

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF **ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**
HELD USING ZOOM SOFTWARE ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021 AT 19.30

PRESENT Cllr C. Willis – Chairman
Cllr M. Jones, Cllr E. A. Wills, Cllr D. Hunt
Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; Cllr S. Hastings (IW Council); two members of the public

From the floor Nil

- 59/20-21 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr. I. RigaudBarrett, Cllr S. Vail
- 60/20-21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
Cllr Wills declared an interest in both planning applications
- 61/20-21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2021
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.
- 62/20-21 MATTER ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION
Island Roads had responded promptly regarding bin emptying and Highwood Lane flooding.
- 63/20-21 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
21/00219 Highwood House Removal of decayed tree T14
Resolved No comment
21/0244 Pidford Manor Proposed garden room
Resolved No comment
- 64/20-21 TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON THE FUTURE OF ROOKLEY & CHILLERTON SCHOOL
The letter from the Stenbury Foundation setting out an invitation to participate in informal consultation on the the future of the school was considered, together with various views from parents with children attending the school as expressed at a public meeting earlier in the week. The Council expressed its regret at the possible closure of the school but acknowledged that some parents were already opting to send their children to Godshill, reducing the numbers at Rookley & Chillerton below levels that could be sustained.
- 65/20-21 TO RESOLVE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2020/21 ACCOUNTS
It was **resolved** to appoint Mr G. Hughes with a charge of £115.
- 66/20-21 CORRESPONDENCE
The Clerk read correspondence received. The e-mail exchanges with Captiva Homes was noted.
- 67/20-21 CLERK'S REPORT
Authorisation of payments
It was **resolved** to authorise the following payments
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| Transfer | I RigaudBarrett | 85.44 | Bench 'honorarium' |
| Transfer | Viking | 49.74 | Stationery + stamps |
| Transfer | HMRC | 115.20 | PAYE |
| Transfer | M R Taplin | 172.71 | Clerk's salary February |

68/20-21

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr Jones said Speedwatch was still on hold pending the easing of lockdown. Cllr Hunt was still concerned about the sewage consequences of the application for 28 new homes, and there was considerable discussion about where the effluent would be dealt with. Cllr Willis said he had some drainage diagrams filed away, and would try to locate them. Captiva Homes seemed to think the additional waste would be directed to a pumping station in Highwood Lane. Clerk may need to contact Southern Water to establish the validity of this.

Cllr Wills said she had a very productive discussion with the District Steward on site regarding flooding in Highwood Lane. Some work on ditches had been carried out and more was scheduled for Friday.

Cllr Willis raised the issue of lack of dimensions on planning applications, whose size was difficult to determine from the scales quoted. Cllr Hastings would pursue with the Planning Officer.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.30

From the floor Nil.

Signed ----- Date -----

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7 April 2021, 19.30 Virtual Meeting using Zoom.