

St Albans Parish Council

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ST ALBANS PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2022

Church Hall, Emmanuel Church, Church View Close, Nottingham, NG5 9QP

Present: Cllrs J King (In the Chair), F Lari, C Bryant, B O'Neill, R. Ellis, D Gibbons

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, and three members of the public.

Chair welcomed all those in attendance, and opened the meeting at 7.20 pm, after allowing members of the public present to make comments and suggestions to the Council.

MINUTES

360. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Thorpe and P Clark submitted apologies which were accepted.

361. Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from Councillors on matters to be considered at this meeting

There were no Declarations of Interest

362. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022.

These Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed. Proposed Cllr Lari, seconded Cllr Bryant, 5 votes in favour, 1 abstention, motion carried.

363. To consider providing funding to The Jolly Gardener to support the Halloween event on behalf of the St Albans Parish Council on 30 October

Locum Clerk had confirmed with the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NALC) that Local Government Act 1972 Sect 145 permits a parish council to organise events itself, or contribute to the expenses of others doing so. Therefore the request from the Jolly Gardener for financial support was considered under this power.

The representative of The Jolly Gardener answered questions from councillors, and confirmed the following:

- The event will be covered by The Jolly Gardener's public liability insurance, and will not rely on the Parish Council's insurance
- All members of the community will be welcome, and the event will be free (other than a small charge levied for stall holders)
- Where possible, items purchased will be available for future events
- A breakdown of actual costs will be provided after the event

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Cllr Bryant proposed that the application for financial support of £2485 for a Halloween event be supported, seconded Cllr Gibbons, all in favour, motion carried.

364. To consider grant application from St Emmanuel Church for support for community kitchen.

A grant application had been received from St Emmanuel Church for £2000 for ongoing support for the community kitchen. Cllr Ellis noted that the community kitchen had been operating for over two years, and was supplying upwards of 175 meals per day which demonstrated the need in the community. In addition, the cost of food has risen significantly, and there is the prospect of increased fuel costs which will impact on heating and cooking.

Cllr Ellis proposed that the grant be awarded, seconded by Cllr O'Neill, all in favour, motion carried.

365. To consider using Scribe accounting system for parish council accounts

An explanatory report detailing the benefits of using Scribe accounting system had been circulated. This system is specifically dedicated to the parish council sector, is easy to use, and automatically produces accounting documents as required. The cost is around £280 per annum.

Cllr Bryant proposed that St Albans PC sign up to Scribe, seconded Cllr Lari, all in favour, motion carried.

366. To discuss Christmas events in the community.

Cllr O'Neill had agreed to lead this event. Members discussed details, and the following was provisionally agreed :

- Date – Friday 16 December
- Times – start 1600 hours, finish around 2030 hours
- Start will be Woodchurch Road
- Other community groups will be invited to help with the event
- Approaches will be made to both Borough and County Council for a financial contribution

367. Date of next ordinary meeting – 25 October 2022

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.