

FROXFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th March 2021 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Vanya Body (Chair), Cllr Steve Heppenstall (Vice chair) Cllr Claire Wilson, Cllr Toby Till, Cllr Arran Miles, Cllr Rob SMith, Sarah Whatley (Clerk) Esther Cope (New Clerk)

The Parish Meeting began at 7.45pm due to technical difficulties with Zoom

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021:** Cllr Body approved and will sign retrospectively after the meeting.
- 4. Water Meadow Boardwalk:** Martin Gibson gave a presentation of the various options for materials and costs for the boardwalk. A detailed discussion followed and all were in agreement to go with the solid composite deckboards, toe boards where needed and the smaller dipping platform. Martin Gibson assured the Parish Council that this was all achievable for the less than the maximum budget of £20,000 and even allowing for some contingency, promised the meeting that it would not exceed this cost. Cllr Body proposed to approve the project and this was seconded by Cllr Heppenstall. It is hoped the installation can begin around May with the help of ARK and volunteers from the village which will help to keep costs down.
- 5. Matters Outstanding:** Emergency Plan - Cllr Till shared some slides of the emergency plan and gave an explanation and update on the progress of the plan.
- 6. Planning:** 21/01369/FUL – Cranston House, Manor Farm – single storey extension, rear extension and loft conversion. There were no objections raised.
- 7. Finance:** Clerk Sarah Whatley reported on invoices paid and the current balances in both accounts.
- 8. Damage to the village green by residents parking on the green:** There have been complaints from other residents over the damage to the village green that has been caused by residents who live in the cottages opposite parking their cars partially on the green. During the recent very wet weather, this has caused considerable damage to the grass and deep gouges into the soil. Residents have previously stated their cars get damaged by large lorries and tractors so have to park half up on the green. It has been proposed to install a strip of specialist parking matting which would minimise the damage.

The estimated cost would be £300-£400 and residents could be asked to contribute. Cllr Body asked that this item be carried over to the next meeting as it required longer discussion - **VB**

9. **Any other business/Correspondence received** : Cllr Body acknowledged the resignation of Cllr Mercer Banks and said she would advertise for a replacement. She also thanked the outgoing Clerk Sarah Whatley for her work over the past 3 years and welcomed Esther Cope as her replacement who will take over from 1st April.

Cllr Body also reminded the Council members of the forthcoming elections in May.

10. **Public Forum:** Nothing raised

The date of the next meeting is Monday 10th May 2021 and may be via Zoom depending on Covid restrictions.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm

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Signed..... Chairman Date.....