

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30 pm at Little Witley Parish Hall.

The meeting was attended by Cllr PJ Cumming and Cllr PL Cumming. As Government advice was that public meetings of more than two people should not be held due to the COVID19 emergency, the meeting was inquorate and adjourned to a later date.

Following a change in legislation to permit virtual meetings, a resumption of the meeting was duly called for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th April via use of the Zoom conferencing facility.

PRESENT

Cllr Paul Cumming (Chair) Cllr Kay Wilson (Vice-Chair) Cllr Pam Cumming

Cllr Philip Owen Cllr Colin Bexley Cllr Jonathan Geech

Cllr Louise Slater

PC 20/17 Apologies

There were no apologies

PC 20/18 and 19 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations Received

No declarations of interest were made and no applications for dispensation had been received. A Standing interest declaration exists for Cllrs Paul and Pam Cumming due to their being District Councillors.

Public question time was adjourned until the next meeting

PC 20/20 Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman announced that the Clerk had resigned with effect from 31st March. It was agreed that the Council's expression of thanks for her work over the past few years should be communicated.

PC 20/21 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting of 18th February would take place at the next meeting.

PC 20/22 Item not on agenda

PC 20/23 Planning

Cllr Kay Wilson took the Chair for this item 20/00086/FUL

The Council wished to draw attention to the concern of local residents to the likely increase in traffic on the narrow and winding lane.

PC 20/24 Committees and Project Team

In order to permit the Council to continue normal operations outside the normal meeting cycle and in the absence of a clerk, the following was agreed

1. A Planning Committee would be formed of Cllrs Wilson (as Chair) Owen and Slater with Cllr Geach as an alternate, to make recommendations of the Council's response to statutory consultation on planning applications. The Chairman would seek further advice as to whether any meetings needed to be held in public and whether their decisions could be submitted directly as the Council's response.
2. In the absence of a Clerk, it was agreed that payment of any sums approved in the Council's budget could be authorised by Cllrs Cumming, Wilson and Owen if such payments were due and unable to be approved within the cycle of meetings.
3. The Chairman announced that he had approached clerks of local Parish Councils concerning the current vacancy. One clerk had indicated her willingness to take on the additional role as clerk to Little Witley and it was agreed that a meeting should be called in the near future to consider a formal appointment – a date to be arranged.
4. It was agreed that funding of up to a total of £250 would be available to organisations or Groups providing assistance to residents of the village in difficulty, during the COVID 19 emergency. The three councillors authorised in 2 above would consider and make decisions on any application.

PC 20/25 Reports – County and District Councillors

No reports were presented

PC 20/26 Items for next Agenda

No further items were put forward

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm