

St Martins Parish Council

Minutes of a Video Council Conference meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2020 at 19.00.

PRESENT: Cllrs, Andrew Cast, Sophie Hughes-Saunier, Nina Mistry, Glenn Pennington, Pierre Saunier and Helen Williams, Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Helen Williams

Action

460/06/20.C Apologies for Absence

Cllr's Gordon Fryer (hospital), Mark Hayball (working), Brian Herbert (no Zoom login), John Hodgson (working), James Hoos (no internet), Fatema Kapasi (another meeting) and Lesley-Anne Roberts (no Zoom login).

These apologies were accepted.

Absent: Cllr Duncan Laing (no apologies received).

461/06/20.C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: to note that no Disclosable Pecuniary interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001 and no applications for dispensations.

462/06/20.C Minutes

Due to a computer problem the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2020 would now be considered at the next meeting.

463/06/20.C Urgent Items

The Chairman reported that the planters in the memorial garden and around the war memorial had not been planted. She agreed to purchase the compost and plants from Stans and plant these up. Huw Manford to be contacted regarding watering these.

Chairman & Parish Clerk

Cllr Andrew Cast reported more loose stones at the Pinfold. Again, Huw Manford would be asked to attend to these as a matter of urgency.

Parish Clerk

There were no other urgent items that related to financial, health and safety issues or issues that required immediate attention.

464/06/20.C Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 3

a) Annual Internal Audit Report and written report

The report was considered and to proceed with the recommendations by the internal auditor The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk for producing accurate accounts which the auditor found helpful.

Proposed: Cllr Helen Williams **Seconded:** Cllr Andrew Cast

<p>Resolved: that this report be noted.</p>	<p><u>Action</u> Parish Clerk</p>
<p>b) Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)</p> <p>Having considered the Internal Auditor’s Annual Governance Statement, it was</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Nina Mistry Seconded: Cllr Glenn Pennington</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>Resolved: that the Chairman and Parish Clerk are authorized to sign it.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>c) Accounting Statements (Section 2)</p> <p>As prepared and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Andrew Cast Seconded: Cllr Pierre Saunier</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>Resolved: to approve the Accounting Statements and the Chairman was authorized to sign them.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>d) Explanation of Variances</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Andrew Cast Seconded: Cllr Sophie Hughes-Saunier</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>Resolved: to approve the Explanation of Variances for submission to the External Auditor.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>e) Internal Auditor 2020/21</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Helen Williams Seconded: Cllr Andrew Cast</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>Resolved: to approve the appointment of Audit Solutions as Internal Auditor for 2020/21 and the Parish Clerk was asked to thank them for acting as auditor for 2019/20 in these difficult times.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>f) Notice of Electors’ Rights –</p> <p>The Parish Clerk informed the Council of his intention to display the Notice of Electors’ Rights to commence on Monday 29th June 2020 and end on Friday 7th August 2020.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p>465/06/20.C</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider the following planning application. Reference: 20/02248/FUL (validated: 16/06/2020) Address: School House, Overton Road, Ifton Heath, St Martins, SY11 3DH Proposal: Erection of 40 dwelling units and associated operational development following demolition of existing buildings</p>

Action

The Chairman reported that she had received numerous complaints from local residents over this development. These included the demolition of the existing buildings, the frontage of the development now being terraced dwellings, the over development of the site and the pressure on the existing water and sewerage system plus the extra traffic onto an already busy road.

Proposed: Cllr Helen Williams **Seconded:** Cllr Andrew Cast

Resolved: at this stage to object to this application on the following grounds. The School House should be retained, the number of dwellings reduced to 34 and the frontage consist of ordinary houses or bungalows but not terraced.

Parish Clerk

466/06/20.C Parish Council Vacancy

Cllr’s were asked to consider the applications received for the current vacancy following the death of John Stevens.

The Parish Clerk explained that he had received four applications which had been circulated to all Cllr’s prior to the meeting. As regarding voting on appointments which would be inline with our Standing Orders and by a show of hands, where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chairman of the meeting.

As a result, and by the casting vote of the Chairman, Paula Rooney was elected to fill this vacancy. The other applicants would be thanked for their interest in this position.

Parish Clerk

443/06/20.C Next Meeting(s)

The next video conference meeting would be held on Thursday 2nd July at 16.00.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.02

Signed Date

Chairman