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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 2 pm on Thursday, 14th May 2020.

Present: Cllr S. Bagshaw (Mayor) and Cllrs D. Bagshaw, R. Bullock, P. Hamilton, M. Hannah, A. Parker, M. Radulovic MBE, J. Sainsbury, M. Seagrave, R. Skellett and R. Woods.
D. Townsend (Town Clerk), J. Williamson (Deputy Town Clerk).
Cllr T. Harper (Nottinghamshire County Council)

TC140520/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

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

TC140520/2 Variation of Order of Business

None

TC140520/3 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr D. Bagshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Number TC140520/8, and remained in the Meeting.

Cllrs S. Bagshaw (Manager of CVS) and Seagrave (Administrator for Food Bank) declared pecuniary interests in Minute Number TC140520/8, and did not partake in the debate or vote.

TC140520/4 Public Speaking

None

TC140520/5 To determine which additional items on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

None

TC140520/6 Minutes

Noted that all Minutes for approval would be presented to the next Meeting due to time constraints.

TC140520/7 To note Payments agreed under the following resolution.

"In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Clerk in consultation with the Leader (Cllr D. Bagshaw), the Deputy Leader (Cllr M. Radulovic, MBE), and the Mayor (Cllr S. Bagshaw), shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council where such decisions cannot be deferred, and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline – to include the payment of invoices. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing. This delegated authority ceases upon the first Meeting of the Council following the lifting of any meeting restrictions, or following any further relevant legislation issued for this purpose. All decisions made will be reported to the first Meeting of the Council following the lifting of any meeting restrictions".

RESOLVED that all payments as submitted were noted (Attached at Annexe A to the Minutes).

RESOLVED that as Cllr S. Bagshaw (Mayor) had declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, Cllr Radulovic would Chair the Meeting for one item.

TC140520/8 Grant for Eastwood Food Bank

Due to the current difficulties surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak and current lock-down, Councillors were requested to consider the payment of a grant to Eastwood Food Bank (S 137 payment).

RESOLVED (unanimously) that a Section 137 Grant be paid to Eastwood Food Bank for £2000.00 to assist at this difficult time. It was also requested that a letter of thanks on behalf of the Town Council be sent to the Food Bank organisation.

Cllr Harper added that he would also contribute £500.00 from his County Council funding towards this organisation, for which he was thanked.

Cllr S. Bagshaw resumed in the Chair.

TC140520/9 To consider the following Planning Application;

FR3/4117 Construction of new highway junction and modifications to junction at Walker Street/Three Tuns Rd.

Councillors debated the above planning application, and it was

RESOLVED to strongly object to the above application for the following reasons;

- 1) **Loss of amenity to local residents due to the expected large increase in traffic in this area.**
- 2) **The proposal for this junction is very close to the local school and church, which would make this area increasingly dangerous for pedestrians, as vehicular visibility will be compromised.**
- 3) **Existing parking in this area is already a problem, and this proposal would increase the number of vehicles, making parking even more of a difficulty.**
- 4) **Lastly, and most importantly, there are ongoing negotiations and proposals currently being discussed for the future use of this site. It is believed that this proposal will compromise any future decisions that may need to be taken with regards to this proposal.**

Eastwood Town Council are currently working on their Neighbourhood Development Plan, and this proposal is premature to any recommendations and proposals which may be made in this plan. Proposals for this site will include access from Nottingham Road.

It was hoped that this proposal would be reconsidered in full, considering the above objection before any decision was made.

TC140520/10. Upgrade to Zoom Account

It was reported that following the new Remote Meeting Legislation, the Town Council currently had a basic free Zoom Account and Councillors were requested to consider upgrading to Zoom Pro to allow for Meetings to take place over 40 minutes. The cost for this was £11.99 per month. This could be cancelled at any time.

RESOLVED TO UPGRADE TO Zoom Plus at a cost of £11.99 per month.

TC140520/11 To receive a report on VJ Day (Cllr M. Radulovic, MBE)

Cllr Radulovic reported that, as Cllrs were aware, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, VE Day celebrations had been cancelled. Further tentative plans were now being considered for VJ Day (15th August 2020), or possibly later in the year. This would be dependant on any lifting of restrictions in the future, so decisions would not be taken until this time.

Noted

Cllrs Radulovic, D. Bagshaw and S. Bagshaw expressed their thanks on behalf of the Town Council to all the key workers who had come together to support their communities at this difficult time.

The Meeting closed at 2.40 pm.