

**Minutes 10/21**

**WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **remote** Town Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: A Barton  
B Franklin  
Mrs L Burkinshaw  
S Button  
G Cancilla  
B Colledge  
Mrs J Falp  
A Heath  
R Margrave  
B Smart  
R Sparkes

Mayor  
Deputy

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

*A minute's silence was held for HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and the Mayor paid tribute to him.*

**165/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Shepherd. Apologies for absence were accepted.

**166/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

**167/21 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good evening and many thanks for the respect you have shown Prince Philip during this evening's minutes silence and during these 8 days of mourning.

It is due to these 8 days and out of respect we have a reduced Agenda, and the Annual Parish meeting has been postponed to the 29/04/2021

Yes, it is my birthday - 59 again hope you enjoy your brownie which I thank Lindsey, my daughter, for please enjoy with a cup of tea.

The Easter appeal has gone really well, for the 15 days it works out about £100 and a box of Weetabix and a tin of beans a day for looking like Grandad Smurf, I thank you and the residents

of Whitnash for their Just Giving and Cash donations and the food that has been donated, so far there is over £1500 in the bank which will be split between the 2 good causes and over 100kg of food which was donated has been delivered to Warwick District Foodbank.

The History Boards for Whitnash are going well, I am on version 3 and they will be going back to the artist for version 4. Watch this space.

As for engagements Cathy and myself in true Whitnash tradition came last in the Coleshill Quiz.

Better luck this month, please stay safe as the country unlocks.

Remember... Hands ... Face ... Space and Open Air.

**Cllr Adrian Barton – Mayor of Whitnash**

#### 168/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as circulated were approved and will be signed as a true record when face to face meetings are held.

#### 168/21 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

#### 169/21 APPROVE AND ADOPT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The (LGA 1972 section 137) grant applications for 2020 and 2021 submitted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee were approved and adopted.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Application for</b>	<b>Grant Approved</b>
Whitnash Youth Club	<i>Hall Hire Costs and insurance</i>	£367.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Whitnash Brownies	<i>Contribution towards Brownie 'census' payment for 3 Leaders and 7 Brownies</i>	£100.00
Whitnash Short Mat Bowls	<i>2 Large storage cabinets for storing bowls and other equipment.</i>	£430.00
Whitnash Fun Day	<i>Hall and Field Hire, Insurance, Health &amp; Safety Stewards</i>	£703.00
Whitnash Charitable Trust	<i>To help Mayor produce three history boards for Whitnash</i>	£700.00

*Cllr Barton declared an interest in the Fun Day Grant application.*

*Cllrs Barton and Margrave declared an interest in the Whitnash Charitable Trust Application.*

*Cllrs Cancilla and Smart declared an interest as members of Whitnash Short Mat Bowls Club.*

*Cllrs Mrs Falp, Heath and Margrave declared an interest in the Whitnash Youth Club Grant application.*

#### 170/21 FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

Flexibility of Local Authority and Police Crime Panel Meetings Regulations 2020 (England and Wales) do not apply to meetings beyond 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

*(The Association of Democratic Services Officers, Lawyers in Local Government and Hertfordshire County Council have lodged a legal challenge in the High Court that seeks a continuation of local authority remote meetings beyond 6 May 2021).*

The return of face to face meetings was discussed and a majority of six Councillors voted in favour of face-to-face meetings as opposed to four who would prefer virtual meetings. Cllr Barton suggested that if the continuation of remote meetings is overturned by the legal challenge that Finance and General Purposes and Hall and Playing Fields Meetings are held half an hour before the Town Council meetings in the Community Hall. All meetings will be socially distanced and comply with covid19 guidelines.

The Mayor Making meeting will be held in the Community Hall or the car park if necessary, with limited invitations and numbers attending.

#### 171/21 ADOPT REVIEWED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Financial Regulations were reviewed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Cllr Mrs Burkinshaw objected to the Financial Regulations being accepted and would send through queries to the office.

The queries will be considered at the Finance meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

#### 172/21 ADOPT REVIEWED STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were reviewed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Standing orders were approved and adopted.

Cllr Margrave queried section 3 (a) in Standing Orders regarding licenced premises for meetings:

*Meetings shall not take place in premises which at the time of the meeting are used for the supply of alcohol, unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.*

If there is a licenced event in the hall can Council meetings still be held?

#### 173/21 ADOPT REVIEWED FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Financial Risk Assessment was reviewed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The Financial Risk Assessment was approved and adopted and will be reviewed when the new Civic Centre and Library is in operation.

174/21 SCHEDULE OF APPROVED PAYMENTS MADE

The Schedule of Approved Payments from 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was noted.

175/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

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