

AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Virtual Meeting held **29th April 2020**

Present

A Syrett
(Chair)

T Trafford
S Poole
T Howell

H Perkins
D Adsetts Moseley
L Adsetts Moseley

In attendance:

R Price - Parish Clerk & RFO
Councillor C Moesby DCC

166/19 Standing Orders

It was Resolved that Standing Orders be amended as follows:

A person shall notify the meeting when requesting to speak by means of electronically or physically raising a hand

Voting on a question will be by a show of hands electronically or physically or by each councillor giving their vote verbally one at a time

The Standing Orders relating to the holding of the Annual meeting in May shall be suspended until such time as restrictions for meeting in person are allowed.

The last date for approval of the Annual Accounts be amended from 30th June to 31st August 2020.

167/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from N Darby and P Clough

168/19 Declaration of Interests

T Howell declared an interest in Item 13 on the agenda.

169/19 Public Forum

There were no items from the public

170/19 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council decisions taken by e mail 18th March 2020 were approved and confirmed as a true record

171/19 Scheme of Delegation

Resolved that the Parish Clerk & RFO in consultation with the Chair of the Council be delegated authority to undertake business and make urgent decisions on behalf of the Parish Council during the current situation and that all decisions be reported back to the first available meeting of the Parish Council following the taking of the decisions

172/19 Police Matters

A member reported that there had been some suspicious activity locally and the PCSO had said he would look in to it.

173/19 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Moesby reported that a Cabinet Meeting had been held at Matlock and that they were projecting an underspend on the budget. In the current circumstances they were expecting a loss of around £10m per month. Country parks had now been reopened but recycling sites remained closed for the time being. Civic Enforcement Officers were on limited duty but were mainly trying to make sure that vehicles were not causing obstructions. Councillor Moesby was unsure as yet about the Community Grant funding

172/19 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Clough submitted her apologies

173/19 Staffing, Financial and Administrative Arrangements

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was not eligible for furlough payments as staff were paid directly from the precept. Staff would continue to be paid during this crisis period. The Parish Warden was in the high risk category and would be isolating for 12 weeks. The Parish Clerk continued to work as normal. With regards to the Doe Lea Centre the Manager was continuing to work from home for the time being and the Centre Supervisor, Caretaker and Cleaner were furloughed as they are employees of the Management Committee.

The Final Accounts for 2019/2020 have been completed and passed to the internal auditor for him to prepare his report. The deadline for submission to the External Auditor has been extended from 30th June to 31st August. However the Clerk anticipated being in a position to present them to Council and submit them before the end of June

The requirement to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2020 has been removed with the option to hold it at any time up to May 2021. Under the legislation the Parish Council must meet a minimum of three times per year. The Parish Council have adopted a clear scheme of delegation in order to ensure that urgent business can be carried out.

174/19 Closure of Footpath No 10

The Clerk reported that she had received notification that Footpath No. 10 would be closed from 23rd April 2020 to 12th May 2020.

175/19 Doe Lea Centre

The Manager gave a report on the closure of the Centre and the projected effect on income. He explained that the Centre had been able to access the £10,000 Government grant which would give some level of support during this difficult period, and that the Centre was also entitled to the 80% contribution for furloughed staff. He explained that he was hoping to be involved in and had ideas for a partnership relaunch event once there was an indication that Centres could re-open. He was beginning to lay out some draft plans for activities and events that may form part of a programme once the Centre could begin to become active again.

176/19 Parish Projects

Garden and Allotments Competition

Harry Perkins reported that he had been able to obtain a judge for the proposed Garden and Allotment Competition. It was agreed that a 1st prize of £25 and a 2nd Prize of £15 be awarded for the gardens and a 1st prize of £25 for the tidiest allotment. The judging to take place on Monday 29th June

177/19 Allotment Matters

There were no allotment issues

178/19 Applications for Grant Aid

An application for grant aid was received from DLVCP. It was agreed that a grant to the maximum of £150 be approved for the cost of materials required.

An application was also received from DUWC and it was agreed that the Parish Council wish to continue to support the Unemployed Workers Centre and will be in contact later in the year once they have an understanding of their financial situation at that point.

179/19 Financial Matters

(a) Investments

The Chair reported that the current crisis had had an inevitable effect on the Council's investment. However the Portfolio Manager had managed to keep losses to a minimum and this meant that the investment yield continued to be sufficient to enable the grant aid to support the Centre.

(b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment

Parish Council		
E R Price	Clerk Salary April	£1006.08
K Gent	Parish Warden Salary April	£583.06
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£420.40
Doe Lea centre	Hire of Meeting Room	£70.00
BDC	NNDR Changing rooms	£122.898
AML	Office 365 & AVG	£14.28
Zoom	Standard Pro Licence for 1 year	£71.94
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£33.87
Clarkes Cemetery Services	Doe Lea Sports Ground Grass cut	£330.00
AML Midlands Ltd	Office 365 Business & Cloudcare	£14.28
Outdoor Projects	Grass cutting hamlets	£325.00
Doe Lea Centre		
Amazon	Stationery & Provisions	£60.50
Crown Gas & Power	Gas	£292.64
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene Services	£46.02
BDC	Trade Refuse	471.64
AML Midlands Ltd	Line rental & Broadband Service	£81.60
	MS Office & Internet	£43.14
	Security	£4.85
	VOIP Calls	

180/19 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration

181/19 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be called when required