



Minutes of the Online Extraordinary Meeting of Bury Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th February 2021

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

In attendance: Councillors Davis (Chair), Labarte (Vice Chair), Champness, Whyles, Daykin, Rudd, Morrison and Marconi.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and four members of the public.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest, Notification of Changes to Members' Interests and consider any requests for a dispensation.

There were none.

3. Public Session (Members of the public may speak for up to five minutes at the discretion of the Chair)

Two members of the public spoke about their opposition to the Barlavington Whole Estate Plan and potential plans to extract silica sand from Horncroft and Coates sandpit.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th January 2021

Minutes from the meeting on 18th January were circulated in advance which Councillors **AGREED** were an accurate and true record.

5. Planning Applications

SDNP/20/05736/FUL: Bury Ce Aided Primary School West Burton Lane Bury RH20 1HB

Proposal: Replacement/new timber cladding at high level to main school hall with a maintenance free engineered horizontal cladding board.

After consideration, Councillors **AGREED** to support this application.

6. West Sussex Association of Local Councils (WSALC) AGM

The clerk advised that the postponed WSALC AGM was taking place on 25th February and the Council needed to vote on new motions. After consideration Councillors **AGREED** to support the following motions on the WSALC agenda:

1. The Parish Councils of West Sussex instruct the Directors of WSALC as a Special Resolution not to purchase governance services from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

2. The Parish Councils of West Sussex instruct the Directors of WSALC as a Special Resolution to work with the East Sussex Association of Local Councils to re-establish a Sussex Association and to receive joint governance arrangements through a single service.

3. The Parish Councils of West Sussex instruct the Directors of WSALC as a Special Resolution to appoint a new Chairman and Vice Chairman of WSALC.

Councillors then **AGREED** to abstain on all other agenda items.

7. Tree Planting

The clerk informed the Council about his conversation with Chichester District Council's tree officer regarding their new planting scheme. He advised that there was no funding available from Chichester but they can assist with finding potential sources and identifying the best places to plant. Although Councillors were supportive in principle, they were unsure where new trees could be planted on Council land since recent planting had already taken place. Therefore, it was **AGREED** to invite the CDC officer to visit Bury, contact SDNPA to discuss other potential sites and schemes and advise residents that they could also plant trees on private land.

8. Insurance

The clerk presented the revised policy schedule for 2021-2022 and advised it was still under long term agreement and that there were no major changes. After a short discussion, Councillors **RESOLVED** to spend £2,592.72 on renewing the policy for 2021-2022 but defer payment until April.

9. Barlavington Whole Estate Plan

Councillors discussed the Barlavington Whole Estate Plan and were very concerned about the potential extraction of nearly 2 million tonnes of silica sand from Horncroft and Coates Sandpit. It was **AGREED** to respond to the consultation, and write to SDNPA, raising concerns about the destruction of rare heathland habitat, the introduction of large-scale open cast mining to the national park setting and the hostile impact from the level of HGV traffic required to transport the extracted sand. Furthermore, the extraction operations would destroy the tranquillity of the district and blight not just the immediate surroundings but an area for many miles in all directions as well as undermine the special qualities of the South Downs National Park. Councillors also **AGREED** to join a consortium of other parish councils to discuss the plans and how they could work together.