



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Remote Ardingly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7pm on the Microsoft Teams Platform

**This meeting is a reconvene of the adjourned
Parish Council meeting held remotely on the 12th January 2021**

Present

Councillor D. Stutchbury (Chairman)
Councillor C. Hotblack (Vice Chairman)
Councillor R. Chalk
Councillor L. Davis
Councillor J. James
Councillor K. James
Councillor M. Meldrum
Councillor G. Taylor

In Attendance Mrs. B Cox (Parish Clerk)
Mr. R. Wheatley (RFO)

1638.1 Public Questions

There were no members of the Public present.

1639	Procedural Matters 1639.1 To accept apologies for absences Councillors, Burr, Horsman, Meldrum and Strutton offered their apologies. 1639.2 To accept any declarations of interests There were no declarations of interest received 1639.3 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of January 2020	
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	<p>The Clerk advised the minutes of the aforementioned meeting were not yet available and it was AGREED this item be deferred until the minutes are made available to the Council.</p>	
<p>1640.1</p>	<p>General Matters</p> <p>1640.1 To receive an update on the quotes received for the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts</p> <p>The Clerk briefed the Council on the two quotes she had circulated previously namely the difference between the two. The Clerk explained she asked three contractors to provide a quote for the “refurbishment of the Tennis Courts” without an accompanying specification. This led to, two very different quotes detailing different levels of refurbishment (the third company did not come back with a written quote but did offer a “ballpark” figure). The Clerk asked the Council whether they wanted to use the Proline quote or the Prestige quote as the specification by which to quote by.</p> <p>The Council Unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk use the Proline quote specification to obtain two more quotes with the caveat that Prestige will be given an opportunity to requote as per the Proline specification.</p> <p>It was noted that the Clerk needs to clarify with Proline that their quote includes painting the multicourt lines.</p> <p>1640.2 To discuss and agree next steps to prepare for the public hearing of MSDC’s DPD</p> <p>Councillor J. James explained he had discussed this item with Councillor Hotblack as Chair of planning prior to the meeting.</p> <p>He explained that MSDC has now sent all submissions to the National Inspector and that the public hearing is estimated for winter/spring 2021.</p> <p>Councillor MacNaughton advised this may be closer to June but as yet MSDC has not had confirmation of dates for the hearing. He also advised that all those being called to speak will be given sufficient lead time and will be asked to provide the Inspector with a copy of their representation prior to the hearing, which likely will be held remotely.</p> <p>Councillor J James explained that there is a lot of relevant reading that needs to be completed, and potential meetings to be arranged with relevant organisations and that both himself and Councillor Hotblack felt that to date they were the most informed members of the Council on this issue and would be best placed to complete this reading and meet with external representatives. They could then create a DRAFT representation to be approved by Full Council.</p> <p>It was unanimously APPROVED that Councillors J James and Hotblack complete the relevant research and meet with external representatives to assist them to create a DRAFT PC representation for approval by Full Council.</p> <p>1640.3 To receive the Traffic Working Party’s brief on the purchase of a third SID machine for the village</p>	

Councillor Hotblack shared live the information he circulated previously including the summary of transport research and the SID Maps. He outlined briefly that the research supports that SIDS are more effective when there are frequent location changes and he explained that the Traffic Working Party felt that frequent relocation of the SIDS around the village would be more easily achieved if a third machine were available to the PC.

Therefore, the Traffic WP formally recommend that the PC purchase a third SID machine.

There was discussion amongst Councillors that having three machines would mean that their relocation would be less frequent and this would mean they would not be as effective as per the research presented. Councillor Hotblack explained that currently one road running in/out of the village has no SID machine the purchase of the third could rectify this.

There was some suggestion that the purchase of extra brackets to identify more locations, and the more frequent relocation of the SIDS already owned would be better than purchasing a third from a Traffic management perspective.

1640.4 To approve the purchase of a third SID machine for the Village

After discussion it was RESOLVED 4/3 to purchase 1 x New SID machine and an extra set of brackets.

The Clerk asked for clarification on the funding that the Council intend to use for this purchase and it was unanimously APPROVED that an application be made to release S106 funds for this purchase.

1640.5 To receive an update on the refurbishment of the pavilion specifically any new information

The Clerk explained that she had spoken to the Case Officer at MSDC and she had advised that planning applications can no longer be extended. If the PC fails to discharge the Planning Conditions attached to the existing permission and begin the works before the 3rd of April, a new planning application will need to be made.

She went on to say that from the drawings provided to her by the Clerk there appears to be changes that would need an amendment to the existing application so it may be more advisable to submit a new application including these extra drawings that have not yet been formally submitted to MSDC.

Discussion then moved to the issue of the need for the current planned refurbishment and extension to go ahead. These discussions focused on the unconfirmed legal requirement for a disabled toilet and the impact the inclusion of this would have on the meeting room if no extension was considered as justification to continue with the current planned refurbishment and extension.

Concerns were aired about the ability to secure funding for the project in the current climate.

Discussion was also had around whether a lesser refurb and/or routine repairs needed to be considered prior to reopening the Pavilion after Covid.

	<p>It was unanimously RESOLVED that a new planning application be submitted to MSDC for the Pavilion Refurbishment and Extension to include the Alan Sharpe drawings not previously submitted to MSDC.</p>	
1641	<p>Matters of public urgent importance or for future inclusion on agenda</p> <p>1641.1 Closure of Tennis Courts The Clerk explained she had been contacted by a member of the public who had asked for access to the Basketball Hoop at the Tennis Courts and that she had advised him that as per Government restrictions this facility would be remaining closed. She explained to the Parish Council that the .gov website gives conflicting information and that the member of the public has sighted that as Ardingly is in tier 4 then the facility should be open.</p> <p>The Clerk advised she has spoken with MSDC and all of their facilities remain closed as per the government guidance. The Clerk asked if the Parish Council would like to consider giving this person access or whether they as per her advice and that of MSDC would support the continued closure.</p> <p>The Council unanimously AGREED that the facility needs to remain closed as per government guidance.</p> <p>1641.2 Litter Picking</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had been approached by a member of the Public who wished to organise a litter picking event in the village and had asked if the Parish Council had any equipment that could be used. The Clerk advised that she had created a Risk Assessment for the Lead member of the Public on the initiative advising her of a number of risks associated with such an event including those around Covid 19. The Clerk went on to say that she felt that any such event may be in breach of government restrictions associated with the Covid 19 Pandemic.</p> <p>The Council unanimously AGREED that on this occasion they would not support such an initiative due to it being in breach of Covid 19 restrictions.</p> <p>1641.3 Hatched Lines near St Peters Church</p> <p>Councillor K James raised the issue of the faded hatched lines near the Church on Church Lane and explained that the Church had asked who should be approached for these to be repainted. The Clerk advised this would be WSCC but she believed these works had already been identified by WSCC.</p> <p>1641.4 Youth Climbing Fences at the Tennis Courts</p> <p>Councillor Chalk explained she had been made aware of some young adults climbing the Tennis Court fences to gain access to the courts.</p> <p>Councillor Chalk asked if this could be an agenda item for February to discuss a possible deterrent.</p>	
1642	<p>Confidential</p> <p>1642.1 Staffing Matters</p> <p>Councillor MacNaughton excused himself for this item and there were no members of</p>	

	<p>the Public present.</p> <p>The RFO asked if he too should be excused and it was AGREED his presence was necessary given potential spend against the item.</p> <p>There are separate confidential notes for this item to be circulated internally to all members.</p>	
1643	1643.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 9 th February 2021 at 7pm	