

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020. This was undertaken using ZOOM with all Parish Councillors attending remotely.

Present: Mrs A'Bear, Mrs P Akerman, Mrs A Heatley, Mr Terry James (Chairman), Mr W Lack, Mr P Manning, Mr B Nicholls, Mrs C Vince, Mr J Williams and Mr M Wiltshire.

Also Present: Sue Bond (Clerk), Councillor Jonathon Seed, Steve Wilson (Major Highway Projects Engineer for Wiltshire Council), Karen Jones (Wiltshire Council Highways) and 20 parishioners from Seend and neighbouring parishes.

Agenda Item		Action
2020/144 Presentation by Steve Wilson (Major Highways Project Engineer for Wiltshire Council) on Melksham Bypass	<p>The Chairman welcomed Mr Steve Wilson to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Steve Wilson gave an informative presentation on the proposed Melksham bypass and the stages that it will have to go through before a route is agreed and built. He said that this would be a long process. At the end of the presentation he answered a number of questions that had been sent to him.</p> <p>The public consultation is about to be launched at the Melksham Area Board meeting on 4th November at 7pm. There will be a dedicated website for it where people will be able to download an information pack on each of the potential routes. There is an opportunity for people to submit their views, either by completing an on-line questionnaire, or by email or written letter.</p> <p><i>Clerk note: A transcript of his presentation has been typed up and has been put on the Parish Council website, alongside the slides that were presented. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties it was not possible to upload the recorded version of the presentation.</i></p>	Clerk
2020/145 Apologies	John Padfield	
2020/146 Declaration of Lobbying	<p>(i) Declaration of changes to the Register of Interests</p> <p>(ii) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda</p> <p>(iii) Requests for Dispensation</p>	<p>(i) There were no declarations of changes to the Register of Interests,</p> <p>(ii) Mr Lack declared an interest in planning application 20/08250/FUL</p> <p>(iii) There were no requests for dispensations.</p>
2020/147 Melksham Bypass	<p>Following the presentation by Mr Steve Wilson, the Councillors briefly discussed how they should prepare their comment. I</p> <p>It was agreed that there should be a separate PC meeting to be held on 18th November at 7pm. This would be a virtual meeting and members of the Parish would be able to listen in and give their comments. Discussing with parishioners will help the Parish Council formulate its own response.</p> <p>The Clerk said she would set up a dedicated page on the PC website that would give parishioners the links to any documentation on the bypass prepared by Wiltshire Council and details of the Melksham Area Board meeting on 4th November at which the bypass consultation is being formally launched.</p>	Clerk
2020/148 Local Councillor Matters	Comments mentioned under various agenda items	
2020/149 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September had been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u> Acceptance of the Minutes as an accurate record was proposed by Mrs A'Bear and seconded by Mr Lack.</p>	

