



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 6.30 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2022
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors

Cllr E Townsend*
Cllr N Sanctuary (Vice Chairman of the Council)
Cllr R Burbridge
Cllr P Chapman*
Cllr R Denton
Cllr C Gould*
Cllr S Jeacock*
Cllr D Nicholas*
Cllr M Scully* (Chairman of the Council)
Cllr R Tyler*
Cllr C Walker*
Cllr G Worthington

PRESENT*

ALSO PRESENT: Parish Clerk B Bell FSLCC.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The prior commitment apologies of Cllrs N Sanctuary and G Worthington were AGREED.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman read out advice from Anne Bott of the Surrey Association of Local Councils regarding the premises licence application:

The Parish Council has two roles: one as consultee in the public interest and the other as premises owner with an occupational licence agreement with the bar owner.

Photos or comments on social media of Councillors in support of Cranes Bar may show pre-determination and bias and undermine the Council's decision making process and pose reputational risk to the Council. Any decision could also be challenged through Judicial Review.

The Chairman of the Council reminded Councillors of their obligations under the Code of Conduct, but it is the Councillor's own responsibility to make their declarations.

- Cllr E Townsend declared she is a Waverley Borough Councillor and Surrey County Councillor.
- Cllr P Chapman declared he is a member of the Cricket Club.
- Cllr D Nicholas declared he is a member of the Football Club.

4. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION FOR CRANES BAR AT SNOXHALL PAVILION

The Parish Council AGREED to submit the following response to Waverley Borough Council and send a copy to the bar owner:

- The Parish Council is aware that the premises licence applicant has use of the outside tarmac area at Snoxhall Pavilion. The Parish Council suggests that the applicant might like to consider applying for a premises licence for the inclusion of this area, so that the premises licence area matches the applicant’s licence agreement for hire of the premises.
- The Parish Council would like a condition applied to the premises licence that restricts off sales of alcohol only to events at Snoxhall Fields that have been given prior approval by the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council does not support gambling on the premises and does not support the inclusion of gaming machines under the premises licence.
- The premises licence application permitted hours for the sale of alcohol do not match the permitted hours of use of the premises. The Parish Council would like to see the premises licence permitted hours match the licence agreement for the hire of the pavilion permitted hours. The Clerk explained that she had received two requests from the applicant to change the permitted hours of use of the pavilion under the licence agreement. The Parish Council DELEGATED AUTHORITY to the Parish Clerk to contact the applicant to find out their required permitted hours and amend the licence agreement permitted hours of use and to confirm the licence agreement permitted hours of use with the premises licence response.

5. LONG TERM INVESTMENT PLAN AND FUTURE PROJECTS

Cllr P Chapman said the purpose of seeking an Investment Manager is to invest the Council’s savings to protect against inflation. He said, as an example, the Council could look at asset backed securities to protect the Council’s investments but any investment will carry a level of risk.

The Finance Committee have recommended the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to the Council, it will be expanded to include:

- Procurement process to follow 35 workings days open procedure advertised on Contracts Finder.
- Investment Managers to have experience of working in the local Council sector.
- Investments must be sustainable with full explanation of Parish Council’s requirements.
- Ability to provide some liquidity: two investment pots one for higher and one for lower liquidity based on Council cashflow.
- Online platform for instant updates on fund performance.
- Update the Financial Regulations for operation of the investment fund to define safeguards for placing and redemption of investments for Council staff.
- Tender assessment weighting process.

The Council DEFERRED the RFP to the September Council meeting for it to be updated ready for approval by Council and issue of invitation to tender.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15 September 2022 at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 7.11pm

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