

STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a special meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2020 via Zoom at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors D Dee (Chairman)
C Warren
C Crackett
N Gray
N Rushton
T Gurney

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)

159.20C Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. This meeting had been arranged in order to 'trial' the opportunity to meet virtually in preparation for a time when an urgent meeting is necessary.

Public Session

The public had not been invited to this meeting.

160.20C Apologies

To receive and approve any apologies for absence, under Section 85 (i) of LGA 1972.

None

161.20C Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

162.20C Introduction

Unfortunately, the original invitation to the meeting, which included the Agenda, had not reached all Councillors and the link was not successful for joining the meeting.

However, an email invitation was sent at 7.00pm and all Members were able to join the meeting.

The Clerk and Members were able to trial the system, which included the Clerk handing over the 'host' controls to the Chairman.

It was clear that there needed to be a protocol in place to ensure an effective meeting and this would be particularly important when the public are attending, too.

163.20C The Use of Zoom for Parish Council meetings

It is important to have a system in place to enable virtual meetings.

Although the Council's Scheme of Delegation is continuing to ensure that the Council is representing the community and undertaking its legal obligations, there may be decisions that can only be made at a Full Council Meeting.

Some Members had tried other systems, but it was agreed that Zoom was the most effective. There had been concerns regarding security and Members were reminded of the need to ensure that any emails were from the Clerk before accessing any links or offering any information.

The 'free' version enabled meetings up to 40 minutes, a Pro Plus version would enable full meetings to take place. This would cost no more than £12 per month, but it is hoped that a reduced price can be negotiated.

It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate this further, and sign up if necessary. Details would be confirmed as soon as available.

Councillor Crackett offered to send a link to a training video so that all members could ascertain more information about the use of the system. This also showed how the public can ring into the meeting to take part in the public session.

164.20C Stanton & High Hatton Community Support Group

Members thanked Cllr Gray for her work to set up and lead this project for Stanton and High Hatton. Cllr Gurney was assisting with the High Hatton area.

Cllr Gray confirmed that there had not been many requests for assistance as yet, but requests two or three times per week had been received for prescription collection and a bit of shopping.

The use of PPE is essential and it is important that volunteers respect the 2m distance rule at all times.

Members suggested purchasing FP3 masks, as well as gloves, sanitiser, paper bags, aprons and wipes.

These can be funded by the grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner. Receipts for all purchases would be ideal, but if this is not available, other arrangements can be made for reimbursement.

£500 has been made available from the Parish Council funds under the Scheme of Delegation and the following statement to Councillor Gray had been agreed.

‘This funding has been provided to you, personally, and you can use it as you feel necessary in order to continue your work. Wherever possible, please keep receipts and records. However, it is recognised that this may not always be possible, but we ask that throughout the scheme, you continue, with any other nominated representatives, to use your best endeavours to maintain suitable records, but please be assured that the Parish Council fully supports you and the way you choose to manage and organise this Support Group.’

165.20C Other Matters

Planning Application – 20/01666/FUL Two storage containers and Ground Source Heat Pump

RESOLVED to support this application. Whilst there may be some noise from the site, the advantages of this would be more beneficial.

166.20C Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday, 7th May 2020

7pm

Via Zoom

Signed Date