

## HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 7:30PM USING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Heaton in the Chair, Cllrs A Trought, T Stanbridge, G Thomas and H Ward, and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Two members of the public were in attendance.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs R Lee and J Goddard.

#### 2. FILMING AND RECORDING

The members of the public did not wish to record the meeting.

#### 3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

##### 3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

##### 3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

#### 4. DEMOLITION OF THE OLD CRICKET PAVILION

The Chairman of the King George V Playing Field Committee, Steve Jones, has obtained three quotes for the demolition of the old cricket pavilion from M and L Stevens Ltd, P Allison & Sons and Kent Demolition Company Ltd. Taking into account the asbestos survey, P Allison & Sons provided the most cost-effective quote.

Mr Jones explained that the building does not have a concrete floor; it is stood on brick piers with a suspended wooden floor. A representative from Kent Demolition Company chose not to meet Mr Jones on site, so their more expensive quote includes the break-out of footing and hardstanding (which does not exist) as it was based on a visual inspection of the site only.

Mr Jones outlined several issues which could delay the demolition. The services to the pavilion are mains electricity, mains water and foul water/sewage drainage. The electrical supply is underground in armoured cable, terminating in the Village Hall. Mr Jones has turned that off, but it will need to be disconnected from the consumer unit in the Village Hall by a qualified professional. The sewage connection goes into the run feeding the new pavilion, which can be capped off underground and is not an issue. However, the mains water supply is an issue. The contractors who did the work on the new pavilion took the supply that was feeding the outside toilet in the shed near the pavilion, and connected it to the new supply to feed the new pavilion, but this goes via the old pavilion and the stop cock sits at the back of the old pavilion. The mains water supply needs to be traced back to an earlier point in the feed so a permanent underground connection can be made to the mains water supply that will pass the run going through the old pavilion. Volunteers from the cricket club can dig to find the main feed pipe and then a plumber can do the connection. The ground is also much softer than it was a few weeks ago, so it is too late to take heavy machinery over to the old pavilion without damaging the outfield. It would be better to delay the work until spring to allow the ground to dry out and to sort out the services issues. The demolition work will take one or two days. There is evidence of asbestos in the old pavilion, but an asbestos survey will be undertaken by the contractor that is selected.

Members **Agreed** to accept the P Allison & Sons quote, which is valid for 3 months, as long as the quote remains valid if the work is undertaken in spring 2021. Mr Jones will informally contact P Allison & Sons to accept the quote (as long as the validity is confirmed) and the Clerk will subsequently formally accept the quote.

**ACTION: CLERK**

#### 5. PEACE COTTAGES CHARITY

Liz Oliver, a trustee of the Peace Cottages Charity, has contacted the Clerk as the Charity Commission

requires one of the trustees of the charity to be nominated by the Parish Council. Roger Sawtell has been suggested by the trustees which Members **Agreed**. Members also **Agreed** that a copy of the Peace Cottages Charity constitution should be requested and, when the time comes for the next nomination to be made, the person nominated should be the choice of the Parish Council rather than the Peace Cottages Charity.

ACTION: CLERK

**6. CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE**

Members **Agreed** that the following payments be approved. The cheques will be posted to Cllrs Stanbridge and Ward for signature:

300411 – St Mary’s Church Hunton – s137 contribution towards new toilet	£500.00
300412 – David Heaton – Reimbursement for container lock and keys	£103.48
300413 – Sharon Goodwin – Reimbursement for top up of Parish Council phone	£30.00

**There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8:08pm.**