


POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council
Mr Colin Warburton

Minutes of the Virtual meeting of Poynings Parish Council using Zoom on
Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Nigel Evans Chair
Neville Searle
William Selby
Michael Crowther



04/08/20

Colin Warburton - Clerk to the Council
Alison Bennett - District Councillor
Rodney Jackson - District Councillor
Joy Dennis - County Councillor

2 members of the public attended

1 Apologies,

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting and 2019 annual meeting, as circulated, were agreed and duly signed by the chairman and shown on the screen.

3 Matters Arising

None

4 MSDC Alison Bennett

Green Waste collection will start again on the 11th May, existing clients will receive a letter, they are not taking on any new customers at present.

All companies that might be eligible for a business grant have been contacted but others can apply if they think they may be eligible.

Due to car parks being closed and not all council tax being received, income for MSDC is very low which means the reserves are getting low.

NE commented that communications have been good.

WSSC Joy Dennis

There have been 291 deaths from Covid-19 in West Sussex which although not good, the population as a whole is very old.

There is an expectation that the costs for Child and Adult care, education will be high, it is too early to give figure.

Some garden centres are open and some are not, this is because they can open if they also sell food.

Household waste is a big problem, waste centres had to close due to anti-social behaviour (spitting, language etc), will be opening a restricted service next week.

The reduction of flights from Gatwick will have a big impact on Gatwick and Crawley and WSSC are looking at ways that they can support the inevitable loss of employment.

5 Public Participation

No questions have been emailed to the clerk prior to the meeting.

NE suggested that the format for public participation should be in line with other Parish Councils in that residents should email in questions to the clerk prior to the meeting and the council can decide if they should be added to the agenda. This will be circulated via the Facebook page and email. This was agreed.

6 7. Expenditure for February 2020 and March 2020

The following amounts have been paid for February 2020 and March 2020

Date	Payee	Amount
03/03/20	Parish online Annual membership	£36.00
03/03/20	Clerk wages Jan – Feb 2020	£500.00
07/01/20	Church – 650 donation	£650.00

TOTAL £1,186

Receipts for February 2020 and March 2020

Date	Payee	Amount
		£0
		£0

TOTAL £0

7. Planning Applications

Erection of a side and rear extension to Wilton House, including a balcony to rear roof slope, and replacement of existing garage.

Location: Wilton House , The Street, Poynings, BN45 7AQ

Decision: Passed

WS asked what was happening with the large building at Downmere on the causeway. NE advised the council that a meeting was held with the SDNP about this and they agreed that the owners need planning permission and proceed at their own risk.

8. Insurance

2 quotes and associated paperwork have been circulated to the councillors by the Clerk. Zurich, who was used last year at an annual premium of £438.71, and BHIB (Aviva) Both are aware of the current claim on the roundabout sign.

Cover is the same as in previous years.

BHIB quote is £351.45

Zurich quote is £438.71

The clerk recommended the BHIB as it is cheaper with similar cover.

This was agreed.

9. Financial Report

Due to Covid-19, it has not been possible to have an internal audit carried out. The government has agreed to extend the time limit on this as all councils are in the same situation. This will be postponed until the next meeting when it is hoped the audit will have been done.

10. Covid-19

NE outlined the work that the council has carried out to help the village cope with the restrictions that are in place. Facebook, flyer, volunteers, WhatsApp group. There has only been a couple of people asking for assistance and most people have a good idea of where to go for help.

11. Chairman's allowance

The chairman's allowance was agreed at the same level as last year at £155.

12. Items for next month's Agenda

WS suggested that dog mess should be on the agenda if the mess that has been generated recently (possibly due to walkers from outside the area) continues.

13 Date of next meeting

8th July (note, this is a Wednesday as previously agreed.)

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.35pm