

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.03pm on THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM

094/20 PRESENT

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

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

095/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs B Nagpal, S Neville and Mrs J Share Bernia.

The Chair gave apologies on behalf of District Cllr A Patel

096/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

097/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

098/20 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATION

There was no District and County Councillors present due the meeting clashing with a District Council meeting.

099/20 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

100/20 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committee meetings, having been circulated, were noted:

- **Accommodation:** 4 February
- **Finance & Establishment:** 4 March
- **Planning & Environment:** 4, 18 February, 4 March

101/20 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair provided an update on the Buckhurst Way/Albert Road resurfacing scheme noting it will be completed in the 2021/22 round and had been delayed because of the pandemic. Also, it was noted the red route around the tube station in Victoria Road is still planned to be completed but had been delayed.

The Clerk shared a photograph of the new 'Blue' Heritage Plaque which has been erected at Holmehurst, Manor Road. She explained the website now has a blue plaque section as part of the Council's responsibilities for them.

102/20 **REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Forker-Clark updated the meeting on the work of the Roding Valley Nature Reserve Consultative Group noting it was managing path and sewage repairs and hoping to be awarded Green Flag status this year.

Cllr Watson shared she'd attend the Epping Forest Conservation Committee of the Corporation of London. She advised the aim was to reduce to the carbon footprint to zero and it had been encouraging to hear the biodiversity plans.

103/20 **HALLS DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

- i) The outline design proposals were not received in time for this meeting; however it was agreed members of the Accommodation Committee would view and provide comment on them prior to the pre-election period.
- ii) The revised programme timetable for the project was received and it was noted the original timescale of a potential new facility opening in Autumn 2022 remained the same.

104/20 **RODING RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB LEASE**

Having discussed the briefing note prepared by the Clerk, members AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to

- 1) Grant a one-year license to the Club

105/20 **COMMUNITY HALLS**

The future operation and management of the Woollard Centre and Roding Valley Hall was discussed in detail, with reference to the briefing note prepared by the Clerk. Members AGREED it was appropriate to provide a decision now noting the halls had been closed due to the pandemic and were informed in this decision by the progression of the Halls Development Project.

It was AGREED to:

- i) Fully re-open the Woollard Centre (WC) in line with Government guidance
- ii) Encourage existing Roding Valley Hall hirers to move to the Woollard Centre wherever possible from 12th April.
- iii) Let only the Woollard Centre to new hirers.
- iv) Advise hirers of the provisional closure date of the RVH as 31st December 2021.
- v) Communicate the progression of the project to all hirers noting the RVH will close with the intention of a new community hub being built in its location.
- vi) Advise existing hirers that there may be a risk to future bookings moving to the WC if they do not move before RVH closes.

106/20 **FINANCE REGULATIONS**

Amendments to the Finance Regulations 4.1 and 4.5 spending limits were received as recommended by the Finance and Establishment Committee.

Members AGREED all the recommended amendments to the regulations.

107/20 **FULL COUNCIL ITEMS OF CONCERN**

- a) A suggestion was made to take on the issues around the parish of poor drains and drainage with a proposal to be made to Essex County Council
- b) There were no items provided for the next agenda.

As this was the last Full Council of this administration members expressed

pleasure in their work on behalf of the electors for the past five years.

The Chair gave closing thanks to all members.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.28PM.

Chairman

Date