

St Albans Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting 17th of March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Cllr M Thorpe (Chairman), Cllr R Ellis, Cllr D Gibbons, Cllr F Lari

In Attendance: Anne Daly, Clerk, and two members of the public

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed attendees.

SAPC21- 40 Appointment of Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer to the Council.

Proposed Cllr Thorpe Seconded Cllr Ellis It was agreed that Anne Daly be appointed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council.

SAPC21- 41 Declarations of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members, members of the public or the press.

Chairman confirmed that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of producing minutes. No one else expressed their intention to record the meeting.

SAPC21-42 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr King has tendered apologies due to work commitments. Proposed Cllr Ellis Seconded Cllr Gibbons that his apologies were approved

SAPC21-43 To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from councillors on matters considered at this meeting.

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in Item SAPC 21-50 items b and c. Cllr .Ellis declared a non pecuniary interest in Item SAPC 21-51.

SAPC21-44 To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items.

There were no Agenda items which require the exclusion of press and public

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SAPC21-45 To receive minutes of previous St. Albans Parish Council meeting(s) and resolve to sign these as a true record of the meeting(s).

Proposed Cllr Thorpe Seconded Cllr Gibbons The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

SAPC21-46 Matter arising from the minutes.

The grit requested for the grit bins had still not been received. **Action – Clerk to follow up**

Bank signatures had been updated.

Cllr Lari, had now completed his training on Freedom of Information and introduction to Planning with Notts ALC, whilst Cllr Thorpe was still to complete his.

Notts ALC payment had been made.

SAPC21-47 To receive a report from the County and Borough Councillors.

Cllr Ellis reported that the last full Council meeting of Gedling Borough Council (GBC) had been held on 4th March. It was a virtual meeting. The budget had been agreed. GBC have agreed to resurface Bestwood Lodge Drive.

SAPC21-48 To receive oral reports from the Parish Councillors.

Cllr Thorpe noted that the photographic competition was now up and running and some entries had already been received.

The Grit bins had been inspected on 28/2/21 and they would cost £90 to refill.

A meeting of Friends of Bestwood County Park had been attended with Cllr Ellis. It was hoped by both parties that a closer working relationship could be established.

Cllr Thorpe had attended a Nalc training session with Jackie Weaver this was primarily about being active in the Community. The view expressed at the training session was that Zoom meetings helped to engage more people in the Community.

Cllr Gibbons close to 4000 meals had now been provided by the Community Kitchen. Combined with Bestwood Park Church nearly 12,000 meals had been provided to the Community.

Cllr Lari had contacted British Telecom re buying the Kiosk on Muirfield Road Under the Adopt a Kiosk but correspondence had been received back saying this wouldn't be possible as the kiosk had now been removed.

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The Park runs to restart on 5/6/21 and the markers were to be put up, hopefully by the end of this week.

Cllr Ellis thanked Cllr Lari for perusing the Adopt a Kiosk.

The park run markers had been purchased from the Borough Councillors Community Fund.

SAPC21-49 To receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only.

There were no questions or petitions.

SAPC21-50 FINANCE

a. Approve the purchase of grit following inspection

P Cllr Lari S Cllr Ellis Agreed

b. Reimbursement of grit purchased in January by Cllr Thorpe

P Cllr Ellis S Cllr Lari Agreed

c. Reimbursement Cllr Thorpe for purchase of gift vouchers for photo competition

P Cllr Lari S Cllr Thorpe and agreed to buy up to £240 of vouchers over the course of the next year.

d. Invoice for L Ogilvie

P. Councillor Thorpe S Councillor Ellis. Agreed to pay invoice and send a thank you letter.

SAPC21-51 PLANNING

a. [2021/0042](#) – Land on Recreation Ground Off Muirfield Road. Erection of 6 two storey dwellings including change of use from church building to residential church building.

Discussion was around the planning application being very similar to a planning application in 2017. Permission had been granted but work had not been started and had now expired. The main difference was originally the Funds from the sale of the land were to be used in the local Community whereas they were now to be used by the church in Bulwell. Significant concerns were expressed over the change of use of the land and its loss to the Community. It was felt that an application should be submitted to try to make the area an Asset of Community Value.

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It was proposed by Cllr Lari and seconded by Cllr Thorpe, that the following be submitted to GBC as the response to the planning application.

In 2017 the area was part of the Bestwood Parish Council, that expressed against the application as the piece of land is the only suitable for use as a new community hub and would have liked a future parish council to acquire it. As the St Albans Parish Council we have now set apart funds for the purchase, and we renew the opposition to the plan. We notice that in 2017 the “loss of a community facility” objection was overruled by the planning committee based on the justification that “The applicant indicated with the previous approval that it is proposed that any profit from the scheme will be invested into an improved community facility within the area. No objections are therefore raised on this issue.”. We note that the new application doesn’t mention any such commitment and indeed explicitly states that the profit will be used for an improved church building in Bulwell.

It was also proposed by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Thorpe that

The Parish Council agree in principle to apply for the area to be designated as an Asset of Community Value and the Community be consulted as appropriately..

SAPC21-52 To note correspondence(s) received and previously circulated to members.

Correspondence received from GBC re Muirfield Road lights, emails regarding the census and COVID community testing and WAG regarding planning. Additional an email had been received Daybrook Bowls Club regarding advertising the club in the PC notice boards.

SAPC21-53 To receive Items for Notification to be included on next meeting’s agenda. (for information only).

- Progress Report on Asset of Community Value and partnership working with other stakeholders.

SAPC21-54 To confirm date of next scheduled meeting.

Tuesday 20th April at 7.00pm via Zoom.