

Minutes agreed at the Full Council meeting held on 5th January 2021. Minutes would be signed at the first face to face meeting of the Council.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 15TH DECEMBER 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7.30PM

394/20 PRESENT:

Cllrs Adam, Barker (arrived late), Boswell, Mannington (in the Chair), Newton, Robertson (arrived late), Tippen and Turner were in attendance. The Clerk and 4 members of the public were also present.

395/20 APOLOGIES:

Cllrs Brown and Jones had given their apologies. The Deputy Clerk had also given her apologies.

396 /20 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2020 were agreed and would be signed at the first available face to face meeting of the Council.

397/20 CLLR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Changes to Cllrs Register of Interest

There were no changes to Cllrs Registers of Interest

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation on any item on this agenda

398/20 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public expressed an interest to speak on item 402/20 Local Plan Review

The meeting was adjourned for the following item:

399/20 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public raised anything under this item.

The meeting was reconvened to discuss item 400/20 onwards.

400/20 FINANCE

Invoices for Payment

Maidstone BC – Diffuser Tubes - £627.24

Viking – public convenience supplies - £93.53

Viking – office supplies - £77.47

Total: £798.24

The above invoices had been scanned and circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. All were agreed to be paid and Cllrs Mannington and Tippen would authorise on Unity.

401/20 PLANNING

Thanks were expressed to everyone who had contributed to the following documents especially Cllr Adam who had undertaken the enormous task of putting together Annexes C and D (Spatial and Non-Spatial Policies).

Responses to Sites 295 (Annex A) and 314 (Annex B)

These had been circulated by Cllr Tippen and the only amendment was to move conclusions to the front of the documents. This had also been done for site 309 (Annex C) – Cllrs agreed the content

Response to Local Plan Policies (Annexes D and E)

7.44pm – Cllr Barker arrived at the meeting

The documents had been circulated to Cllrs and Cllr Adam shared on the screen so members of the public could also view.

7.47pm – Cllr Robertson arrived at the meeting

Cllr Adam went through each section and explained what MBC were proposing to amend/delete/add to the Local Plan. All comments/amendments were noted and these would be uploaded to the documents after the meeting.

8.10pm – Member of the public arrived at the meeting

Covering Letter

The covering letter had been circulated to Cllrs and Cllr Adam shared on the screen.

Cllr Adam when through each section and comments were made.

Other/General Comments

All Cllrs agreed with the comments and amendments on all the documents. These would be undertaken by Cllr Adam and the Clerk tomorrow, recirculated to Cllrs for confirmation and the Clerk would send to MBC and upload to the website.

Other

As this was the last meeting before Christmas Cllr Tippen wished everyone a Happy Christmas and highlighted, although the year had been difficult for both work and personal life, the Parish Council had managed to achieve many things including the adoption of the Marden Neighbourhood Plan; a lot of work on the Call for Sites/Local Plan Review; drafted and agreed the Marden Highways Improvement Plan; drafted Marden's Infrastructure Spend Plan; plans were in place for allotments; more equipment was planned for the playing field and the Deputy Clerk managing the volunteer database throughout the pandemic. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs and members of the public and special thanks given to both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Cllr Mannington wished everyone a good Christmas and New Year and asked everyone to stay safe especially over the festive period.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed
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The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 5th January 2021