

Minutes – 03/20

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Christmas Lights Working Group

Minutes of the **remote** meeting held on Thursday, 1st October 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S Button – Chairman
A Barton
Mrs J Falp
R Margrave
T Shepherd

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Marcus Ferguson – Warwick District Council

21/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Adrian Bradbrook – Booths Electrical. Apologies were accepted.

22/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2020 as circulated were approved and will be signed at the next face to face meeting. Cllr Margrave was present at the meeting and his name will be added to reflect those present.

24/20 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

25/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 23rd SEPTEMBER 2020

Members were forwarded a copy of the income and expenditure report as at 23rd September 2020.

26/20 SPONSORSHIP DECISIONS

Cllr Button contacted AC Lloyd and they agreed that the sponsorship money could be carried over to sponsor the 2021 Christmas Lights event. Warwick District Council (Marcus Ferguson) said the District donation could be kept and this will be used for the erection of the lights for 2020 and the electricity cost.

27/20 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2020

Marcus Ferguson from Warwick District Council joined the meeting to discuss this item.

Due to the current pandemic all Christmas Lights switch on events have been cancelled. Warwick District Council are currently working with the Town Councils to organise a district-wide Christmas Lights Switch on for Friday, 27th November 2020 at 6.00 p.m. This will be done digitally by the Mayors of the four towns and Father Christmas. Residents have been asked to view the switch on event from the comfort of their homes. Warwick District Council will be publicising the events. Residents can also submit a photo or video entry of their Christmas illuminations.

Cllr Shepherd said that the venue of the switch on should not be publicised as the public may come along to see the 'switch on' and social distancing could be a problem. Cllr Barton suggested some marshals are deployed on the night as a precaution.

28/20 ROTARY TREE OF LIGHT

The Rotary Tree of Light switch on event is scheduled for Saturday, 14th November 2020 at 5.15 p.m.

The church wall is structurally unsafe and the wall will have to be rebuilt. Rev. Suffern is not sure the building work will be started or completed by the 14th November 2020. Cllr Barton will discuss this with Rev Suffern.

29/20 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

30/20 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 5th November 2020.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

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