

MINUTES OF PLANNING AND FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21st JULY 2020 AT 7PM VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING.

PRESENT:

Cllr S Mortlock (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr L Macrae
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Martin (item 16 onwards)
Cllr G Norman
Cllr C Norman
Cllr C Pearce
Cllr A Whyte
Cllr M Williamson

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)
No members of public

10. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
None
11. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2020
Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Williamson)All in favour.
(To be signed by the Chairman after the meeting as it is "virtual")
12. To note declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.
None
13. To approve renewal of contract: Walters for office printer.
A discussion took place.
Chairman clarified points outlined in paper provided by the Clerk.
Cllr MacPherson asked the Clerk if she was satisfied with the service from Walters.
Cllr Whyte raised a question on the charging structure for additional copies which the Clerk answered.
Resolved: That the renewal of Walters contract for the office printer be approved. (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr G Norman) All in favour.
14. To consider the following planning applications received:
 - (i) Application ref : 20/01214/Tree
T2 Cherry Fell and replace with Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'
T3 Ash Fell and replace with Malus trilobata 'Guardsman'
Site Address: 18 Asplins Avenue Needingworth St Ives.**Resolved:** That the application be approved (Prop Cllr MacPherson, 2nd Cllr Mortlock) All in favour.
15. To approve re-opening of Millfields Pavilion for cricket matches.
A discussion took place concerning the requirements and the best solution.
Clerk advised that some of the items on order had not been delivered but these would not prevent re-opening.
Resolved: That the re-opening of Millfields Pavilion for cricket matches be approved final approval to be delegated to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. (Prop Cllr MacPherson , 2nd Cllr Williamson) All in favour.
16. Items to report
 - Cllr Williamson reported that he had attended the opening of Morrisons community room on behalf of the Parish Council.

- Cllr Pearce asked for clarification that the vacancy for Councillor was now open for co-option.
- Cllr Fountain stated that as groups of 30 can now attend public meetings that he would like the Clerk to look into holding the next parish Council meeting in the village hall. The Chairman did query dealing with unknown numbers of members of the public.
- Cllr Macrae stated she would not be attending any meeting in person.
- Cllr Martin spoke to advise of a letter received from UK Power networks advising of a 2 hour power cut on 30th July 2020 mainly affecting Harris Crescent, Bramley Avenue area to allow for the insulation of over head cables whilst building works are in progress. A further power cut will be required to reverse the process.
Cllr Martin also advised that she had attended Holywell Front on the morning of Saturday 18th July with the Clerk to speak to a group of approximately 15 people who had set up 5 tents and camped on the common land overnight. She complimented the Clerk on her handling of the situation and stated she was disappointed that no residents had reported the matter to the Police. She was also dismayed at the comments subsequently posted on Facebook by the people involved.
Cllr Mortlock thanked both for attending and agreed that residents need to be pro active in reporting matters to the correct authorities as the Parish Council are not the Police. She suggested an article in The Villager.
- Cllr MacPherson said she would also not be prepared to attend a meeting in person at this time. She asked if a risk assessment had been received from the village hall trust before Council consider holding any meetings at the venue
Cllr MacPherson confirmed that on seeing the incident in Holywell reported on ECops she had telephoned the Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for Holywell and asked that she put out a message asking residents to report any problems this weekend to the Police. Finally, she suggested that the Councillor vacancy be advertised in the September edition of The Villager.
Cllr Mortlock thanked the Clerk for all of her work in reading the enormous amount of correspondence received relating to Covid-19 and for relaying it to the Councillors in order to keep Council on track and up to date.
- Clerk confirmed that a revised risk assessment had been received from the tennis club covering commencement of club meetings with effect from 19th July 2020.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 19.37pm

Chairman

Date