DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on

Monday 8th March via Zoom

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Present: Clirs Edmondson, Elnaugh, Holborn, Moss, Selvey

Clerk & RFO Hilary Workman & 2 members of the public

EO21.03.01 **Noted**: That there were no apologies for absence to be noted or approved

EO21.03.02 Noted:

That there were no Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests nor Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items and that there were no additions or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests.

EO21.03.03 Noted:

That there was no correspondence to this meeting not dealt with as an Agenda item.

EO21.03.04 Noted: 8:01pm

That when Public comments or questions were invited on any Agenda item, there were none.

EO21.03.05 **Noted**:

Councillors considered proposals for the recruitment of a new clerk to the parish (previously circulated as report **DPC.EO.21.03.01**), and

5.2 Resolved

To establish an interview panel consisting of two named councillors who shall short list and interview qualifying candidates and may subject to satisfactory references make an offer to a suitable candidate, their appointment and starting salary to be confirmed by resolution of the full council.

Nominated Councillors were Cllr Edmondson & Cllr Holborn

5.3 Resolved

To ensure a smooth handover the council is prepared to incur potential additional Clerk salary costs for the months of April and May up to £500.

EO21.03.06 Noted:

That when public comments or questions on any matter of Council business were invited:

• A local resident thanked the parish for local updates on what was happening in the village through Jungle Drums, which had helped them to keep in touch during lockdown.

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EO21.03.07 **Noted**:

That when any other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited, the following:

- Cllr Holborn reported that Drinkstone Neighbourhood Plan was likely to proceed on referendum for Neighbourhood Plan at the elections in May, and that consequently the DNP Steering Group would like to proceed with some publicity, to be included in the parish magazine and on Jungle Drums. A draft had been checked with the Neighbourhood Planning Consultant. The meeting asked the clerk to diarise scheduling publicity for April, in advance of the referendum.
- Hedges on allotment lands Cllr Edmondson agreed to check responsibility for maintaining allotments hedges.
- Cllr Moss reported that the Village Hall had identified a concern about who would be maintaining the cabinet for the defibrillator, which had recently been donated to the Parish Council.
- Cllr Edmondson offered thanks to Cllr Elnaugh on behalf of the parish council for all the work done to identify, purchase and arrange installation of the new play equipment.

EO21.03.08 Noted:

That the scheduled date for the next ordinary meeting is Monday 12th April beginning at 8:00pm via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81558528335?pwd=dUlEU1IXaHN2N3k5ayt0UGRxRUJpdz09

Meeting ID: 815 5852 8335

Passcode: 042261

EO.21.02.09 Noted: Close of meeting. 20:18

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