

## SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This was undertaken using ZOOM with all Parish Councillors attending remotely from their respective homes.

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

Also Present: Sue Bond (Clerk), Mrs Janet Giles and Councillor Jonathon Seed.

| Agenda Item   |   | Action   |
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| 2020/127<br>Apologies                                 | Mr John Padfield, Mrs Carole Vince and due to technical difficulties Mr Paul Manning  |  |
| 2020/128<br>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) There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.</p> <p>(iii) There were no requests for dispensations.</p> |
| 2020/129<br>Local Councillor Matters                  | <p>1. Councillor Seed said that he was aware that concerns had been raised by some landowners and parish councils about the land surveys that were being undertaken by Atkins on a number of sites in connection with the proposed Melksham Bypass. He said these were simply exploratory surveys and that they did not necessarily indicate any specific route, as this was still undecided. What is firm is that a bypass will be built. The government (DoT) had granted the funding.</p> <p>2. Mrs Janet Giles of Seend Park Farm, said that she had been contacted by Wiltshire Council requesting permission for surveyors to enter her land south of the canal. She was alarmed by the request, as her land had not been part of any of the 3 possible route options put forward by Wiltshire Council. Any plan to build the bypass that crosses the canal would have a huge impact on the landscape in Seend Parish. She also felt that with the current pandemic and changes to peoples working lives, Wiltshire Council should reconsider it plans, particularly in the light of its commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050. She asked for the Parish Council's support to oppose the building of the bypass.</p> <p>3. Councillor Seed suggested that should the Parish Council wish to consider a response, it should be an agenda item for further discussion at a future meeting. He offered to ask Mr Peter Binley, Head of Major Highway Projects, if he would be willing to speak at the next meeting. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea.</p> |  |
| 2020/130<br>Minutes of the Previous Meeting           | <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August had been circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u> Acceptance of the Minutes as an accurate record was proposed by Mrs Heatley and seconded by Mr Lack. All Councillors agreed the minutes were an accurate record.</p>   |  |
| 2020/131<br>Matters Arising Not Already on the Agenda | <p>1. <u>Allotment Deeds</u> – these have been retrieved, photocopied and scanned and returned to the bank. There were no surprises in them. They all relate to allotment land and no other.</p> <p>2. <u>New Website</u> – The Clerk reported that the new Parish Council website was up and running. Although, it does not quite meet all of the accessibility regulations yet, it does have some accessibility function and is a continuing work in progress.</p> <p>3. <u>Circular bench</u> – This has been installed by Jamie Hiscox and Andy Waylen.</p> <p>4. <u>Milestone</u> – Clerk has spoken to Stuart Renfrew, Highways, and he is happy for the Parish Steward to do the work. It is really up to us what we ask the Parish Steward to do in his allotted time. The Parish Steward confirmed that he is happy to do the work. The Clerk said that she would</p>  |  |

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