

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.03pm on THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

057/20 PRESENT

Cllrs: Mrs S Patel (Chairman)
Miss G Reynolds (Vice Chairman)
Mr J Barkham
Mr S Clark
Mrs J Forker Clark
Mr B Nagpal
Mr S Neville
Miss S Watson
Mr K Williamson
Mr N Wright

Also present: Cty Cllr V Metcalfe

Press: Mr D Jackman

In attendance: Mrs E P Petyt-Start (Clerk)
Mrs K Lumb (RFO and Deputy Clerk)

1 Member of the Public

058/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs J Share Bernia and Cllr Aniket Patel.

059/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Neville declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.

060/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

062/20 MINUTES

Following an amendment, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 October 2020 were agreed as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

063/20 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committee meetings were noted:

- **Accommodation:** 8 October
- **Finance & Establishment:** 5 November
- **Planning & Environment:** 8, 22 October, 5 November
- **COVID 19 Working Party:** 22 October

064/20 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to report.

The Chairman thanked all members for the work they had completed during the pandemic

065/20 REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Barkham and Cllr Williamson provided an overview of the information received at the Whipps Cross Hospital Development event. It was noted public

transport must be considered as part of the future development and that is likely there will be provisions changes as centres of excellence in the NHS are evolving.

066/20 **FINANCE**

- a) The RFO summarised the financial position of Central Funds and Personnel as at 31st October 2020, as circulated.

The second half of the precept has been received. Things are as we would expect given the current COVID-19 situation and where we are in the financial year.

The archiving and retention policy project is now complete. The Temporary staff overspend was highlighted and discussed.

067/20 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Clerk presented the forward plan. Councillors requested participating in future meetings regarding the play developments.

The Chair requested members to progress any item allocated to them.

068/20 **GRANT APPLICATION**

Councillors UNANIMOUSLY AGREED the grant application received from KO Sports for Community. The maximum grant of £500 was AGREED for the purchase of Boxing Gloves to provide training, physical and mental health wellbeing opportunities for vulnerable young people.

069/20 **RODING VALLEY HALL CAR PARK**

It was noted that no complaints or comments had been received following the change of operating times, however the past two weeks the national lockdown restrictions had been in place. It was AGREED to review times again at the next meeting

070/20 **POLICY REVIEW**

- a) Having been reviewed and amendments made, the policies for Consultation; Internet and Email; Sickness and Absence were formally adopted. It was suggested the policy for recruitment be brought back to Council in the future.
- b) The policies for Freedom of Information; Complaints and Privacy were reviewed and accepted. The policy for Grant Funding, following some discussion, was amended, and adopted as updated.

071/20 **EPPING FOREST SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTATION**

The Consultation, ending on 14th December was noted.

072/20 **FULL COUNCIL ITEMS OF CONCERN**

- a) Members expressed their severe disappointment and strong disagreement with the District Development Committee for their decision and lack of support of the Planning Committee regarding the strong objection of the planning application for 2 Princes Road. Cllrs Nagpal and Williamson AGREED to write to the District Development Committee on this topic on behalf of the Council.
- b) Roding Valley Car Park
Recruitment Policy Draft

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.30PM.

Chairman

Date

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