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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EASTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 at 7pm on Monday 9th November 2020.

Present: Cllrs D. Bagshaw, S. Bagshaw, M. Bullock, R. Bullock, J. Holmes, A. Parker, M. Radulovic MBE, M. Seagrave and R. Woods.

Cllr A. Harper – NCC.

D. Townsend (Town Clerk), J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).

Revd David Stevenson.

TC091120/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E. Benton and M. Hannah.

TC091120/2 Prayers

Revd D. Stevenson gave opening prayers.

TC091120/3 Variation of Order of Business

None

TC091120/4 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllrs S Bagshaw and D Bagshaw declared personal interests in Minute Number TC091120/12, as allotment holders.

TC091120/5 Public Speaking

a) Cllr D. Bagshaw reported that a report had been received from Sgt Ali Bryan, but he was unsure of the figures. He agreed to contact Sgt Bryan and circulate any further report if received.

b) Councillor Harper (NCC) provided a report. He thanked the Town Council for the respectful laying of wreaths on Remembrance Sunday. He also reported on the repair of potholes, resurfacing and other highways/footpath improvements in the area. He confirmed that he had requested that the work on Owlston Close should be completed as soon as possible.

Councillor Radulovic provided a report as a District Councillor. He gave an update on the current COVID situation within the area and provided details on the possibility of a walk-in testing station locally.

TC091120/6 To determine which additional items on any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

None

TC091120/7 To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on 12th October 2020.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

TC091120/8 To Confirm and Agree November 2020 Income and Payments.

RESOLVED that all income and payments be noted and agreed (attached at Appendix A to the Minutes).

TC091120/9 Consideration of 2020/21 Accounts to 30th November 2020 and Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED that the accounts and bank reconciliation as submitted be approved.

TC091120/10 To Agree the next Meeting date as Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.00 pm.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.00pm.

TC091120/11 Clerks Report

None.

TC091120/12 Allotment Report

An allotment report was considered at the Council Meeting (14.9.20). On 12th October, Council agreed to set up an informal working group to further consider the report and make recommendations to Full Council.

RESOLVED

a) That the rules be amended to include "any aggressive or abusive behaviour towards other allotment holders, Councillors or staff will result in immediate termination of contract".

b) That the Council will continue with an allotment representative. A strimmer/bush cutter to be purchased by the Council and kept on Council premises. This is *strictly* to be used only by the Council authorised representative, and only when the following is in place;

- i. Full health and safety training
- ii. Health and safety risk assessment
- iii. The purchase of all equipment by the Council including full PPE
- iv. Clarification and confirmation of insurance cover by the Clerk

No further use of electrical equipment on the allotment by the Allotment Representative to take place until the above requirements are in place.

The above is subject to agreement of costs by Full Council following the submission of quotations.

c) That the Council agrees to join the National Allotment Society for one year only. To be reviewed after the first year, at a cost of £55.00 plus VAT.

d) Plot holders with more than one plot fall into two categories;

i. those who have had their plot before 2012. It was agreed that as it would be difficult to prove if these plot holders had permission or not, there would be no action. Also the new rules were adopted at this time.

ii. those who were working two plots, although they were in two different names, and the plot holder doesn't attend. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the *non-attending* plot holder, advising them that it was noted that they did not attend, and that the allotment was being cultivated by someone else. This is not allowed under the current rules and would be monitored by the allotment representative. Following this a decision would be taken by Council whether to cancel the non-attending plot holder's agreement.

TC091120/13 Remembrance Day

An update was provided on Remembrance Day, and it was reported that a video was recorded before full lockdown was invoked. This was made available on Sunday 8th November. Costs for 2020 were confirmed as follows;

a) Lamp-post poppies (100)	£300.00
b) Wreaths (4)	£68.00
c) Video Recording (Donation to Eastwood Photographic Society)	<u>£50.00</u>
	£412.00

Eastwood Town Council budgeted £2500.00 for this event, which has sadly been unable to take place due to COVID-19. Councillors were therefore asked to consider making a S137 Grant to the British Legion to support their work.

RESOLVED that a s137 Grant of £2000.00 be awarded to the British Legion to support their excellent work.

TC091120/14 To Update Committee Membership

Due to recent resignations, there were vacancies on the following Committees, and Council were requested to consider nominations;

- Arts and Events Committee
- Policy and Finance

RESOLVED that Cllrs Holmes, Parker and Radulovic be nominated members of the Arts and Events Committee, and Cllrs Holmes and Parker be nominated to the Policy and Finance Committee.

TC091120/15 Councillor Training

RESOLVED that Cllrs Holmes and Parker partake in the Notts ALC e-learning session at a cost of £20 per candidate.

TC091120/16 Notts ALC 75th AGM 19th November 2020

RESOLVED that Cllr J. Shepherd attend this event.

TC091120/17 Items for Information

All items of interest have been distributed via email.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

