



Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting Held Thursday 18 February 2021

7.30pm, via the 'Zoom' Video Conferencing Platform¹

Agenda Item	Description	Resolved
Present:	Councillors I Dawson (Chair), N Dutt, I Haffenden, H Martin, S Morris, R Morris, E Pascoe, B Rust. District Councillor Bikson, Liz Gander (Clerk), Peter Burton and Andrew Savidge from the Village Hall Management Committee and three members of the public.	
Open Forum:	No open forum was required. The Chair proposed to change the order of business to deal with agenda item 4 before item 3. This was agreed, but for ease of reference, the minutes will record the items in numerical order.	
1	Apologies for Absence None noted as all members of the Council were present.	
2	Declarations of Members' Interests a To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda - Councillor Dutt advised that one of the sites under item 4b belongs to the family of his daughter-in-law. b To receive (and grant if appropriate) written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests	One declaration of interest noted as detailed.
3	Village Hall Improvement Project a <u>To confirm whether a decision about the Council's application for a loan from the Public Works Loans Board has been received</u> - late this evening, shortly before the meeting, the Council received borrowing approval for the loan. This means that all funding is now agreed, enabling the contract for the full Hall Improvement Project to go ahead. This is fantastic news and the Council wished to record special thanks to the Clerk for the work that she has done to secure this. Exclusion of the Press and Public By virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Council resolved to exclude the press and public for the following items (Public Bodies - Admission to Meetings - Act 1960). b <u>To confirm which elements of the contract will be paid for by the Parish Council and which by the Hall's Management Committee</u> - the Council reviewed the list of items which the Management Committee has earmarked to pay for, in line with the areas of work for which grant funding was obtained. The Parish Council will pay for the other elements of the contract and the cost allocation between the two bodies will all be detailed on the document held by RLF, so that the split of costs is clear.	Cost apportionment between the two bodies agreed.

¹ As provided for within The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

	c	<u>To confirm agreement to enter into a contract with the preferred contractor</u> (if the loan approval has been received and all finance is therefore in place) – having received borrowing approval, the Council (in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee) confirmed its acceptance of the tender from the preferred contractor, on a fixed price contract basis, and will sign the contract accordingly.	Resolved to accept the tender from, and enter into a contract with, the preferred contractor.
4	a	Planning Matters <u>Report from a meeting of the Lewes District Association of Local Councils, regarding planning issues attended by Councillors S Morris and N Dutt</u> – the Chair thanked the two councillors for attending and S Morris for preparing and circulating some notes. A query was raised about what the planning consultant present at the meeting had said about the place of Local and Neighbourhood Plan policies once the Local Plan passes the five-year mark. They had advised that the policies remain in place and are still referred to when reviewing applications.	
	b	<u>To discuss Lewes District Council's (LDC) invitation to give feedback on the potential development sites put forward under its 'call for sites' (response required by 12 March), and whether to form a working group to review this.</u> It was suggested and agreed that it would be sensible to have a central document onto which councillors can upload any comments on individual sites for everyone to see, prior to having a working group meeting to discuss them. It was felt that it would be helpful to have greater clarity on the type of feedback/information LDC is looking for. One thing that was noted to bring to LDC's attention was the asset of community value listing for the Antye field site.	Councillors to compile comments in centralised document, to be discussed at a working group meeting on 24 February 2021.
	c	<u>Invitation to comment on the Lewes District Council Land Availability Assessment methodology</u> , (responses required by 12 March) – to be considered by the working group.	To be considered by the working group.
5	a	Items for Noting or Inclusion on Next Agenda Freedom of information requests and the Parish Council's use of its email.	
6	a	Date of Next Meeting Monday 1 March 2021 – Parish Council Meeting	

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.