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Minutes

The Virtual Extra Ordinary Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 3rd August 2020.

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr R Pratt, Cllr G Harrold, Cllr H Bridge, Cllr C Mische and

Cllr D Noonan

In Attendance: One member of the public.

20/140 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Wyn-Davies and Cllr Maigre.

20/141 To receive and approve Minutes of the last meeting – 13th July 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Harrold.

20/142 To receive and note any declarations of interest:

None.

20/143 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

Members of the public wishing to attend should contact the Parish Clerk via email before 3pm on the day of the meeting for the meeting ID and Password.

A parishioner enquired regarding the letting of Community Hall one to Southminster United Football Club, the Clerk informed this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/144 Audit 2019-2020

To agree and sign off Audit 2019-2020.

Proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Pratt. The Clerk will now forward the documents to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP.

20/145 Proposed Car Park Building rental

To discuss and agree proposed rental of Car Park building.

A proposal has been made regarding the letting of the Car Park Building to a new business venture supplying Raw Pet Food. The Clerk informed that the existing pet food shop had

been consulted and had no problem with this venture as there would be minimal crossover of sales.

The proposal made is as follows: £500 deposit, £200 rent months 1 to 4, £350 rent months 5-7, rent then rising to £450 from month 8. The contract would then be reviewed yearly. Cllr Pratt commented that whilst he supported new business he had concerns regarding supporting an individual. Cllr Mische commented that it would be nice to support a new business and equally a new venture for the community.

Cllr Harrold proposed acceptance of the offer made, with a one year contract, £500 deposit and a two month termination of contract for both parties, seconded by Cllr Pratt.

20/146 Purchase of Goalposts, Corner Flags and White Lining Machine

To discuss and agree purchase of goal posts, corners flags and white lining machine for use by all football pitch hirers.

Following increased demand for use of the football pitches another set of goals posts are required for pitch two, also a white lining machine, paint and corner flags.

Southminster St Leonards Football Club have offered the parish council a set of goal posts for £550.00, it was felt that this would be beneficial to the parish as new posts are around £1400.

Cllr Pratt proposed the purchase of the goal posts and also the purchase of a white lining machine, paint and corner flags (approx. £350 - £400), seconded by Cllr Mische.

Southminster United FC have been awarded a Covid Friendly Grant of £500 which they are happy to donate to Southminster Parish Council.

Cllr Pratt suggested a grant application be made to Essex County Council Youth Strategy Group.

It was also commented that the changing rooms are currently not in use in line with Government guidance.

20/147 Date of the next meeting:

21st September – Virtual Meeting. Meeting closed at 8.09pm.