



Rendlesham Parish Council

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MEETING OF RENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM

MINUTES

In accordance with Standing Order No: 38 any matter relating to an employee shall not be considered until the Council or Committee has decided whether or not the public shall be excluded (See SO No: 67). Due to the nature of the business to be transacted the meeting, or parts of it, may be closed to the press and public.

Under Standing Order No. 1. c) Meetings will last no longer than 2 hours and 1. d) If the business of the meeting has not been concluded after 2 hours a resolution will be taken to continue to conclude or defer the business in hand. In any event the meeting will last no longer than 2 hours 30 minutes.

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PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes

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

Present: Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Douglas Burness; James Carter;
Mike Parry; Victoria Proctor; Peter Wyartt;
Dave Moore; Mair Potter

In Attendance: Mrs Heelis – Parish Clerk
Cllr Alexander Nicoll
Cllr Ray Herring

PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes

- County Councillor Report – Cllr Nicoll thanked the Clerk for following up with the ASB in Friday Street. The electric taxi bus – the launch is going to be delayed until early March 2021. He noted that there is a Connecting Communities bus already operating in Rendlesham.

Cllr Nicoll has been liaising with EDF, who now think they may be able to ship more freight by sea and rail as opposed to road. However, it is doubtful that anything can be implemented before construction commences. He noted that transport by rail will be by night trains which is not popular with residents in Saxmundham and Campsea Ashe. There is nothing addressing the conditions of the A12.

Mike Stevenson noted that RPC have responded to the consultation and did comment on transport.

- District Councillor Report – Cllr Herring reported that Covid is again at the forefront. ESC have been issuing Business grants. On the whole the scheme had been delivered quickly.

Council Tax – should be able to be kept to a minimal increase this year despite the temporary closure of leisure facilities. Government grants to support the Council has been reasonable. The economy will need to be addressed positively during the past year. There has been very little impact on farming and agriculture, however, hospitality it has been a very difficult period.

Cllr Nicoll and Cllr Herring left the meeting.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Martyn Redfern – work commitments

Ali Gibbs – Due to personal reasons Mike Stevenson proposed a leave of absence for 12 months. Peter Wyartt seconded. It was **agreed** to grant a leave of absence to Ali Gibbs for 12 months. Apologies would be accepted for this 12 month period.

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 November 2020 – **Agreed**.

4. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS WITH A VIEW TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH LOCKDOWN (MARTYN REDFERN)

In Martyn Redfern's absence Mike Stevenson proposed that Dave Moore, Martyn Redfern, Mike Stevenson and the Clerk continue discussions. It was **agreed** to delegate authority to the Clerk in conjunction with Dave Moore, Martyn Redfern, Mike Stevenson to agree a new structure and implement immediately to be ratified at the next full Council meeting. **Agreed** to trial for 6 months. **Agreed** to have a measure of success.



Peter Wyartt requested the administration cost savings.

Agreed to continue to hold the committee meetings planned in January as agreed previously.

5. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- a) Jubilee Park – No vacancies.
- b) Finance & Asset – 2 vacancies – Peter Wyartt and Dave Moore. **Agreed.**
- c) Planning – 2 vacancies – Victoria Proctor and Mair Potter. **Agreed.**
- d) Youth Group – 5 vacancies – Mike Stevenson, Dave Moore and Mair Potter. **Agreed.**
- e) Personnel – 2 vacancies – Dave Moore and Doug Burness. **Agreed.**
- f) Joint Parish Group – 1 vacancy – Mike Stevenson. **Agreed.**

6. PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

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

- a) Casual Vacancy.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBC.

Meeting closed at 20:21

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DATED

28/1/21