



# Rendlesham Parish Council

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## MEETING OF RENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ROOM 16, RENDLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 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.*

**Members:** Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Martyn Redfern (Vice Chairman);  
Douglas Burness; James Carter; Mike Parry;  
Victoria Proctor; Peter Wyartt; Dave Moore;  
Mark Stones;

**Present:** Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Martyn Redfern (Vice Chairman);  
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Victoria Proctor; Dave Moore; Mark Stones;  
Victoria Waring;

**In Attendance:** Mrs Heelis – Parish Clerk

### PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes

A member of the public asked about the Jubilee tree planting in Jubilee Park. Victoria Proctor explained the project. They wanted to register his objection to the scheme as the trees planted along the path would be detrimental to the safety of people walking the path in the dark. Victoria Proctor explained that the trees would be 6-8ft tall and 6m apart, and 2m from the path. The resident continued to express concern about children learning to ride bikes on the path and the danger that they would ride into the trees.

Mike Stevenson explained that there are plans to install a perimeter path around Jubilee Park. Dave Moore explained that the crown size of the trees selected had been carefully selected.

The member of the public expressed further concern about the leaves from trees falling on the path, having wet leaves on the path would be dangerous. Victoria Proctor explained that the scheme had been carefully considered and it was noted that the Park Keeper had a leaf blower. They also raised concern about tree roots coming through the path causing bumps. Victoria Proctor explained that the trees had been carefully chosen with expert advice on the type and size of trees.

Whilst the member of the public stated that people were against the idea, it was noted that the Parish Council had not received any other correspondence against the project.

It was emphasised that the Parish Council welcomed

Peter Wyartt stated that he owed it to all fellow Parish Councillors that due to health matters he offered his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Council thanked Peter Wyartt for all his efforts over the year.

Peter Wyartt left the meeting.

- County Councillor Report – Apologies received.
- District Councillor Report – no report.

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES.**

To receive and accept apologies for absence.  
Cllr Alexander Nicoll.

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

To receive and record members' declaration of interest on any other matter on the agenda.

Item 5 – non-pecuniary interest: Mike Stevenson, Victoria Proctor, Martyn Redfern, Mike Parry.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:**

- a) 1 November 2021 (including confidential minutes) – Mike Stevenson proposed and Dave Moore seconded. **Agreed.**

**4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

There were two vacancies available. Two confirmed nominations had been received from Mandy Small and Victoria Waring. An overview of their reasons for joining the Council were presented. Mike Stevenson proposed the Council co-opt Mandy Small and Victoria Waring. Dave Moore seconded. **Agreed.**

**5. TO CONSIDER DOGS ON LEADS IN JUBILEE PARK**

Mike Stevenson explained that following the signs 'Please keep your dogs under control' there had been 2 incidents in Jubilee Park where dogs had been attacked in the park.

Options:

1. A dedicated area for dogs eg Mayhew Road Pocket Park, former play area in Suffolk Drive.
2. Leave things as they are.
3. Have set periods of time in the park for dogs.
4. Encourage people to report incidents of dogs out of control.



5. Article in the magazine stating the consequences for dogs out of control, including the legislation. Aimed at dog walkers in Jubilee Park.
6. Raise awareness with dog owners in the park.

**Agreed** to put an article in the magazine.

**Action:** Victoria Waring to write an article for the magazine.

## 6. MEETINGS

To consider a dial in facility for members of the public to virtually attend Council meetings

The Clerk reported that there had been no success. With this in mind it was **agreed** not to pursue this, however, members of the public were always welcome to write in with any issues they wanted to raise with the Council.

## 7. HIGHWAYS

To consider what action to take regarding the poor state of the roads and kerbside vegetation – update

**Action:** All Councillors to send information to the Clerk by 31 January 2022. Should no matters be forthcoming the matter would be removed from the agenda.

## 8. RENDLESHAM COMMUNITY RADIO

Preparing for the future

The work fitting out the cabin is progressing.

The FOI request received regarding the listener statistics was replied for within the required timescale and the information request was answered with the caveat that the figures related to IP addresses.

**Action:** The Community Radio to provide a report and each full Council meeting, to include listener stats, fundraising and relocation to the new studio.

**Action:** Dave Moore to provide information to go in the reporting form.

## 9. TREE MAPPING

To discuss Tree Mapping in the village – forwarded from the Jubilee Park Committee

**Action:** Doug Burness to ask Peter Wyartt if he is also stepping down as Tree Warden.

**Action:** Upon receipt of confirmation the Clerk to put an article for a new Tree Warden in the February magazine.

## 10. SAFER RENDLESHAM PROJECT

- a) SID update – The application has been submitted and follow up questions from Highways have been answered.
- b) Anti-Social Behaviour – Mike Parry – There had been no reports of ASB from the public. The next ASB meeting is on 20 January 2022. It was noted that there were comments on Facebook about mopeds.



**11. RENDLESHAM SKATEPARK**

To request the allocation of CIL funds to the Skatepark budget

The Clerk reported that following the successful receipt of planning permission for the skatepark, funding applications would be prepared in the next month. The Jubilee Park budget allocation for the skatepark for 2022-2023 had been reduced from £25,000 to £7,000, with the thought that an application could be made for the shortfall of £18,000.

Mike Stevenson proposed that £18,000 of CIL funds held by the Parish Council is vired to the skatepark fund. Victoria Waring seconded. 7 in favour. 0 against. 2 abstentions.

The proposal was carried. It was **agreed** to vire £18,000 of CIL funds to the skatepark budget.

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Review**

To review the effectiveness of committee reports

**Agreed** to continue with the reports.

**13. LAND TRANSFERS (Mike Stevenson)**

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**14. RENDLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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**15. PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

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

None.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

2022 Meeting dates:

7 March

9 May

4 July

5 September

7 November

Meeting closed at 21:44

SIGNED 

DATED 7/3/22