed that the staff be awarded the appropriate pay rise for 2020-21. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED.

Cllr. Pritchitt asked the Clerk for 2 figures regarding the proposed precept – with and without the figure factored in for the PWLB loan. The Clerk agreed to provide these for the budget decision/precept setting meeting in January.

Cllr. Moore joined the meeting at 8.05pm.

C122/20 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE UPON THE OUTLINE OF A COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE FORMER HWRC IN THE EVENT OF A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE

The Clerk had provided a template for consideration, which had been previously circulated. There was much discussion regarding this, including the proposal for a flow chart and timeline.

Cllr. R Lewin left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that a working group be formed to add the necessary details to the business plan – with the Clerk as part of the group.

This was seconded by Cllr. Moore and AGREED with 11 for and 2 abstentions.

Cllr. Josephson proposed the following remit: To work with The Clerk to provide a timeline of stages and to populate the different points of the business plan. This was seconded by Cllr. Miller and AGREED with 12 for and 1 abstention.

Cllr. Pritchitt proposed that the Working Group consist of Cllr. T Lewin, Miller and Spackman along with the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED with 12 for and 1 abstention.

C123/20 NOTICES, CONSULTATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE AT THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING None

C124/20 TO NOTE ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY FULL COUNCIL OR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

None

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

SIGNED:

DATE.....(Chairman)