Minutes of Wadhurst Parish Council full council meeting held at The Pavilion, Sparrows Green Recreation Ground, Wadhurst on Thursday 2nd November 2023.

Present: Cllrs S. Gadd (Chair), P. Smith, J. Edwards, M. Ramsden D. Shairp and J. Crawford.

Absent: Cllrs C. Moore, P. Moore and A. Tincombe. I. Anderson

Public: Cllr Howell (WDC) and Cllr Stanley (ESCC).

There was one member of the public present.

It was proposed by Cllr Gadd, seconded by Cllr Crawford and unanimously agreed, that Cllr Smith take the minutes, due to the locum Clerk instructed not to come to the meeting because of amber the weather warning.

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence. Cllrs C. Moore, P. Moore, I. Anderson and A. Tincombe. Cllr Glynn-Ives (WDC)

2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members’ register of interests. Nothing declared

3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.

There was one member of the public. There were no questions or comments.

4. County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

County Cllr Stanley had circulated his report prior to the meeting.District Cllr Howell had circulated her report prior to the meeting. She highlighted Wealden Local Plan will be released 17th November .

District Cllr Glynn-Ives report had sent her apologies – No report had been received.

5. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960. None.

6. To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th October 2023 as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Gadd seconded by Cllr Ramsden and majority accepted as a true record. One abstention.

7. To determine matters arising from the meeting on 12th October 2023 for updating and noting.

The Clerk reported the WDC grant application had been submitted and some further information had been requested which would be actioned this week.

The Clerk reported the Civility and Respect pledge registration had been completed and the Chair would sign the certificate.

The Clerk reported the Uplands information requested had been received and circulated as requested.

The Clerk reported she was continuing to work on the tree quotes for the next meeting. Finally the Clerk reported that the basic electric supply at the telephone boxes could

be supplied by a solar panel if required.

8. Correspondence List. This had been circulated prior to the meeting there were no actions.

9. Finance items for decision and allocation of resources

9.1 To approve the updated October 2023 payment list

9.2 To approve the payment list for November 2023

9.3 To approve the bank reconciliations for October 2023

9.4 To receive the RBS finance reports for October 2023

9.5 To review the latest Direct Debit list

9.6 To review and approve the following documents:

WPC Standing Orders

WPC Financial Regulations Items 9.1-9.6 were taken as one item for approval Cllr Gadd proposed Cllr Crawford and all items were unanimously approved.

10.1 To adopt the current policies as circulated including amended grant documents. Cllr Edwards proposed Cllr Shairp seconded and the policies were unanimously adopted.

10.2 To adopt the publication scheme as circulated. Cllr Edwards proposed Cllr Smith seconded and this policy was unanimously adopted.

10.3 To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 19th October 2023 and 31st October 2023. Cllr Shairp proposed Cllr Edwards seconded and these were unanimously adopted.

10.4 Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Smith is available if required.

10.5 Jardin d’Aubers lease from ESFR – Update. There was still no update to report. This was deferred to a future meeting.

10.6 St Georges Hall purchase – Update. Cllr S. Gadd had provided correspondence from the solicitor and the options available to the Council. After some discussion the following was agreed as the best way forward. Cllr Shairp to distribute a spreadsheet to review the options proposed and votes to be taken by email. Cllr Shairp proposed Cllr Smith seconded and this was unanimously

approved.

10.7 To consider grass cutting options with ESCC for 2024.

The Clerk had supplied the options available from ESCC. After some discussion the following was agreed as the best way forward. was to go with Option 2. Cllr Gadd proposed Cllr Ramsden seconded and this was unanimously approved.

10.8 To consider line painting options at the Pavilion. This was deferred to a future meeting.

10.9 To review training needs and associated costs.

10.10 To consider access issues at the allotments and alternative access and associated costs. The Clerk had reported several complaints over access and parking from allotment holders. The Clerk had forwarded this to Cllr I Anderson to see if any alternatives were feasible.

This was deferred to a future meeting.

10.11 Pétanque – To receive an update on the village project and review the parish council project. Clerk to chase Hall and Field for more details.

10.12 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Update. Verbal update given during the meeting

10.13 To note the proposed meeting dates for 2024. The dates had been circulated and were duly noted and approved by the Council.

10.14 Items for noting or inclusion on a future agenda. Dark Skies

10.15 Next Meeting Date 7th December 2023.

Meeting Closed at 20.55 pm

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