

Stogumber Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting
Saturday 21st March 2020, commencing at 9.00 am
In the Beacon Field to the rear of 5 Archers Grove, Stogumber, Taunton, TA4 3AJ

Due regard was given to maintain the advised social distances between attendees for the course of the meeting

Present:

Cllrs C Bramall (Chair), T Brick, R Foster, C Matravers, V Sellick, M Symes, T Vesey and A White (only after agenda item 4)

1) To receive any apologies of absence

Apologies received from Cllr G Tuckfield

2) Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

Cllr A White had a declarable interest as the applicant in the planning application (item 4) and so did not attend the meeting until after the planning had been considered and voted upon

3) Public comments, questions or suggestions

None

4) Consider planning application 3/31/20/003 (SWT Planning Authority)

Erection of a shed. 5 Archers Grove, Stogumber, Taunton, TA4 3AJ

Councillors resolved to support the application as it is a small shed to enable large garden machinery to be stored securely.

5) In light of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and government advice, this council resolves that:

(a) Should the council be unable to meet for whatever reason, the Clerk be given delegated authority to progress all ongoing matters and projects and authorise all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the council's agreed budget.

Councillors resolved to support the above resolution

(b) Any decisions taken under resolution (a) above will be taken, whenever possible, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the council. A record of all decisions and expenditure incurred under delegated authority will be kept and reported to members when the council next meets.

Councillors resolved to support the above resolution

(c) The authority to decide the council's response to planning applications be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the council. Whenever possible, members of the council will be informed of applications out for consultation and will be invited to submit comments to the Clerk.

Councillors resolved to support the above resolution

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(d) The provisions outlined in resolutions (a-c) above will override any requirements to the contrary in the council's standing orders, financial regulations or terms of reference.

Councillors resolved to support the above resolution

(e) Should the Clerk be unable to perform their duties, a nominated councillor will assume the role of Proper Officer and RFO in an unpaid capacity.

Cllr Matravers indicated that he was willing to stand in such circumstances. Councillors resolved to support the above resolution.

(f) The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, may incur expenditure from the project earmarked reserve where such expenditure will help the community's efforts to support those in need of assistance or prevent social isolation.

Councillors resolved to support the above resolution.

(g) Should government allow councils to meet virtually (online), the council will take all reasonable steps to facilitate this.

Councillors resolved to support the above resolution.

6) Any other business by permission of the Chairman

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20am

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