

Of a meeting of Dean and Shelton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 8 July 2020 by video conference facility due to the Coronavirus emergency.

Contributing to the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr R Ward (Chairman), Cllr P Bird, Cllr S Brett

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Gamblen, Pattison and Rostant.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 10 June 2020** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman..
- 4) **Finance:**
 - a) A financial statement, review of expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation to 30 June 2020 was tabled by the RFO, considered by the Council and approved with no issues arising.
 - b) Accounts for Payment – none
- 5) **Planning:**
 - a) **Appeal Consultation APP/K0235/X/20/3250045** – Relating to application 19/02549/LDE was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council had no further comment to make.
 - b) **Appeal Consultation APP/K0235/X/20/3250067** – Relating to application 19/02561/LDE was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council had no further comment to make.
- 6) **Chelveston Wind farm Community Benefit Fund** – A request from St Mary's Church, Shelton to support a Grant Application to the Fund in the sum of £4000 for the installation of a roof alarm was considered. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council would support the application and the clerk was asked to advise the Benefit Fund accordingly.

7) **The Coronavirus Emergency:**

- a) The continuation of holding remote meetings was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council would follow the advice from the National Association of Local Councils and continue to hold meetings remotely. This decision will be kept under review.
- b) Bedford Borough Council had contacted the Clerk regarding the distribution of leaflets publicising the consultation on the new Local Plan. It was proposed that leaflets be made available for collection at a number of places around the parish. The Clerk was asked to advise BBC.

8) **Correspondence:**

- a) The return of information for the review of Special Area Charges was completed.
- b) The re-opening of the Play Area was discussed and **it was resolved** that, in line with other areas around the Borough, the play area would remain closed. This decision will be reviewed regularly.
- c) The Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations were discussed. It was noted that the Regulations do not come into effect until 23 September. The Clerk was asked to re-circulate the requirements for review before the next meeting.

- 9) **Speeding and Police Matters** – Cllr Bird had attended Hargrave PC's online meeting and made contact with Andrew Prigmore of Beds Borough Council regarding the problem of speeding motorcycles on the B645. She will contact Richard Fuller MP for his views. Further information will be made available. Speedwatch will re-start on 13 July and it is envisaged that at least one observation will take place before the end of the month.

- 10) **Highways and Drainage** – Some pot holes have been filled in various locations.

11) **Items for Information:**

- a) Date for next meeting is Wednesday 5 August 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 20.40.

Signed by Cllr R Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 5 August 2020