

## GERMANSWEEK PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via zoom

Minute No 206

Present: Councillors J Theobald (Chair - part), S Watkinson, A Pullinger (Chair – part), L Moyse, C Walker, Mott (WDBC)

Clerk: R Ward

Members of the public: None

Open forum: A member of the public spoke against item 5.1.1 raising concerns about drainage and the lack of a bat survey.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Moyse and Southcott (WDBC),.
2. Report from West Devon: sent round previously via email. Cllr Mott highlighted the free Fusion passes – clerk to post on Nextdoor and Facebook
3. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Theobald declared a personal interest in item 5.1
4. Minutes: 21<sup>st</sup> Oct **Agreed But not signed due to remote meeting**  
Cllrs Theobald left the meeting
5. Planning:
  - 5.1. 3137/20/FUL Proposal: Additional information re drainage - Change of use from D1 (places of worship) to C3 (dwelling house) to be used as holiday rental. Installation of log burner flue and solar hot water panels to roof. Site Address: Eworthy Methodist Church, Eworthy, Germansweek, EX21 5AH  
The council made the following comment: The parish Council feels that if the proposed drainage solutions were put in place it would address their previous concerns. However, the PC is still worried about the constraints of ownership of the land that the proposals are planned for. This land is owned by other parties who have not given consent to use their land this way.
  - 5.2. None  
Cllrs Theobald re-joined the meeting
6. Finance:
  - 6.1. Bank reconciliation, Budget monitoring (RFO Report): **Agreed**  
It was decided to transfer monies to the following ring-fenced accounts:  
£1000 to the Jubilee Wood fund  
£1000 to the maintenance fund to support the phone kiosks.
  - 6.2. Draft Budget: A small increase was approved budget for recommendation in January of **£4,217** **Agreed**
  - 6.3. To approve the following payments:  
TEEC Web site planning info - £14.40 **Agreed**
7. Phone box/information Kiosk:– no further information
8. Ditches and Roads: Parishioners are reminded to use the DCC report it page for local floods – it is very effective and simple to use. **Clerk** to contact Steve Brockman at highways to ask for the viaduct gutters to be cleared. Cllr Watkinson said he had used a salt bag on the hill out side the parish – clerk will contact the person responsible for this area and inform him. Cllr Watkinson will put more salt around the parish as it is getting colder. Remind all parishioners that salt is available for collection from Cllr Moyse at Eworthy Farm.
9. Christmas tree and event: (Cllr Walker) The planned quiz/village walk was discussed. At least 17 sheets have been used and more put out. There has been positive feedback from the Parish.

There has been a comment about the size of the Christmas tree this. The tree is smaller than our usual cut trees but will grow over the coming years and save the council money in the long run, as well as being easier to sort out with so few volunteers.

10. Dog waste bin: Cllr Theobald reported that there did not seem to be an increase on dog waste around the parish but we will continue to monitor the situation.
11. Footpaths P3: still too wet to walk
12. Jubilee Woods: it was agreed that Cllr Pullinger could accept the single quote he has had for tree work and the clerk will apply for permission. He also reported that the woods were being used regularly. Jamie Collins has agreed to cut the grass and paths for £10 per hour. He will start when the grass starts to grow again.
13. Website – accessibility and GDPR compliance: the planning section has gone live – please take a look
14. Website and Roundabout: Salt, report it to highways page, Winning hamper.
15. Correspondence: the clerk has received some correspondence from the prospective purchasers of the chapel. She will distribute it, but it does not require action.

Meeting finished at 20:23

16. Date of next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_