

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T Lewin (Chairman), Davies, Josephson, Miller, Waters, Williams and Wogan

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. R Lewin, Moore and Withers

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst Clerk. Sara Smart (Community Development Officer). Georgia Taylor & Shereen Khan. Cllr. Pritchitt as a member of the public.

262/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

263/20 APOLOGIES

Cllr R Lewin (personal reasons), Cllr. Moore (family) and Cllr. Withers (technical reasons)

264/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr. Josephson	276/20	Personal	Business Group Coordinator

265/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd June 2020 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. T. Lewin seconded by Cllr. Williams, and AGREED.

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the meeting held on 23rd June 2020.

266/20 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that there should be a comfort break of 5 minutes halfway through the meeting. There was no seconder for this proposal.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that item 9.5 on the agenda (Speed limit campaign on Hartfield Road) should be discussed at this point in the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Josephson and AGREED.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that Standing Orders be lifted to enable Georgia Taylor & Shereen Khan to speak. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

Georgia Taylor & Shereen Khan spoke about the '20s Plenty or Us' campaign group and their desire to make Hartfield Road a 20mph stretch of road. They explained that they may ask the Parish Council for financial assistance in purchasing stickers to go on wheelie bins. There was much discussion over this matter and Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the Council indicate their support for continuing to investigate the campaign.

Cllr. Josephson proposed that the matter be taken to Full Council for consideration. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED with 1 against.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

267/20 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

- Review of working of the VENUe – This can not be assessed as the pandemic has skewed the figures.

- Car Club final report – A final statement of account had been previously circulated. There was a remainder of running capital of approx. £ 1180. Any surplus would fall into general reserve. Cllr. Wogan thanked everyone that had been involved in the Car Club especially Richard Pike for producing the spreadsheets.

268/20 FOREST ROW MARKET

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

269/20 VOLUNTARY MEDICAL CAR SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

270/20 HEARING AID SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

271/20 EV CHARGING UNIT

A report had been previously circulated and was noted.

272/20 COMMUNITY HELPLINE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

273/20 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

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

274/20 FROW FRIENDS IN THE AFTERNOON/ THURSDAY CLUB

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

275/20 REPAIR CAFÉ

A report from Sara Smart had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

276/20 FOREST ROW BUSINESS GROUP

A report from Sara Smart had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr. Wogan asked for an explanation of the status of the group within the parish council structure

277/20 YOUTH SERVICE

A report from Mel Mesher had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

278/20 MENS SHED

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

279/20 COLLABORATIVE WORKING & FUTURE PLANS

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

280/20 DEMENTIA FRIEND SESSIONS

Sara Smart explained that she would like the Parish Council to become 'dementia friendly' and this would involve councillors and staff having a short training session. Cllr. Josephson proposed that this matter be taken to Full Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Miller and AGREED.

281/20 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

1. Earth Protectors – information had been previously circulated. Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the principles set out in the declaration should be adopted by Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Miller. Cllr. Josephson counter-proposed that the Environmental Policy be examined and see what amendments/additions needed to be made to bring it into line with the Earth Protectors' paper. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED with 1 abstention. The original proposal lapsed.
2. Carbon footprint audit – information had been previously circulated. Cllr. T Lewin proposed that we accept the quote and have a carbon audit done. This was seconded by Cllr. Miller.

Cllr. Josephson counter proposed that we try to improve where we can and obtain more quotes with a view to having a carbon footprint audit done in the future when the pandemic situation has stabilised. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams. This was AGREED.

3. Utility Usage – to consider utility usage by Council Services, and whether to recommend to Full Council the adoption of alternative power supplies. The Clerk advised that the council was locked into a contract with the current suppliers until 2023 and early termination penalties would be payable. Cllr. Josephson proposed that costs of both green utilities and penalties be investigated and take to Full Council for consideration. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.
4. Free meals for children – no proposal but it was agreed to monitor the situation.
5. Speed limit campaign – this matter had already been dealt with earlier in the meeting.
6. Legacy – Cllr. T Lewin proposed that this matter be recommended to Full Council for the consideration of the legacy being applied to the Men’s Shed project in part or in full. This was seconded by Cllr. Miller and AGREED with 1 abstention.

282/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS & BUDGET FOR 2021/22

The draft budget had been previously circulated. Cllr. Josephson proposed that the draft budget be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. T Lewin and AGREED.

283/20 CORRESPONDENCE

There had been a document circulated by East Sussex County Council with regard to promoting active travel in the County which Cllr. T Lewin felt was distorted as it made no mention of Forest Row (or anywhere north of Uckfield). He encouraged other Councillors to complain to ESCC.

284/20 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Miller suggested that the Parish Council had adopted a ‘Climate Crisis’ be put on the front page of the website.

Cllr. Josephson asked that as little else as possible be put on agendas when budgets were being considered. The Clerk pointed out that the draft budget was provided to all members for consideration in advance.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Date.....

Chairman