

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 28th April. 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 (Acting Chairman), Mr Terry James (from Canada) Mr W Lack, Mr B Nicholls, Mrs C Vince, Mr J Williams and Mr M Wiltshire

Also Present: Sue Bond (Clerk) Councillor Jonathon Seed, Lady Carola Thorpe.

Listening in: Mr G Clarke and Mr S Vaux and 4 other parishioners.

Agenda Item		Action
2020/49 Apologies	Due to technical difficulties, Mr Paul Manning and Mr John Padfield were unable to take part in the meeting.	
2020/50 Declaration of Lobbying	(i) There were no declarations of changes to the Register of Interests, (ii) Mr James declared an interest in planning application 20/02213/FUL. Mr Wiltshire declared an interest in planning application 20/02940/FUL (iii) There were no requests for dispensations.	
2020/51 Opening Address	1. Mrs Heatley (Acting Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming Terry James all the way from Toronto, and gave condolences on behalf of the Parish Council and the village following the recent loss of his wife Janet. 2. She said that we are all in exceptional times at the moment and that this was the first time the Parish Council has had to conduct a meeting remotely so thanked all the Councillors for setting themselves up with Zoom. She thanked the Clerk for organising it. 3. She welcomed those people who were listening in to the meeting. She stressed that as we were following Wiltshire Council guidelines, they would not be able to take part in the meeting but to listen only. 4. She asked for some forbearance to be made by those listening in whilst the councillors got to grips with discussing and voting on the agenda items remotely. She said that the meeting would be recorded to help the Clerk with writing the minutes.	
2020/52 Chairman and Vice Chairman	1. 1Mrs Heatley said that as our Chairman, Terry James, is unlikely to be returning home for a while, there needs to be a proposal to confirm her as Acting Chairman, and if everyone is happy for her to continue as Acting Chairman there would need to for a Councillor to step in as Acting Vice Chairman. 1.2 <u>Resolution:</u> All Councillors agreed that Mrs Heatley should remain Acting Chairman until Mr James returns. 2.1 Acting Vice Chairman – Mrs Heatley asked if there was any Councillor willing to take on the position of Acting Vice Chairman. Mrs A'Bear agreed to take on the role. 2.2 <u>Resolution:</u> All Councillors were in favour of Mrs A'Bear taking on the role. 3. Mrs Heatley thanked the Councillors for their support and reiterated that this was a temporary measure until Mr James returned.	
2020/53 Local Councillor Matters	1. Councillor Seed thanked the Parish Council for setting up the virtual meeting stressing that it was a brave thing to do. He said that as far as he was aware we were the first local Parish Council to conduct a virtual meeting, and that he hoped other Parish Councils would follow suit. 2. He gave a brief report on the Blossom Hill traveller site in Seend. He said the Enforcement Officer had visited the site and had met with the new owner. The Enforcement Officer was satisfied that the work that had recently been undertaken had met with the conditions of the planning	

