

ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Bricket Wood, Chiswell Green and Park Street

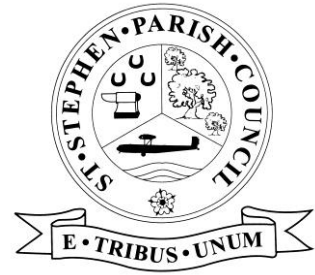
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Present: Councillors

Wendy Berriman

Karen Hurford

Dorothy Kerry

David Parry

Bill Pryce

David Yates

Eileen Whittaker

Also Present: Sue Hake, Clerk

Minutes of **Full Council Meeting**
held on **Monday 24 August 2020 at 7:30pm**
Remote Meeting via Zoom

2021/049 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Parry gave apologies he may be late and has agreed Cllr Pryce Chair the full meeting
No other apologies received

2021/050 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations

a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

None received

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests

None received

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None received

2021/051 To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28 July 2020

Resolved: Cllr Kerry, seconded Cllr Hurford

Votes in favour unanimous

Motion Carried

2021/052 Public Participation – to receive petitions, comments and questions

To welcome public participation in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy

No members of the public

2021/053 a) To Consider applications to fill the Councillor vacancy for Chiswell Green (Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code Of Conduct form to be signed)

The HR committee panel confirmed meeting with two of the four potential candidates who had originally stated they would be interested in becoming a councillor. Two had not responded or provided information requested and did not meet the panel at this time.

The two candidates who met with the panel were both believed to be very suitable candidates and recommended to become councillors for St Stephen Parish Council

Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed the two candidates Aganta Hilton be Co-Opted for the Chiswell Green councillor vacancy and James Fisher for the Park Street councillor vacancy, seconded Cllr Kerry

Votes in favour: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Action: The two Co-Opted councillors will be required to sign the Declaration of acceptance and agreement to abide to the code of Conduct to also be signed by the Proper Officer and will be required to complete the register of interest form to be submitted to St Albans District Council

2021/054 Reports: Finance, Policy and Resources

- a) To consider grant & discount applications (circulated)
i) Frogmore Cricket Club Discretionary Discount Form
Cllr Pryce proposed 100% discount, counter proposed to be 75% by Cllr Hurford.
Cllr Pryce withdrew his proposal
Resolved: Cllr Hurford proposed Frogmore Cricket Club have a 75% discount booking,
Seconded Cllr Whittaker
Votes in favour: Unanimous **Motion Carried**
- b) To consider quotes and agree price up to £1140 for Greenwood Park Meadow cutting
Only two quotes out of three requested have been received
Resolved: Cllr Yates proposed the cheapest quote of £1140, seconded Cllr Berriman
Votes in favour: Unanimous **Motion Carried**
- c) To agree purchase of replacement cricket mowers
The Clerk confirmed from the recent HAV inspections that points are reported to be increasing on the remaining fuel mowers. The insurers have stated they will cover the cost of like for like mowers and so the anticipated net difference is expected to be in the region of £1800 which is hoped may be covered from a separate insurance claim.
The grounds team have confirmed there is increased quality, efficiency and substantial time saving using the battery operated mowers. There will also be a reduction in running costs from fuel to battery charging.
Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed the purchases for the replacement of the two stolen mowers as per the quote of £12950 plus Vat, seconded Cllr Kerry
Votes in favour: 6, Against 1 **Motion Carried**
- d) To confirm list of August cheque payments and July DD and card payments
Cllr Hurford queried one item
Cllrs Pryce and Kerry have checked invoices and signed the cheques
Lists of payments confirmed

Cllr Parry joined the meeting for item 054

- 2021/054** Feedback on Trial of Soft opening at Greenwood Park Community Centre and proposal to agree to expand trial to include the opening of the centres from September subject to continued compliance with Government guidance.

The Centres Manager had provided feedback on the opening of the centre. The Clerk provided further information and amended reduction of projected weekly income excluding the VAT

Resolved: Cllr Berriman proposed expanding the opening of both centres, seconded Cllr Parry

Votes in favour: Unanimous

Motion Carried

The meeting closed at 8.15pm