

Minutes

The Virtual Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 27th April 2020.

- **Present:** Cllr J Anderson, Cllr R Pratt, Cllr G Harrold, Cllr H Bridge, Cllr Noonan, Cllr Wyn Davies, Cllr C Mische, Dist Cllr Fluker and one member of the public.
- 20/069 Apologies for absence.

None.

20/069 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 25th February and 8th April 2020.

25th February 2020 Proposed by Cllr R Pratt, seconded by Cllr D Noonan 8th April 2020Proposed by Cllr R Pratt, seconded by Cllr G Harrold.

- **20/071 To receive and note any declarations of interest:** None.
- **20/072 Public Session opportunity for members of public to speak:** None.
- 20/073 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold. To discuss and agree a topographical survey. Following circulation to all members by Cllr J Anderson, quotations received for the topographical survey, Cllr G Harrold proposed the acceptance of the basic survey quote from THS Concepts, seconded by Cllr C Mische.
- 20/074 King George V Memorial Field
 To discuss the proposal made by Cllr Pratt, to allow dogs to be walked around the perimeter of the field during the Covid 19 pandemic.
 A discussion was had following text messages received by Cllr R Pratt asking if dogs could be walked on the recreation ground whilst it is not being used by others.

Cllr G Harrold commented that he felt more movement on the field may give better security, but did not mind either way.

Cllr H Bridge commented that once allowed it would be hard to stop after restrictions are lifted.

Cllr M Wyn-Davies commented that prior to Covid 19, the Parish Council had spent a considerable amount of time saying no to allowing dogs on the field and she felt that there ae many other places in the village for exercising dogs. Cllr D Noonan commented that to allow dogs on the field for a short amount of time is not necessary.

Cllr J Anderson commented that Fields in Trust rules state no dogs are allowed on the field.

Cllr J Anderson proposed No dogs be allowed to use the field during Covid 19, seconded by Cllr D Noonan.

20/075 Finance Matters: -

To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for April 2020. A short discussion took place regarding Non Domestic Business Rate Relief, the Clerk will email Tina Stankley at Maldon District Council for clarification. Cllr G Harrold proposed approval of Payment and receipts report, seconded by Cllr J Anderson.

20/076 Date of the next meeting:

18th May 2020 – Virtual Meeting. Meeting closed at 8.46pm.