

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
ON THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020 AT 7.30PM**

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**Topic: Full Council Meeting**

**Time: Aug 20, 2020 07:30 PM London**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes**

**Members:** Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Martyn Redfern (Vice Chairman);  
Douglas Burness; James Carter; Mike Parry;  
Victoria Proctor; Casey Rose; Peter Wyartt;  
Dave Moore; Ally Gibbs;

**Present:** Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Martyn Redfern (Vice Chairman);  
Douglas Burness; James Carter; Mike Parry;  
Casey Rose; Peter Wyartt;  
Dave Moore; Ali Gibbs;

**In Attendance:** Mrs Heelis – Parish Clerk  
1 member of the public  
Cllr A Nicoll – County Councillor

**PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes**

- County Councillor Report – Cllr Nicoll noted that since the last meeting he has been focussed on Sizewell C. He has objected to the development and the detrimental impact this will have on the villages and traffic. There are concerns about how EDF have responded to the consultation, including the proposed car park at Wickham Market. There are no efforts to improve the A12. There are concerns that so many villages simply won't survive. Concerns have also been raised regarding drinking water supply in Aldeburgh/Leiston due to Construction demand on local water supplies. The decision whether SCC support the proposal or not will take place in September. SCC are statutory consultees. The final decision will be made by the Secretary of State. This is a decade long construction project with 60% of aggregate being brought in by road and not rail.



The costs in Suffolk due to the pandemic has been significant. Small business have suffered. £63m spent by ESC on support schemes. Bus companies have been severely hit as the economic model doesn't work for them. There is a new enhanced problem on how we connect our communities.

- District Councillor Report – not available.

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES.**

To receive and accept apologies for absence. Victoria Proctor pre arranged Holiday – apologies accepted.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION.**

To receive and record members' declaration of interest on any other matter on the agenda. None.

**3. MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of 2 March 2020 – Agreed with the amendment of acceptance of the changes to the Risk Assessment, and change location to Room 1. Mike Stevenson proposed. Ali Gibbs seconded. **Agreed.**

**4. CASUAL VACANCIES**

To co-opt to fill the casual vacancy. Mair Potter gave a brief statement of why she would like to be a councillor and what she can bring to the Council and the community. She noted how forward thinking and proactive the Parish Council was.

Unanimously **agreed.**

It was **resolved** to defer signing the Declaration of Office to the earliest possible opportunity.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Section One of the AGAR – **Approved** 8 in favour and 1 abstention.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Section Two of the AGAR – **Approved** 8 in favour and 1 abstention.

**7. TO CONSIDER LEGAL OPTIONS REGARDING THE SPORTS CENTRE SITE PLANNING CONSENT**

Mike Stevenson reported that ESC have approved the planning application for 11 affordable homes, 2 small shops and a retail outlet despite legal representation from both the Parish Council and Costcutters. Martyn Redfern confirmed that the only route left was to prove that the decision to approve the planning application was wrong in law. The Parish Council could, if they wished, obtain a legal opinion.

It was **agreed** that due to the strength of feeling in the village on the application to seek legal opinion on the decision of ESC. James Carter proposed up to £400 + VAT to obtain an opinion, which may indicate the decision to approve was not legal.

**Action:** Martyn Redfern to obtain a quote for an opinion on the matter.

Martyn Redfern suggested that should a legal challenge go forward a cooperation agreement could be put in place if funding is sought from third parties.



8 in favour and 1 against

**Action:** Clerk to inform the village of the action being taken.

## **8. FOOTPATHS**

Mike Stevenson proposed that the footpaths/RoWs that are used by residents are confirmed as public rights of way, in particular the track adjacent to the BMX track.

**Action:** Delegate to the Planning Committee to take action on this. Dave Moore to co-ordinate.

**Action:** Mike Stevenson to circulate the consultation link provided previously to Clerk (completed)

Cllr Nicoll supported this action so PROW are protected and those informal routes brought up to protected status.

Peter Wyartt reported that there was a lot of abuse of footpaths, including vandalism and irresponsible dog owners not clearing up after their dogs.

Mike Parry raised the issue of reopening the footpath from Rendlesham Mews to Suffolk Drive. It was noted that there had been objections by residents/homeowners whose back gardens would back onto the proposed footpath.

## **9. PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

To raise any matters for inclusion on the next full Council agenda.

- a) Invitation to the Wickham Market Youth Football Team to attend.
- b) Ali Gibbs – Provision for young people in the village.
- c) Martyn Redfern – Review of Parish Council meetings with a view to streamline the process in order to maintain the achievements of the past 6 months through lockdown. Dave Moore emphasised the need for communication.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Full Council - Monday 5 October, 7.30pm via Zoom if meetings are not feasible.

Full Council - Monday 2 November, 7.30pm via Zoom if meetings are not feasible.

Youth Committee Meeting – suggested mid September

Personnel Committee Meeting – 3 September 2020

SIGNED



DATED

5/10/2020