

Kinnersley & District Group Parish Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 30th December 2020 at 7pm, held remotely via Zoom

Paragraph numbering in these minutes is continuous from the first meeting of 2020/21 ie. from the August meeting.

Present

Roger Bowen, Rosie Davidson (chairman), Janet Greenfield, Caius Hawkins, Robert Humphreys, Tom Jones, Roger Marshall, Sarah Smith, Colin Thomas (Bert), Patrick Wrixon
Clerk in attendance, Ruth Lovelace.

Visitors

None

41. Apologies

Mark Serjeant

Reece Jones due to not having the IT equipment needed to participate. There is on-going approval for Reece Jones' absence for this reason – approved on 2nd November.

42. Minutes of the last meeting

Approval of the minutes from 8th December was deferred until the next meeting.

43. Any Declarations of Interest as required under the code of conduct

There were none.

It was agreed to take agenda item 5, adoption of new policies, before agenda item 4.

44. A draft Recruitment Policy and a draft Complaints Policy had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

44.1 It was agreed that the parish council would adopt the Recruitment Policy (proposed Rosie Davidson, seconded Janet Greenfield)

44.2 It was agreed that the parish council would adopt the Complaints Policy (proposed Rosie Davidons, seconded Caius Hawkins)

45. Recruitment of a new clerk

45.1 It was noted that the clerk had given notice in writing, as required by her contract. with her last working day being Friday 22nd January.

45.2 Colin Thomas wished to put forward the name of a local person who might be interested in applying for the role – Camilla Palliser

45.3 HALC (Herefordshire Association of Local Councils) was offering membership at a discount of £44.34. In addition, it was offering membership for 15 months (normally 12 months) ie. up to 31st March 2022. The discounted cost would be £478.94, of which £79.82 is VAT which can be reclaimed.

It was AGREED that the parish council would join HALC under these terms. (8 members in favour, one against and one abstention).

HALC also offers a recruitment service to members at a cost of £200 including VAT. It was agreed to defer buying into the recruitment service for the time being.

45.4 It was AGREED that Patrick Wrixon, Tom Jones, Colin Thomas and Rosie Davidson would form a Recruitment Working Group.

46. Planning

Application 204036 – The Stables, Kinnersley, application for Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building/structure as a dwelling.

Rosie Davidson had spoken to a senior planning officer who said that the planners would not normally seek parish council comments on this type of application.

It was AGREED that the parish council would not submit comments.