

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ONLINE (ZOOM) ON MONDAY 6 APRIL 2020

1. In attendance: Cllr Harry Bott (Chairman), Cllr Polly Falconer (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Thomas Brooker, Cllr Daren Sefer, Cllr Kevin Sparkes, Cllr Yvonne Tisson, KCC Cllr Harry Rayner, and two members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from TMBC Cllr Martin Coffin.
It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2020 be signed as a true record.
2. Support for vulnerable people in the Parish
The Parish Council had identified potentially vulnerable people in the Parish. It was reported that elderly neighbours were in good spirits and their needs were being met. Mandy Clampin (Stansted PCC) had dropped leaflets offering help throughout the villages and had received 14 offers of help from volunteers. So far help had been provided in collecting prescriptions and other errands.
3. Planning application
20/00464/FL – Parsonage Farmyard, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted
Redevelopment of former fruit pickers cottages to create four self contained holiday cottages
The TMBC Planning website had not been available due to technical problems, so Councillors had not been able to view the plans. It was agreed to hold another online meeting on 20 April to discuss this application.
4. Bank balances and payments to be made / ratified
The bank balances listed were noted and the payments to be made / ratified were agreed.
5. Update on Nationwide high interest deposit account
It was noted that interest rates had fallen since this account was suggested, but it was agreed that the Clerk would proceed with an application to open a 90-day notice account.
6. Car park and school path lighting
An email had been received from a neighbouring resident, saying that the light were too bright and intrusive. A further email had been received from Alan Bullock proposing possible solutions. The lights had been switched off as the Village Hall was not being used, and it was agreed that the lights should remain switched off, and the problem should be revisited in September / October when lighting would be required again. The Clerk to let Alan Bullock know.
7. Airfield plaque
This is to be sited at the Anchor and Hope end of Wise's lane, when possible.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow KCC Councillor Harry Rayner to give his Report. Cllr Rayner said that KCC had given a grant of £1,000 to Shipbourne Farmers Market for software. KCC is aware of plans for developing the Spring Tavern site on the A20 at Wrotham. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rayner and reconvened the meeting.

8. Any other business

The play area at Stansted had been closed off, and signs put up at Stansted and Fairseat recreation grounds to say that the play equipment must not be used.

Cllr Bott had spoken to the owner of Cob Trees about the unauthorised tree house.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.