

Little Smeaton Parish Council

Little Smeaton Parish Council Meeting March 30th 2021

MINUTES

In line with current emergency legislation this Parish Council meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the need for social distancing.

Present – Cllr G Ivey (Chair), Cllr R Brown (Clerk), Cllr C. Atkinson (Vice Chair), Cllr A. Hancock, Cllr J. Howdle

Councillor Ivey opened the meeting, and thanked all Councillors for their attendance. Agreement was requested by the Chair to include two additional emergency items, namely the date of the next meeting in view of the Government regulations, and the, previously agreed, decision to insulate the loft at Hillside Cottage in view of the Government's decision to end the Greener Homes Grant from 31st March 2021. All in favour.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of interest.

None

3. Financial Matters

3.1 To approve spend and payment of:

- £180.00 to CS Electrical for Hillside Cottage EICR. Ref 77E
- £3.49 x 12 HP Printer Ink. Ref L Included in budget 2021/22
- £131.00 YLCA membership. Ref N £130.00 Included in budget 2021/22

Proposed by Councillor Hancock, Seconded by Councillor Howdle. All in favour

3.2 To approve payment of:

- £4372.50 to TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd for Vehicle Activated Sign. Ref 78D
- £132.00 to Marcons Bathroom & Heating for Hillside Cottage service to boiler. Ref 79E

Proposed by Councillor Atkinson, Seconded by Councillor Howdle. All in favour

3.3 To seek authority to bring forward items budgeted for 2020/1 but not completed

- £660.00 for Hillside Cottage insulation of roof. Ref: E
- £600.00 to NYCC for pole for Vehicle Activated Sign. Ref D

Proposed by Councillor Ivey, Seconded by Councillor Atkinson. All in favour.

4. Date of Next meeting.

The May annual and Parish Council meetings are currently scheduled to take place on the 26th May. However, However, the Coronavirus regulations mean that we cannot guarantee being able to meet in person on that day. Permission for the Parish Council to meet virtually ends at midnight on the 6th May. In view of this it was decided to rearrange the meeting to the 4th May at 7.00pm via Zoom. Proposed by Councillor Ivey, Seconded by Councillor Atkinson. All in favour.

5. Roof Insulation for Hillside Cottage

It was agreed at the March 10th meeting that the Parish Council would apply for a Greener Homes Grant from the Government. This scheme has the Government paying, by voucher 2/3rds of the cost of this improvement to the cottage. At that time, it was believed that the grant would be available until March 2022. However, on the 29th March 2021 it was announced that the scheme was to end on the 31st March 2021. The Clerk informed the meeting that our application had been submitted to meet the new timetable, and we await confirmation of whether it has been successful or not. Councillor Ivey asked whether work could commence prior to the decision being received and the Clerk agreed to enquire. **Note from Clerk – starting the work prior to a decision being made will invalidate our application.**

Meeting ended at 7.45pm

Roz Brown
Clerk