

MEOPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the extra-ordinary Full Council
held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7.30pm
at the Cricket Pavilion, Meopham**

Members:

Cllr D Bramer
Cllr M Bramer
Cllr S Buchanan – Chairman
Cllr S Gofton
Cllr G Green (**departed at 19:51**)
Cllr J McTavish
Cllr J Ogden – Vice-Chairman
Cllr B Wade

In attendance:

Mr S Fishenden – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Ms C Collings – Assistant Clerk

Item 1: Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies

F.C. 165 There were apologies received and accepted from Cllr Dalby (holiday), Cllr Rose (holiday) and Cllr Sims (work)

Item 2: Declarations of Members' Interests: To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

F.C. 166 Cllr Green declared an interest in item 7 as a member of Gravesham and Meopham Rotary Club. Cllr Green confirmed he would abstain from voting on this item.

Cllr Wade declared an interest in item 5 as a committee member of Meopham Cricket Club. Cllr Wade confirmed she would abstain from voting on this item.

Item 3: To approve the minutes of the meetings and ratify all decisions made under the delegated authority to the Clerk

3.1 Minutes of the *Full Council Working Group* held on 07.12.21, 01.02.22

3.2 Minutes of the *Full Council* held on 14.12.21

3.3 Minutes of the *Planning Applications Working Group* held on 23.11.21, 14.12.21, 18.01.22

F.C. 167 Cllr Buchanan PROPOSED the minutes listed in items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 are approved and all decisions made under delegated authority are ratified. SECONDED: Cllr Ogden. All in favour.

Item 4: Face to Face Meetings - To receive the report from the Clerk on the continuation of virtual meetings and consider any actions arising from that

F.C. 168 Cllr Green PROPOSED that the recommendations made by the Clerk are accepted in full and implemented immediately. SECONDED: Cllr M Bramer. All in favour. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of live-streaming the meetings so that members of the public could attend virtually.

Item 5: Cricket Club - Upon the recommendation of E&A 25.01.22, to consider parking arrangements for the Cricket Club on match days and training days.

F.C. 169 Cllr Green PROPOSED extending the existing parking arrangements for a further year. SECONDED: Cllr Gofton. 7 votes in favour, 1 abstention due to declared interest (Cllr Wade)

Item 6: Streetlights - Upon the recommendation of E&A 02.11.21, to ratify the signing of a streetlight maintenance contract with 'Streetlights' for a three-year period at a cost of £5859

F.C. 170 Cllr D Bramer PROPOSED we approve the streetlight maintenance contract with Streetlights for three years, and the Clerk to sign the contract and return to them. SECONDED: Cllr McTavish. 7 votes in favour, and 1 abstention.

Item 7: Rotary Club - To consider the proposed plaque from Gravesham and Meopham Rotary Club to be installed on Pitfield Green where the crocus bulbs were planted

F.C. 171 Cllr Buchanan PROPOSED approval in principle of the siting of a plaque, the council's preference would be for it to be facing the A227 instead of Pitfield Drive. Approval of the size would be authorised by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman. SECONDED: Cllr Gofton. 7 votes in favour, 1 abstention due to declared interest (Cllr Green)

Cllr Green departed the meeting at 19:51, he was therefore not present for any further votes taken

Item 8: Queen's Platinum Jubilee - To consider arrangements for any celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022

F.C. 172 Cllr Wade gave a verbal report on the Cricket Club's plans to hold an afternoon celebratory event on Saturday 4 June. They have a sound system, marquee and catering arranged.

Discussion took place on whether to make this a wider 'Village on the Green' event. There was a desire for hiring a big screen to display the Platinum Jubilee concert being held.

Cllr Ogden therefore PROPOSED the Parish Council agrees to underwrite the costs for hiring the screen, estimated cost £500. SECONDED: Cllr Buchanan. 6 votes in favour, 1 abstention (Cllr Wade).

The Clerk suggested the Parish Council buries a time capsule as part of the celebrations, he will write to the local schools to involve them in this.

Item 9: Committee and Working Group Membership

9.1 To consider the request for Cllr Sims to be appointed to the Environment and Amenities Committee – currently one vacant space

9.2 To consider the request for Cllr Sims to be appointed to the Parking and Traffic Working Group

F.C. 173 Cllr Ogden PROPOSED that item 9.1 and 9.2 are approved. Thereby making Cllr Sims a member of both Environment and Amenities Committee, and the Parking and Traffic Working Group. SECONDED: Cllr Buchanan. All in favour.

Cllr Buchanan PROPOSED entering closed session. SECONDED: Cllr M Bramer. All in favour.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that due to the confidential nature of the next item, the public and press were asked to leave the meeting

Item 10: Judsons Pavilion - To consider the response received from Meopham Colts following the letter and invoice being sent by the Clerk

F.C. 174 Cllr Buchanan PROPOSED that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Administration and Resources Committee attend a meeting along with the Clerk to meet any officers of the Meopham Colts to discuss the invoice we'd submitted. SECONDED: Cllr Ogden. All in favour.

The meeting closed at 20:32