



**MINUTES OF AN EGM OF LINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL 2021 AT 7 PM
VIA ZOOM**

This meeting was held remotely, as permitted by emergency legislation introduced on 6th April 2020 in response to the ban on public gatherings to reduce the transmission of the Corona Virus – Covid-19 – which was declared a global pandemic by WHO on 11th March 2020

Participating:

Vivien Hepworth – in the chair
Andrea Watson
Liz Lockwood
Graham Marks
Camilla Downing
Cath Hearnden

County Cllr Lesley Steeds
District Cllr Mark Ridge
4 members of the public

Facilitating:

Fay Elwood, Clerk

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Apologies for Absence

None.

1.2 Declarations of Interest

None.

1.3 Resignation

The Chairman recorded the resignation of Cllr Ron Coleman, received on 31st March 2021.

2 GUN POND REFURBISHMENT

Members have been presented with a report detailing several options for the removal of the remaining silt at Gun Pond. Two of the contractors recommend using a long arm reach excavator and two are of the opinion it can be grabbed from the side of the pond. Members discussed the subject of using volunteers and it was agreed that volunteers are very much appreciated in roles which are considered safe. It was pointed out that there was never an intention to ban volunteers - just not to use them to do the heavy work of silt removal.

THE CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED THE MEETING TO TAKE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cllr Lockwood introduced a resident who she believes has the relevant knowledge and experience to act as a Project Manager now Cllr Coleman has resigned. He is willing to give his time free of charge and provide a site manager to oversee the work whilst the silt is being removed and transported. Other members expressed concern that volunteers have already offered to provide project management and, after consultation with the volunteers

present at the meeting, it was agreed that the three volunteers will meet to discuss the project and decide if they feel able to collaborate.

Resolution: Members approved the use of Jesmor to move the silt within reach of the grab lorry and Capehaul to transport the silt to a local farm. Jesmor are to be made aware of our concern about the use of an eight ton machine within the pond and they should be asked to provide assurance that any damage caused by the machine would be rectified by them. It was pointed out that it might be difficult to get a contractor to agree to such conditions.

Action: The clerk will inform Jesmor and Capehaul they have been appointed to do the work and ask them to schedule the work as soon as possible to take advantage of the fact that the weather has allowed the silt to dry considerably.

Action: The team of three volunteers will meet to discuss the best way to complete the project within a set budget.

Action: The council will meet on Friday 9th April at 7pm on Zoom to give final approval for the cost.

Action: When the start date has been confirmed, the clerk will inform residents living near to the pond.

Delegated Authority

Following the resignation of Cllr Coleman it is necessary to amend the arrangements for delegated powers in relation to the work at Gun Pond.

Resolution: Members agreed to give delegated authority to the clerk in conjunction with the Chairman and Hearnden for items up to £250 each. All three parties must agree to the decisions.

3 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on 9th April 2021

Meeting closed at 9.05pm