

Of a meeting of Dean and Shelton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 16 September 2020 by video conference facility due to the Coronavirus emergency.

Contributing to the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr R Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Brett, Cllr C Pattison, Cllr D Rostant

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Ward Cllr M Towler

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Bird and Gamblen.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 5 August 2020** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Co-Option of Councillor:** No response to the notices has been received to date.
- 5) **Finance:**
 - a) The Clerks salary was reviewed following publication of the 2020/2021 National Salary Awards and **it was resolved** that the salary would be increased in line with said award.
 - b) The payment of £50 to Bletsoe P.C. towards the cost of a collective response to the Local Plan Review was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was acceptable. *(LGA 1972 s.101)*
 - c) Accounts for Payment – The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i) Bedford Borough Council – Election recharge invoice no. 1780322 - £357.42 *(LGA 1972 s.111)*
- 6) **Planning** - The collective response from Parish Councils to the Local Plan Review and e-mail received from Bletsoe Parish Council was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council had no further comment to make.

- 7) **The Coronavirus Emergency** - Preparations for re-opening the play area and any ongoing maintenance were discussed. Cllr Ward confirmed that the equipment had been recently inspected and was safe to use. A Risk Assessment regarding Covid will be prepared and placed before the Council for approval and suitable signage will be provided. The Clerk will seek quotations and Cllr Ward will contact BBC.
- 8) **Correspondence** - An e-mail received regarding a request for Covid -19 Health Champions was discussed. It was felt that the existing arrangements for disseminating information are sufficient and effective.
- 9) **Speeding and Police Matters:**
 - a) Arrangements will be made to move the Speed Indicator Signs to new locations.
 - b) A communication from Hargrave PC regarding motor cycles on the B645 was noted.
- 10) **Highways and Drainage** – The damaged grit bin in Upper Dean has been replaced by BBC and other bins have been topped up.
- 11) **Items for Information:**
 - a) Date for next meeting is Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 7.30p.m. This will once again be a virtual meeting held via Zoom. Further details will be available from the Clerk.
 - b) The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45.

Signed by Cllr R Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 7 October 2020