Minutes of the Parish Council Extra Virtual Meeting

Held on Thursday 1st October 7.00pm via Zoom 2020

PRESENT: – Cllr Richard Turner - Chairman, Cllr Richard Booth, Cllr Margaret Crompton, Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr David Harper, Cllr Clare Herbert, Cllr Gavin May, Cllr Sarah Phillips, Cllr David Terry, and Cllr John Whitlock and Cllr Stephen Wilkins.

Also, in attendance: Karen Crowhurst – Clerk/RFO
Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public: Approximately 14

Item Minutes No

Prior to the commencement of transacting the business on the agenda, the Chairman requested to know that Members were happy to make the decisions tabled as the meeting is via Zoom. All Members were in agreement as the meeting was open to the public.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Kay and Cllr Sims.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

2.1 Cllr May declared an interest with regard to the Football Club. Cllr May stated that he will leave the meeting when the Football Club application is discussed. Cllr May also informed Members that he is a Member of the Bowls Club but does not have a financial interest. Cllr Terry declared that his son uses the Football Club facilities.

3. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

This item shall last not more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion and no contribution shall last more than 3 minutes.

- 3.1 At 7.07pm the Chair invited the Meeting to suspend Standing Orders and asked for questions or comments from members of the public present.
- 3.2 A member of Ringmer Bowls Club informed Members of the Council that in the cessation of the Bowls Club all monies held will be granted to charities.
- 3.3 Members of the Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee provided some information as to the changes of the original application and apologised for the short notice.
- 3.4 Ringmer Football Club also provided the current position of the Football Club and also reported on the number of users of the facilities and the facilities now available.
- 3.5 Orders were reinstated at 7.18pm.
- 4. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINUTE REFERENCE 11.14 OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST 2020 WHICH WAS- Proposal £200,000 of which £100,000 will be spent in the financial year 2020-2021 and a further £100,000 to be spent in the 2021-2022 financial year. It was further agreed that this could be revisited, and the Community Pot be topped up when further CIL funds have been received.

Decision It was agreed to allocate £200,000 of CIL funds as specified above.

- 4.1 a) Ringmer Football Club
- 4.2 Cllr May left the meeting.
- 4.3 Cllr Denis joined the meeting.
- 4.4 After hearing the views of each and every Member of the Council in attendance and considering deciding which items in the application meets the criteria for infrastructure, a proposal was received to award the Ringmer Football Club up to the amount of £25,000, the proposal was seconded. 8 were for the proposal there were 2 abstentions. A vote was taken by a show of hands the outcome of which was to accept the proposal. Therefore, it was **resolved** to award Ringmer Football Club up to £25,000 of Ringmer Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Community Pot. It was further **resolved** that the funds will only be released upon receipt of invoices and be paid via the Parish Office. All Members were for this method of payments to be used.
- 4.5 Cllr May re-joined the meeting.
- 4.6 b) Ringmer Bowls Club
- 4.7 After hearing the views of each and every Member of the Council in attendance Members considered this application and took on board various factors bearing the time frame in mind for delivery it was **resolved** after receiving a proposal which was seconded and voted upon for £25,000 be awarded from the **2021** CIL Community Pot on the proviso that further funding has been sourced to cover the complete the project 7 were for this proposal 1 was against and there were 3 abstentions, therefore, the motion was carried. A further proposal which was seconded was received to award the full £35,000 contained within the application. It was also **resolved** to earmark this for the 2021 2022 accounting year but, the proposal was withdrawn after some confusion with the proposal process.
- 4.8 It was further **resolved** that if the further funding has been secured the funds will only be released upon receipt of invoices and be paid via the Parish Office. All Members were for this method of payments to be used.
- 4.9 c) Ringmer Village Hall
- 4.10 At 8.20pm Standing Orders were suspended by the Chairman to allow members of the Village Hall Management Committee to provide clarity on the figures presented.
- 4.11 Orders were reinstated at 8.22pm.
- 4.12 Orders were suspended and reinstated during discussions 8.24pm to 8.25pm.
- 4.13 After hearing the views of each and every Member of the Council in attendance. Members considered the revised application and were satisfied that the items requested meets the criteria for Community Infrastructure. After receiving a proposal to support Ringmer Village Hall which was seconded, a vote was taken by a show of hands, all Members were in favour. It was **resolved** to award the amount of £22,000 of Ringmer Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Community Pot.
- 4.14 It was further **resolved** that if the further funding has been secured the funds will only be released upon receipt of invoices and be paid via the Parish Office. All Members were for this method of payments to be used.

- 4.15 The Clerk drew Members attention to the timeframe for delivery which may not end at the end of the 2020 accounting year. Members considered this and **resolved** that any underspend due to the timeframe of delivery be carried over into the 2021 2022 accounting year in order to allow for the completion of the project.
- 4.16 d) Ringmer Academy
- 4.17 Members considered the application submitted by Ringmer Academy. After hearing the views of each and every Member of the Council in attendance. Concerns were expressed about drainage and future management costs. Members felt that there was lack of technical detail which would assist Council to make a better informed decision. Due to this a proposal was received to defer this application until more information has been sourced. A vote was taken by a show of hands, one Member of the Council requested that this vote be recorded, the result of which was, Cllr Booth, Cllr Crompton, Cllr Denis, Cllr Harper, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Terry, Cllr Turner Cllr Whitlock and Cllr Wilkins were for the proposal and Cllr May was against. It was agreed that Members will email the Clerk and advise of what information the Council requires. Motion carried.
- 4.18 e) Ringmer Area Community Land Trust Update
- 4.19 The Clerk informed Members that she has sought advice about awarding the Ringmer Area Community Land Trust £100,000 CIL funds. The advice given was that the CLT should apply to the Parish Council CIL Community Pot and also apply to the District Council's CIL pot.
- 4.20 During this item one Member suggested that going forward the CIL application and communication process needs to improve.
- 4.21 Members noted the advice given.
- 5. URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION REQUIRING DECISIONS WHICH CANNOT BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING
- 5.1 There were no urgent items for consideration.
- 6. CLOSE OF MEETING
- 6.1 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.58pm