Minutes of the Council meeting held on:

**Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 6.30pm**

In Udimore Community Hall.

Present: Cllr. G. Quinnell, Cllr. R. Mair, Cllr. G. Rothery.

1. **Co-option of Nigel Anderson.**

Council agreed to co-opt Nigel Anderson; he duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the members for the meeting.

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Davis, and Cty Cllr. Carl Maynard, who hoped to attend later.

1. **Disclosures of Interest**.

There were none.

1. **Reports from District and County Councillors.**

A report had been received from Cllr. Maynard, giving the achievements of the County Council over the last year and this was distributed to the public attending and the members.

1. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th March 2022 were agreed.

1. **Traffic.**
   1. **Potholes.** Churchfield Cottages are awaiting patching. The Old Post House drainage problems do not have a solution at present.
   2. **Traffic Survey Results.** The results from the two traffic surveys showed slower 85th percentile speeds than the surveys carried out in 2015. It was felt unlikely that these speeds would lead to any action being taken. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether there is a suitable parking space for a traffic safety camera van.
2. **Planning.**
   1. **RR/2021/2920/P.** Kings Head, Udimore Road TN31 6BG. Two storey extension. Council agreed to support approval, provided the finishes matched the existing. Clerk Note – reference for submission of comments – OWPC35531.
   2. **Results**. – none
   3. **Enforcement** – none.
3. **Finance.**
4. **Agree AGAR forms.** Council resolved to agree and accept the AGAR forms.
5. **Bank Statement.** It was resolved to accept the Bank Statements for March and April.
6. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Council resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations for Match and April.
7. **Payment Schedule.** The Council resolved to accept the Payment Schedule:

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| ESCC Speed Survey | £892.80 | £148.80 | £744.00 | Transfer from CIL EMR |
| SALC/NALC Subs | £107.01 | 0.00 | £107.01 |  |
| 1st Choice Inflatables. | £168.00 | £28.00 | £140.00 | Part of Jubilee Grant from RDC. |
| Clerk Salary | £500.04 |  | £500.04 |  |
| HMRC | £108.20 |  | £108.20 |  |

1. **Budget v. Spend.** It was noted this was on target
2. **Internet Banking Signatures.** Cllr. Davis signature is being processed.
3. **Audit Report.** The Audit Report was noted by the Council and the Clerk was asked to rectify the Transparency Code omissions on the website for this year.
4. **Udimore Community Fund.** The Chair had signed the Council up to the Rother Community Fund Lottery and it was anticipated that .50p from the cost each ticket purchased that nominates the Udimore Community Fund, will be received under a separate Bank account set up for this purpose. Clerks Note: a separate Bank account is being set up.
5. **Playground.**

The Chair is continuing to carry out monthly safety checks and a full RoSPA check is anticipated in June/July.

1. **Defibrillators.**

The box for the Defibrillator on the wall of the Village Hall has been fitted and is now operational. The box at The Plough will be fitted shortly and it was reported that the Defibrillator at The Plough may have been used already. The Chair will confirm if it has been used so that new pads can be ordered if necessary.

1. **St. Mary’s Community Hall.**
   1. **Funding.** Council resolved to agree a Grant of £90.00 towards the installation of WiFi in the Hall. The Council also agreed to consider a Grant of 50% of the cost of closed-circuit TV, provided this can come from CIL. The Clerk is requested to obtain details of the estimated cost.
   2. **Committee Membership.** Council members were requested to volunteer a member of the Community Hall Committee. This was deferred to the next meeting.
2. **Upgrade of Street Lights to LED.**

It was agreed that before any action is taken, the residents should be canvassed for their opinion on the lights remaining operational.

1. **Jubilee Celebrations.**

Preparations are well under way for the Thursday celebrations, including ‘walking the Bounds’ and Bouncy Castle.

1. **Community Library Bus Stop.**

It was suggested that the bus shelter be restored with the possibility of it becoming a Community library/book exchange. The Clerk was asked to investigate the owner of the bus shelter.

1. **Clerk’s Computer.**

It was agreed to spend up to £520 + VAT to cover the cost of a replacement computer.

1. **Items for Inclusion on a Future Agenda.**

Speed Checks.

Bus stop.

Streetlights.

Dumb Womans Lane residents survey.

1. **Date of Next Meeting.**

20th July 2022 at 6.30pm

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

This was followed by the Annual Assembly, which started with a demonstration of the Defibrillator by a representative of Rother Responders, which was well received. The Assembly then continued with wine and sandwiches being served to members of the public and Councillors amid discussions.

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Signature of Chair.