Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Tuesday 2 March 2021

NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) and Government Guidelines on public gatherings, the meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Members of the public were invited to observe the meeting streamed live on YouTube.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Green in the Chair and

Councillors: A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: K. Argyle, M. Hatton, J. Hickling and Mrs J. Hood

Before the meeting began Reverend Prebendary Cardinal led prayers

C20/165 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Argyle and Mrs J. Hood

C20/166 <u>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations</u>

None

C20/167 Representations from Members of the Public

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the Town Council's Public Participation Scheme was now suspended until after the by-election for the Stonefield and Christchurch Ward.

C20/168 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers C20/154 – C20/164), be approved as a correct record.

C20/169 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers GP20/328 – GP20/346), were noted.

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b) The minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers P20/139 – P20/144), were noted.

C20/170 <u>Civic Announcements</u>

There were no Civic Announcements due to the Coronavirus pandemic and Government requirements on social distancing.

C20/171 Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

There were no reports from the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor on this occasion due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Government requirements on social distancing and mass gatherings.

C20/172 To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next item of business is discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

The meeting was suspended at this point to enable the public session of the General Purposes Committee meeting and the Planning Committee meeting to take place.

The Town Council was then reconvened for the confidential item on the agenda.

C20/173 <u>Confidential Committee Minutes</u>

RESOLVED:

a) The Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 2 February 2021 (Minute Numbers GP20/328 and GP20/346), were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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